Moss stitch messy bun hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 20¾ in (53 cm) round and about 7½ in (19 cm) deep, measured from the edge of the opening; the opening is about 2½ in (6 cm) across

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

Single crochet and chains in joined rounds, two yarns in turn, a post stitch rib

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: eucalyptus, the hat **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: ivory, the stripes **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), 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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18¾ in (48 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 110 yd (101 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**20¾ in (53 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep**	**about 135 yd (123 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 160 yd (146 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

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next round.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next round.

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 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 depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 16 rounds of single crochet or 8 rounds of double crochet or 8 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 12, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 20¾ in (53 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 directions of the special stitches too; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The hat begins with a ring of chains that stays open at the crown: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain. Round 1 is worked into the ring, over the chains, not into each chain.
- The right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.

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- 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.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post 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).
- Where a round begins with slip stitches and then a chain, the slip stitches lead to the chain space: the first of them goes into the stitch or the space just after the stitch that was joined, and the chain is made from there.
- 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 opening in the crown is there for a bun or a ponytail to be drawn through. Its width, not stretched, is named with the size.
- Moss stitch: after its first round, every single crochet goes into a chain space of the round before and stands over the gap between two single crochet. A round of it has as many chain spaces as single crochet, and each counts as a stitch when the hat is measured.

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.

Yarns in order of use: A, eucalyptus; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 30, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
Crown		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 36 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(78 sc)**

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

Sides		
☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 39 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 20¾ in (53 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	With B, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 39 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(78 sc)**

Brim

☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(78 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 24 to 26**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 39 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(39 FPdc, 39 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 26: tick them off as you go.

24 25 26

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

Finishing

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

In all: 26 rounds.

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