Men's skullcap

Man, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep
To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill
Beginner
Single crochet in a spiral

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

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

You will need

Yarn A: heathered slate blue, the cap **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, the stripes **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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, 6¼ in (16 cm) deep	about 100 yd (92 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 110 yd (101 m)
Man (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22¼ in (57 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep**	**about 120 yd (110 m)**
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	23 in (58 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 130 yd (119 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 12.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 15, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

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 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.
- 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.
- Man: for a head of 23 in (58 cm). The finished hat is about 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep.

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Instructions

Chosen: Man, head 23 in (58 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 sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, heathered slate blue; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(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. After round 12 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 6¾ in (17 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 13 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 15: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

13 14 **15**

Stop and measure now, after round 15. After round 15, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 16 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 19: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18 19

Band

☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	With A, sc in BLO of each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(72 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 24**	With A, sc in BLO of each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

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

In all: 25 rounds; 1,404 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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