Lacy chemo cap

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 21¼ in (54 cm) round and about 8½ in (22 cm) deep, measured to the tips of the shells
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Easy
Double crochet in joined rounds, chain-1 eyelets, a shell edge

Yarn
Fine (2)

Hook
3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge
18 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: dusty rose, fine (2) **about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

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
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21¼ in (54 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep**	**about 155 yd (142 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

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

The gauge is measured on the cap itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the cap with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the cap 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 cap 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 20 rounds of single crochet or 10 rounds of double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 9, put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 21¼ in (54 cm) round. The pattern also stops you to measure after round 8.

Before you start

- Measure the head if you can: put a soft tape round its widest part, across the middle of the forehead and just above the ears, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. Each size is made about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole repeats of its stitches allow, so that it stays on.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The cap 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 cap 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.
- 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.
- Choose a soft yarn that can be washed and has no loose fibers; try it against the inside of the wrist.
- In rounds 10 to 18 an eyelet is a chain 1 over one skipped stitch. The chain counts as a place: in the round after it 1 double crochet goes into each chain-1 space, under the chain, so every round keeps its 96 places. The place straight below an eyelet, in the round just before, is always a double crochet; the place straight above it, in the round just after, is always the double crochet worked into its chain space. Where a round ends with an eyelet, its chain lies just before the joining slip stitch and is a space like the others.

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Instructions

Chosen: Woman, head 22 in (56 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(84 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6½ in (17 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 21¼ in (54 cm) round.

Lace

☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 4 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(90 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(84 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 5 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 4 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 5 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(84 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 11 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(90 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 12 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**

Edge

☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(96 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

Shells

☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**sl st in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 16 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	**(80 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Pull the ring at the start of the cap closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.
- Weave in every end on the inside of the cap.

In all: 22 rounds; 1,568 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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