Llama hat with tassels

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8¼ in (21 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Joined rounds, popcorns, mosaic crochet in three yarns, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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

Yarn A: cream, the hat, the ears and the forelock	**about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, the band and the tassels	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: turquoise, the band and the tassels	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: mustard, the band and the tassels	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: chocolate, the nose, the mouth and the eyes	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: almond, the muzzle and the inner ears	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 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 a little toy stuffing for the muzzle.

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
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep	about 215 yd (197 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 255 yd (233 m)

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Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep	about 275 yd (251 m)
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 10 in (25 cm) deep	about 290 yd (265 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 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 10.

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. 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 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 chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the slip stitch.
- 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).
- The muzzle and the ears 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.
- 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.

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- The nose is 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.
- Back stitch, as it is used for the embroidery: thread the needle and fasten the yarn on the wrong side, behind the place where the line begins. First stitch: come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at the beginning. Every stitch after it: come up one stitch length farther along the line than the end of the stitch just worked, and go down in the hole at that end, so that the stitches touch.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

BLO: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 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

pc (popcorn): Work 5 double crochet (UK treble) in the place named. Take the hook out of the loop, insert it from front to back under the top of the first of the 5, pick up the dropped loop and pull it through, then pull it snug so that the stitches stand out on the right side, and chain 1 to close them. That chain is the top of the popcorn: in the next round the stitch over the popcorn goes into it.

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.

mdc (mosaic double crochet): It reaches down over one round to the round before it, which is in the same yarn. Yarn over. Straight below the next stitch, find the front loop that was left free on the stitch two rounds down, and insert the hook under that one loop from the front, its point going up. Pull up a loop as long as the two rounds are high, [yarn over, pull through 2 loops] twice. The stitch lies on the front, over the round between. The next stitch itself is left unworked behind it and is used up. At the start of a round the next stitch is the one that was joined.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; D, mustard; B, coral; C, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, pc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc, 6 pc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, pc in next st, sc in next st, pc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc, 12 pc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, pc in next st, sc in next st, pc in next st, sc in next st, pc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc, 18 pc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)

Stop and measure now, after round 10. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5¾ in (15 cm) across.

Woven band

☐ **Rnd 11**	With D, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)

Stop and measure now, after round 11. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next 2 sts, mdc in next 2 sts**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc, 30 mdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, ch 1, **[**mdc in next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next 2 sts**] 15 times**, sl st in first mdc to join	(30 mdc, 30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next 2 sts, mdc in next 2 sts**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc, 30 mdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	With D, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)

Face

☐ **Rnd 18**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 26**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Edge

☐ **Rnds 27 to 29**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)

27 28 29

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

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Muzzle

Yarn F, almond.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **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**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 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**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn E, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 3, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
6 7 8		
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
10 11		
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

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Inner ear: make 2

Yarn F, almond.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 4 chs, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch	(6 sc, 4 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Do not turn; working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 4 chs, sc in next ch	(3 sc, 4 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 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: unless the lines below say otherwise of a piece, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side before it is sewn on, and sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward. The center of a round piece is its ring.

3. Muzzle: before it goes on the hat, sew the nose to it. Run the beginning tail of the nose in along its edge on the back. Lay the nose on the muzzle, the side that faced you in row 1 outward, its beginning chain uppermost and level, ½ in (1.5 cm) above the center of the muzzle, and its row 2 below; sew it down all round. The part of the muzzle above the beginning chain of the nose is now its top. Mouth: with a strand of yarn E 24 in (61 cm) long, held double in the needle, work in back stitch a straight line from the stitch of row 2, the lowest place of the nose, down for about ¼ in (0.5 cm), and from its lower end one curve to the left and one to the right, each about ½ in (1.5 cm) long and of 2 back stitches, sagging a little and ending level with the place where the two meet.

4. 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. Shape the open edge of the muzzle to an oval about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide and 2 in (5 cm) tall and sew it to the front, the nose uppermost, its center on round 23 of the hat at the middle of the front, all round by the stitches of its last round; before the last third is closed, fill it lightly with stuffing, so that it stands out about ½ in (1.5 cm).

5. Eyes: with a strand of yarn E 25 in (64 cm) long for each, held double in the needle, embroider two closed eyes on the front in back stitch, one on each side of the middle. Each is a shallow curve like a smile, 4 stitches of the hat wide, and begins 3 stitches from the middle of the front, so that 6 stitches lie between the two eyes: both ends of the curve lie on round 19 and its lowest point, halfway along it, lies on round 20. Make each back stitch about one stitch of the hat long. Then add 3 lashes to the half of each curve that is farther from the middle: straight stitches about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, outward and down, one from the outer end of the curve, one from the place one back stitch farther in and one from its lowest point.

6. Ears: weave in the starting tail of each ear on the inside of the ear. The increases and decreases of an ear lie one over the other in two lines: these lines are its two edges. Flatten the ear along them; it is double, and both its faces are its right side. The sewing tail hangs at the middle of one face: with the needle run it through the stitches of the last round to the nearer edge. Then close the open end with whip stitch, 4 stitches of one face to 4 of the other. Inner ear: its tip is the end with 3 single crochet in one chain, its inner end the one where its sewing tail hangs. Weave its beginning tail in on its back. Lay it, right side up, on one face of each ear, midway between the two edges, its tip toward the tip of the ear and its inner end level with the closed end, and sew it down all round through that face only. That face is the front of the ear.

7. Lay the hat flat with the line where its 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. The upper fold runs from side to side over the center of the top: mark it with pins; it is the line the ears stand on. The ears stand up on the crown, one on each

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side of the center of the top, their inner ears straight to the front. Lay the closed end of each ear along the marked line, across the rounds, so that one end of it lies on round 4 of the hat and the other, farther from the center, on round 8. Sew it down along the front and then along the back of the ear, between the popcorns, so that the ear stands up and leans a little outward.

8. Forelock: cut 42 strands of yarn A, each 6 in (15 cm) long. For one knot fold 3 strands in half, with the hook pull the fold from above down under the two top loops of a stitch of the hat, put the ends through the fold and pull the knot tight. Work 14 knots. Round 3 and round 2 each have an even number of stitches, so that the line marked from the middle of the front passes between two stitches of the round. Knots of round 3: 8, one in each of the first 4 stitches to the left of the line and one in each of the first 4 stitches to the right of it. Knots of round 2: 6, one in each of the first 3 stitches to the left of the line and one in each of the first 3 to the right of it. If the line meets a stitch instead of passing between two, count that stitch as the first one to the left. Comb all the ends forward over the brow and trim them to about 2½ in (6 cm) from their knots.

9. Tassels (make 2): for each cut 6 strands of yarn B, 6 of yarn C and 6 of yarn D, each 6 in (15 cm) long, lay them together level, and tie them tightly round the middle with a strand of yarn D 16 in (41 cm) long; its two ends are left long, to sew with. Fold the bundle in half at the tie, and wrap another strand of yarn D 20 in (51 cm) long firmly 6 times round it, about ½ in (1.5 cm) below the tie; knot it and hide its ends in the bundle. Trim the ends level, so that the tassel is about 2½ in (6 cm) long. Lay the hat flat once more as for the ears. Sew a tassel to each side with the two ends of its tie, its upper end on round 17 of the hat, the last round of the woven band, 5 stitches of that round in front of the fold at that side. For a child under three leave the tassels and the forelock off: their strands could be pulled out and put in the mouth.

Finishing

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

In all: 7 pieces.

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