Newsboy cap

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 8¼ in (21 cm) deep from the center of the top to the edge of the band, measured along the cloth; the crown spreads to about 10½ in (27 cm) across

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Increases, decreases and a peak of two layers worked in rows

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 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: heathered slate blue, the crown **about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: heathered navy, the band, the peak and the button **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, 2 more stitch markers (for the peak) and a piece of plastic canvas at least 7½ by 2 in (20 by 5 cm) for a stiffer peak, if you like.

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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 180 yd (164 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 200 yd (183 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 240 yd (219 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)
FLO	front loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together): 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.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 together): [Yarn over, pull up a loop in the next stitch] twice, yarn over and pull through all 5 loops: 1 stitch decreased. It leaves 1 half double crochet for the next row.

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 below are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 14 rounds of single crochet or 10 rounds of half double crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 13.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 22, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21 in (53 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 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.
- 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.
- 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).

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- The top button is 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.
- 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 outer peak and the inner peak 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.
- Woman: for a head of 22 in (56 cm). The finished hat is about 21 in (53 cm) round and about 8¼ in (21 cm) deep from the center of the top to the edge of the band, measured along the cloth; the crown spreads to about 10½ in (27 cm) across.

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 hdc is half treble.

Hat

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

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(64 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(72 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(80 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(96 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(104 hdc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 13.** After round 13 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 10½ in (27 cm) across.

Edge

☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(104 hdc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

14 15

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Underside

☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 15 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(87 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(73 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**, **[**hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(68 hdc)**

Band

☐ **Rnd 19**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 22**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 22: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

20 21 **22**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 22.** After round 22, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

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

Outer peak

Yarn B, heathered navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Number the 68 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the middle of the front lies between stitch 34 and stitch 35. Mark stitch 24 and stitch 45: the 22 stitches at the middle of the front, from stitch 24 to stitch 45, carry the peak. With the right side of the cap facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn B with a slip stitch in the front loop only of stitch 24, so that its back loop stays free; the stitches lie in the order of their numbers, and the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same front loop.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in FLO of first st, sc in FLO of next 21 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(26 sc)**

A box for each row, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Inner peak

Yarn B, heathered navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the cap so that its inside faces you, the crown at the bottom. Row 1 of this peak goes into the 22 stitches at the middle of the front again, from stitch 45 back to stitch 24, each time into the loop that row 1 of the outer peak left free; seen from the inside it is the front loop, the one nearer to you. Join yarn B with a slip stitch in that loop of stitch 45, and work the first single crochet of row 1 into that same loop.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in FLO of first st, sc in FLO of next 21 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(26 sc)**

A box for each row, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 22 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Top button

Yarn B, heathered navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 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. Edging of the peak: the wrong sides of the two layers lie together, row on row. Lay the tails at the last row of each peak between the two layers, where the edging closes them in. For a stiffer peak cut the plastic canvas to the shape of the peak, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) smaller all round, and slip it between the layers too. With the outer peak facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn B with a slip stitch at the right-hand end of row 1, through both layers, and ch 1. Work through both layers: up the side 1 single crochet in the end of each row (8), 1 in each stitch of the last row (12), down the other side 1 in the end of each row (8): 28 single crochet. Slip stitch in the edge of the band and fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Run the ends of the edging in between the two layers of the peak.

3. Sew the button to the center of the top.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces; 1,806 stitches (1,436 in the hat, 176 in the outer peak, 176 in the inner peak, 18 in the top button); 10 ends to weave in.

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