# Leprechaun hat with beard

Man, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

**About 22¾ in (58 cm) round and about 10 in (25 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top to where the brim begins, with a brim about 1¾ in (4 cm) wide; the edge of the brim is about 32 in (81 cm) round; the beard is about 10¾ in (27 cm) wide and 9½ in (24 cm) high, the curls at its edge and the ear loops not counted**

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

**Intermediate**

A spiral, a brim, curls worked into rows

Yarn

**Medium (4), 4 colors**

Hook

**5.5 mm (US I-9)**

Gauge

**13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

## What you need

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| Yarn A: emerald, the hat | **about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: black, the band | **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: gold, the buckle | **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: fox orange, the beard | **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate** |

By weight: about 260 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins and (for a stiff hat only) fabric stiffener, a brush and some paper.

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 |
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| **Child** | 19½ in (50 cm) | 19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep | about 345 yd (315 m) |
| **Teen** | 21 in (53 cm) | 21 in (53 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep | about 405 yd (370 m) |
| **Woman** | 22 in (56 cm) | 22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep | about 450 yd (411 m) |


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| **Man (this file)** | **23 in (58 cm)** | **22¾ in (58 cm) round, 10 in (25 cm) deep** | **about 515 yd (471 m)** |
| **Man, large** | 24 in (61 cm) | 24 in (61 cm) round, 10¼ in (26 cm) deep | about 560 yd (512 m) |

## Gauge

**13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the hat with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the hat 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 hat will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, it will come out shallower.

**Check your gauge on the piece.** Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 35, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¾ in (58 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 12.

## Notes

- 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. This hat is not meant to grip: each size is as large round as the head it is for, as nearly as an even number of stitches allows, which is within about ¼ in (0.5 cm) of it, larger or smaller. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- The hat 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 hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The rounds of the hat are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last 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).
- Back loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies farther from you as you work.
- Front loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies nearer to you as you work.
- 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.
- The beard and the beard sides are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- Yarn A is cut after the sides and joined again for the brim. The first round of the brim goes into the front loops of the last round of the band, so that the brim begins with a sharp bend; the back loops stay on the inside.
- The beard and its sides are worked in rows; the rows with odd numbers are right side rows, and the curls are made in them. The curls of a row lie over the row of curls below it. Work row 1 of a side into the stitches of the last row of the beard, behind its curls.
- For a hat that stands up stiffly, brush the finished and shaped hat with fabric stiffener, fill the crown with crumpled paper so that its sides and its top keep their form, and let it dry. This can be left out.


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# Instructions

Man, head 23 in (58 cm). US terms.

**ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
**BLO**: only the loop away from you. **FLO**: only the loop nearest you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
**2 sc in next st**: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
**[ ] 6 times**: work what is inside 6 times in all.
**(6 sc)**: the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

## Special stitches

**sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog):** Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

**crl (corkscrew curl):** Single crochet in the place named. Chain 9, then work back along the chain: 2 single crochet in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each of the 7 chains after it (16 single crochet), which makes the strip twist, and slip stitch in the front loop of the single crochet that the chain grew from. Twist the strip with your fingers into a corkscrew and let it hang on the side that faces you, which is the right side. The curl counts as 1 stitch: in the next row the stitch over it goes under both top loops of that first single crochet, behind the curl.

## Hat

**Yarns in order of use: A, emerald; B, black.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| **Crown** | | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | 2 sc in each st around | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times** | (18 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | **[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times** | (24 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times** | (30 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | **[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times** | (36 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times** | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | **[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times** | (48 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times** | (54 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | **[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times** | (60 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 11** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times** | (66 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 12** | **[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times** | (72 sc) |

**Stop and measure now, after round 12.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6¾ in (17 cm) across.

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| ☐ **Rnd 13** | **[**Sc in next 35 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times** | (74 sc) |
| **Sides** | | |
| ☐ **Rnd 14** | Sc in BLO of each st around | (74 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 15 to 27** | Sc in each st around | (74 sc) |

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27


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## Band

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| ☐ **Rnd 28** | With B, sc in each st around | (74 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 29 to 35** | Sc in each st around | (74 sc) |

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

29 30 31 32 33 34 **35**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 35.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¾ in (58 cm) round.

