Lion hat with a mane

Toddler, head 18 in (46 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 17 in (43 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep
To fit a head of 18 in (46 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Joined rounds, loop stitch in rows, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

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

You will need

Yarn A: honey, the hat and the ears	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, the mane	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cinnamon, the mane	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the cheeks and the inner ears	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: chocolate, the eyes, the nose and the whiskers	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

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, a little toy stuffing for the cheeks and a piece of card 1½ in (4 cm) wide, to measure the loops by.

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
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 155 yd (142 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 190 yd (174 m)
Toddler (this file)	**18 in (46 cm)**	**17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 235 yd (215 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 255 yd (233 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

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. It leaves 1 single crochet for the next row or round.

llp (long loop stitch): It is worked with the wrong side of the mane facing you, and its loop hangs on the far side, which is the right side. Insert the hook in the place named, wrap the yarn over a finger of the other hand, held behind the work, to make a loop about 1½ in (4 cm) long, catch both strands at the foot of that loop with the hook and pull them through the stitch (3 loops on the hook), let the long loop slip off the finger, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. Tug each long loop once, so that it holds. In the next row the stitch over a long loop stitch goes under its two top loops, as usual. It leaves 1 long loop stitch for the next row or round.

Gauge

13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double 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. The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 14 rounds of single crochet or 10 rounds of half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 10, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 17 in (43 cm) round. The pattern also stops you to measure after round 6.

Before you start

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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 directions of the special stitches too; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- 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.

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- The right side of the hat 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.
- The ear fronts, the ear backs, the eyes and the cheeks are begun with a magic ring like the hat and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.
- Where a piece worked in a spiral changes yarn at the start of a round, make the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn; then cut the old yarn, 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.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.
- The mane and the nose 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.
- The mane is a strip worked in long rows. Its odd rows are single crochet with the right side facing you; its even rows are long loop stitch with the wrong side facing you, so that all the loops hang on the right side. To change yarn at the start of a row, pull the new yarn through in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before. Yarn C is joined in this way at the end of row 2, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Every change comes at the end of an even row, and so always at the same short end, where the yarn not in use hangs: do not cut it there, but carry it up loosely along that end past the two rows of the other yarn. Cut yarn B after row 6, when yarn C has been taken up, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Keep the loops alike: wrap each over a finger and measure the first few on the card. Leave them whole.

Instructions

Chosen: Toddler, head 18 in (46 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 hdc is half treble.

Hat

Yarn A, honey.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	**(55 hdc)**

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(55 hdc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

8 9 **10**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 17 in (43 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 11 to 16**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(55 hdc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 16: tick them off as you go.

11 12 13 14 15 16

Band

☐ **Rnds 17 to 19**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 19: tick them off as you go.

17 18 19

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Mane

Yarns in order of use: B, rust; C, cinnamon.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 42, leaving a tail of 50 in (127 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(41 sc)**

After row 1 the strip, laid flat and not stretched, should measure about 12½ in (32 cm) long.

☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; llp in each st across	**(41 llp)**
☐ **Row 3**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; llp in each st across	**(41 llp)**
☐ **Row 5**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; llp in each st across	**(41 llp)**
☐ **Row 7**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; llp in each st across	**(41 llp)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 50 in (127 cm) for sewing.	

Ear front: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, cream; A, honey.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) of yarn A.	

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Ear back: make 2

Yarn A, honey.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn E, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn E, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 5, 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	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

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. Small pieces: before a piece is sewn on, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side. Sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. Mane: the side with the loops is the right side. The mane lies over the hat from side to side like a hairband, across the center of the top, its loops outward and row 1, the beginning chain, toward the front. Lay the hat flat with the line where its

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rounds are joined at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. Pin the middle of row 5 of the mane, its middle row, to the center of the top and each short end of the mane just above the band on the fold at that side, row 5 along the line from side to side, so that the 41 stitches of the strip lie over the hat without being stretched. The two long tails hang at the same short end, one at each corner: sew the mane down all round with them, one stitch into each stitch of a long edge and one into the end of each row of a short end. With the beginning tail sew down the beginning chain, all along it to its other end, and then the other short end, from row 1 to row 9, over the yarns carried along it. With the tail of row 9 sew down the short end where the tails hang, from row 9 to row 1; bring the needle back on the inside of the hat to the corner at row 9, and sew down row 9, all along it to its other end.

4. Ears: weave in the ends of the fronts and the starting tails of the backs. Lay an ear front on an ear back, the wrong sides together, so that the stitches of their last rounds lie one on the other, and sew the two together with whip stitch through the top loops of both, all round (18 stitches), with the long tail of the back; keep what is left of it for sewing the ear on. The face with the cream middle is the front of the ear.

5. The ears stand at the front edge of the mane, facing forward, one on each side: measured from the middle of the mane along its beginning chain, the nearer end of each ear is about 1 in (2.5 cm) from the middle. 5 stitches of the edge of the ear touch the hat there, close against the beginning chain. Sew them down along the front and then along the back of the ear, so that the ear stands up in front of the loops.

6. The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined; fold the hat in half there to find it. Mark with pins the straight line that runs from there up to the center of the top. Where a place is given by a round and a number of stitches from the middle of the front, count the rounds from the center of the top and the stitches along that round from the marked line; left and right are meant as you look at the front. Cheeks: sew the two cheeks to the front side by side, each by the stitches of its last round, the centers of both on round 14 of the hat, one on each side of the middle of the front, so that each is a circle about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across and the two edges meet at the middle of the front. Before the last third of each is closed, fill it lightly with stuffing, so that it stands out about ½ in (1.5 cm).

7. Nose: run its beginning tail in along the edge on the back. Lay the nose over the place where the cheeks meet, its right side up and its point down, its upper edge, the beginning chain, level with the upper edges of the cheeks, and sew it down all round, through the cheeks and the hat.

8. Eyes: sew one eye on each side of the middle of the front, its center on round 10 of the hat, 4 stitches from the middle. With a strand of yarn D 12 in (30 cm) long for each, work one French knot on each eye, on the upper right as you look at it, about halfway between its center and its edge. French knot: bring the needle up from below, wrap the yarn 2 times round it close to the cloth, hold the wraps snug and go down again one thread away from where it came up.

9. Whiskers: with one strand of yarn E 28 in (71 cm) long for the two cheeks together, held single in the needle, work three straight stitches on each cheek, each about 1 in (2.5 cm) long, from about ½ in (1.5 cm) beyond the center of the cheek outward over its edge to the hat: one level, one above it slanting up and one below it slanting down, their inner ends about ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart.

Finishing

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

In all: 11 pieces.

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