Lace kippah

Large, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22½ in (57 cm) round and about 4½ in (11 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top to the tips of the shells, and about 7¼ in (18 cm) across above the shells

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Double crochet and chain spaces in joined rounds, a shell edge

Yarn

Super fine (1), 2 colors

Hook

2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge

30 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: lilac, the net **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: plum, the edge **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors, a towel, scrap paper and a plastic bag (these last three for the shaping).

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	20 in (51 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm) round, 4 in (10 cm) deep	about 65 yd (59 m)
Large (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22½ in (57 cm) round, 4½ in (11 cm) deep**	**about 80 yd (73 m)**

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

30 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the kippah itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the kippah with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the kippah measures more round than its round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right round and the crown measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the kippah will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, it will come out shallower. The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 32 rounds of single crochet or 16 rounds of double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 18, put a soft tape round the outside of the kippah along that round, without pulling it in: the kippah should measure about 22½ in (57 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 3.

Before you start

- A kippah rests on the top or the back of the head and does not go round it, so choose the size by how far it is across: lay a ruler over the head where the kippah will sit. The head measurement beside each size is only a guide to which head it is meant for.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The kippah begins with a magic ring: wrap the yarn once round two fingers, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and with the hook draw a loop of the working yarn up through the ring. Keep that loop on the hook and make the chain that round 1 begins with; where round 1 names no chain, make 1 chain to hold the loop, and do not count it. Work the stitches of round 1 into the ring, over the tail too, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The right side of the kippah faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch. Unless the line says otherwise, the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that slip stitch. In the edging round that begins with a chain and then a slip stitch, that first slip stitch goes into the joined stitch itself.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the joining slip stitch of the round before with the new yarn. Where a yarn rests for 4 rounds or fewer before it is used again, carry it up the inside; where it rests for more, or is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

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- Where a round begins with slip stitches and then a chain, the slip stitches lead to the chain space: the first of them goes into the stitch or the space just after the stitch that was joined, and the chain is made from there.
- The number at the end of each line is the number of stitches it has when it is finished; chains and slip stitches that are not named there are not counted.
- To wear the kippah, hold it to the hair with one or two clips at the edge.
- Where the first double crochet of a round goes: in rounds 4 and 11 into the joined stitch; in rounds 5 to 10 and 12 to 16 into a space. Each of these rounds begins with a slip stitch into the chain space that follows the joined stitch: make the chain 3, which is not counted, there, and the first double crochet into the same space. Every space of the round before is used once, in the order in which the spaces come, from under its chains and not through a chain.
- The chain that ends the repeats of a round lies just before the joining slip stitch: it is a space like the others, and the last stitches of the next round go into it.
- How the kippah widens: a double crochet is 1 stitch wide, a ch-1 sp also 1, a ch-2 sp 2 and a ch-3 sp 3. Counted so, rounds 1 to 16 are 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72, 84, 96, 96, 108, 120, 132, 144, 144, 156 and 168 stitches wide, and the edge has 168. No round grows by more than 12, which is what a round of double crochet can take and lie flat at this gauge; from round 9 on some take fewer or none, so that the kippah curves down little by little and stands as a shallow dome. If the net ruffles a little while you work, the shaping at the end draws it smooth.

Instructions

Chosen: Large, head 23 in (58 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, lilac; B, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 12 dc in MR, sl st in first dc to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 3.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 1½ in (4 cm) across.

Inner net

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2**] 11 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc, 12 ch-1 sps, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**
Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1,
dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2,
[dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(36 dc, 24 ch-1 sps, 12 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 8**
Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2,
dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
[dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(36 dc, 12 ch-1 sps, 24 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 9**
Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
[dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(36 dc, 12 ch-1 sps, 24 ch-2 sps)**

Ring

☐ **Rnd 10**
Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, 3 dc in same sp, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp,
[3 dc in next ch-1 sp, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(108 dc)**

Outer net

☐ **Rnd 11**
Ch 3,
[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, ch 2, sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1,
sk next st, dc in next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts**] 12 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(48 dc, 24 ch-1 sps, 24 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 12**
Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
[dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2,
dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(48 dc, 12 ch-1 sps, 36 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 13**
Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
[dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(48 dc, 48 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 14**
Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 2, **[**dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 47 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(48 dc, 48 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 15**
Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 3,
[dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2,
dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 3**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(48 dc, 36 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-3 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 16**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, **[**dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3**] 11 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc, 24 ch-2 sps, 24 ch-3 sps)**

Edge

☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp**] 24 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(168 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(168 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 18. Put a soft tape round the outside of the kippah along that round, without pulling it in: the kippah should measure about 22½ in (57 cm) round.

Shells

☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sl st in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 28 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	**(140 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the kippah closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. For the shaping, which comes last, crush paper into a firm, smooth ball about 8½ in (22 cm) across and put it in a plastic bag. The kippah covers only the top of the ball: in its shape the dome is about 2 in (5 cm) high without the shells.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the kippah.
- Shaping, when all the ends are woven in: wet the kippah, press the water out in a towel and lay it, right side out, over the ball, the closed ring at the very top. Smooth it down all round, so that the spaces open and the two rounds of single crochet lie level and close against the ball. Smooth each shell flat on the ball below them, and let the kippah dry there.

In all: 19 rounds; 1,136 stitches.

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