## Brim

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| ☐ **Rnd 36** | With A, **[**sc in FLO of next 6 sts, 2 sc in FLO of next st**] 2 times**,<br>**[**sc in FLO of next 5 sts, 2 sc in FLO of next st**] 10 times** | (86 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 37** | **[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**,<br>**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 4 times** | (92 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 38** | **[**Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times** | (98 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 39** | **[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**,<br>**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 4 times** | (104 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 40 to 41** | Sc in each st around | (104 sc) |

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| ☐ **End** | Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

## Buckle

**Yarn C, gold.**

The rounds of the buckle are joined: the chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch, the first stitch of round 1 goes into the chain that was joined, and the first stitch of round 2 goes into the same place as the slip stitch before it. The three stitches in one stitch are the corners: lay the piece flat and pull each corner to a point, so that it is a square, about 2 in (5 cm) on each side, with a square opening.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 20, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain; see that the chain is not twisted; sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join | (20 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join | (28 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 38 in (97 cm) for sewing. | |

## Beard

**Yarn D, fox orange.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 18, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (17 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts | (21 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 8 times**, crl in next st,<br>sc in next 2 sts | (12 sc, 9 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts | (25 sc) |


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| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 11 times**, crl in next st, sc in next st | (13 sc, 12 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts | (29 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 7** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**, crl in next st, sc in next 2 sts | (16 sc, 13 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 8** | Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in next st | (31 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 9** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 13 times**, crl in next st, sc in next 2 sts | (17 sc, 14 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 10** | Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in next st | (33 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 11** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 14 times**, crl in next st, sc in next 2 sts | (18 sc, 15 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 12** | Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in next st | (35 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 15 times**, crl in next st, sc in next 2 sts | (19 sc, 16 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (35 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 16 times**, crl in next st, sc in next st | (18 sc, 17 crl) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Row 15 is a right side row. The beard, without its curls, should now measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) from its beginning chain straight up to its last row, and it is about 10¾ in (27 cm) wide at its widest. | |

## Beard side: make 2

**Yarn D, fox orange.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Mark the 7 stitches at each end of the last row of the beard; the 21 stitches between them stay free, under the mouth. With the right side of the beard facing you and its last row at the top, join yarn D with a slip stitch in the first, the farthest to the right, of the 7 stitches marked at the right-hand end for the first side, or of the 7 stitches marked at the left-hand end for the second; the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch, and the row runs to the left over those 7 stitches. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 6 sts | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times** | (4 sc, 3 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, crl in next st, sc in next st, crl in next st, sc in next 2 sts | (5 sc, 2 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 7** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times** | (4 sc, 3 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 8** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 9** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, crl in next st, sc in next st, crl in next st, sc in next 2 sts | (5 sc, 2 crl) |


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| ☐ **Row 10** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 11** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times** | (4 sc, 3 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 12** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, crl in next st, sc in next st, crl in next st, sc in next 2 sts | (5 sc, 2 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**crl in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times** | (4 sc, 3 crl) |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (7 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 17** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts | (5 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 18** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts | (3 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Do not fasten off. Ear loop: ch 18, slip stitch in the first stitch of the last row, which is its first sc2tog, at the other end of the row, so that the chain stands up as a loop over the 3 stitches of the row; then, to make it firm, slip stitch in each of the 18 chains back to the other end of the loop. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The loop is about 5½ in (14 cm) long; a longer or shorter chain fits it to the ear. | |

### Assembly

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

**2.** The middle of the front is opposite the place where the last round of the hat begins; fold the hat in half there to find it. Buckle: weave its beginning tail in on the back. Put its middle on the line between round 31 and round 32, which is the middle of the band, at the middle of the front, with two of its sides running straight up and down. The band is about 2¼ in (6 cm) high, so the buckle lies on the band alone; the band shows through its opening. Pin it. Sew it down flat with its long tail, with small stitches taken over the edge, the needle going down into the band close beside the edge and coming up through the buckle: one stitch for each of the 28 stitches of its outer edge, then, with the yarn led to the opening on the inside of the hat, one stitch for each of the 20 chains of the opening. Fasten off on the inside.

**3.** Shape the hat: push the top out so that it lies flat and its edge is sharp, and pull the brim out level all round.

**4.** Beard: twist every curl once more round your finger, all in the same direction, and let it fall toward the beginning chain. Weave in the ends of the beard and its sides on the wrong side. The beard is a piece of its own and is not sewn to the hat: its two loops go over the ears, the curls outward and the beginning chain under the chin, and the hat is put on over the loops. Without its curls and loops the beard is about 9½ in (24 cm) high from the beginning chain to the top of a side, and the curls hang about 1½ in (4 cm) below the place where they grow.

## Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the hat.

In all: 3 pieces.

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