Pixie hat for adults

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 24 in (61 cm) round and about 16 in (41 cm) high; the first measure is the whole length of the collar, its tab included (buttoned it is about 21¼ in (54 cm) round), the second from the lower edge of the collar straight up the front edge to the forehead. The hood is about 10¾ in (27 cm) from its front edge to its back seam, the collar about 3¾ in (10 cm) high, and the point reaches about 7¼ in (18 cm) above the top of the hood before it falls

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

One stitch in rows, two seams, two buttonholes

Yarn

Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

11 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

What you need

Yarn A: oatmeal, the collar and the front edge **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: heathered moss green, the hood **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 300 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors, 2 gold buttons 7/8 in (2 cm) across, sewing thread and a sewing needle and pins.

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
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 15¼ in (39 cm) high	about 355 yd (325 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**24 in (61 cm) round, 16 in (41 cm) high**	**about 385 yd (352 m)**

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Man	23 in (58 cm)	25¾ in (65 cm) round, 16¾ in (43 cm) high	about 445 yd (407 m)

Gauge

11 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

The gauge is measured on the collar, which is worked first, laid flat after its twentieth row: along a row, which checks the stitches, and then across the rows, which sets the size. If the 20 rows measure more than they should, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. The halves of the hood are worked at the same gauge; the front edge is single crochet, counted at 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 20, lay the collar flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 3¾ in (10 cm) long.

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. A hood does not go round the whole head: it covers the top, the sides and the back, and its finished measures are those of its collar and of its height.
- The chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. After the turn the first stitch of the row goes into the stitch nearest the hook, which is the last stitch of the row before, and the last goes into the first stitch of the row before; the chains skipped at the start of row 1 do not count either.
- 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, on the right side and on the wrong side alike.
- 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. Where an edge is made of the ends of rows, the needle goes through the side of the stitch at the end of the row instead, under two strands of it, as many times in a row as the line says.
- The halves of the hood are worked in rows in the same way as the collar.
- The collar is worked first, from one end to the other. The hood is two halves that are alike, each worked in rows from the front edge, which frames the face, to the back. The long seam joins them along the back, round the point and over the top of the head.
- Where a line says "2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts", all 4 stitches go into back loops, 2 into each.
- A buttonhole of the collar is made by 2 chains over 2 skipped stitches; a "ch-2 sp" is the gap under those chains, and the next row works 2 half double crochet into it. Those two rows are worked through both loops.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **st** stitch, **sp** space.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(10 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Collar

Yarn A, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation** — Ch 12, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** — Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across (10 hdc)

☐ **Rows 2 to 20** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across (10 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 **20**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 20.** Lay the collar flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 3¾ in (10 cm) long. Then measure across the rows: the 20 rows should measure about 9 in (23 cm) from the outer side of row 1 to the outer side of row 20. If the 20 rows measure more, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If the 20 rows measure right and the row is longer or shorter than it should be, keep the hook: the collar and the hood only come out that much higher or lower.

☐ **Rows 21 to 48** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across (10 hdc)

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

Tab with the buttonholes

☐ **Rows 49 to 50** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across (10 hdc)

49 50

☐ **Row 51** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**ch 2, sk next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**
(6 hdc, 2 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Row 52** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times** (10 hdc)

☐ **Rows 53 to 54** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across (10 hdc)

53 54

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

Half of the hood: make 2

Yarn B, heathered moss green.

☐ **Foundation** — Ch 36, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** — Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across (34 hdc)

☐ **Rows 2 to 12** — Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across (34 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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From here every row grows by 2 stitches at the upper edge. That is the edge where an odd row ends and an even row begins. The neck edge, at the other end of the rows, stays straight.

☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 32 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 34 sts	(38 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 36 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 38 sts	(42 hdc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 40 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts	(44 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 42 sts	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 44 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 46 sts	(50 hdc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of next 48 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of each of next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 50 sts	(54 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Halves: weave in the ends of both halves first. The two faces of a half look alike, so either may be outside. Lay one half on the table with its beginning chain at your left and its neck edge, the straight edge at the end of the rows, toward you. Lay the other half on it in just the same way, the same face up and not turned over. Now all four edges match: chain lies on chain, neck edge on neck edge, last row on last row and slanting upper edge on slanting upper edge. The beginning chains are the front edge; they and the two straight edges at the neck stay open.

2. Long seam: cut a strand of yarn B 95 in (241 cm) long; if that is too long to handle, sew with shorter strands. Begin at the neck and whip stitch the last rows together up to the tip of the point, one stitch to one stitch through both loops, 54 pairs. Go round the tip and whip stitch the upper edges together from the tip to the front edge, the end of one row to the end of one row, 2 sewing stitches for each pair of rows, 22 pairs. Fasten off and turn the hood so that the seam is inside; push the point out with a finger.

3. Front edge, worked in rows of single crochet (UK double crochet). Hold the hood with its outside toward you and the front edge at the top. Row 1: join yarn A with a slip stitch in the free loop of the beginning chain at the right-hand neck corner and ch 1; beginning in the same place work 1 single crochet in each of the 34 chains of this half, 1 in the end of the long seam and 1 in each of the 34 chains of the other half (69 single crochet). Rows 2 and 3: ch 1, turn, single crochet in the back loop only of each stitch across (69 single crochet). Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

4. Collar: hold the hood upside down, its outside toward you and the neck edge at the top; the neck edge runs from one front edge round the back, past the seam, to the other front edge. The long edge of the collar that is sewn on is the one where its beginning tail hangs, at one end of row 1. Lay that edge along the neck edge, edge to edge, so that the corner with the tail comes to the right-hand end of the neck edge and the beginning chain of the collar lies level with the outer side of the front edge there; the face of the collar that is then toward you is its outside. Pin the two edges together all along before you sew: the first 2 rows of the collar on the 3 row ends of the front edge; then one row of the collar on one row of the hood, 22 rows up to the seam and 22 rows past it; and 2 rows of the collar on the 3 row ends of the other front edge, 48 rows of the collar in all. The last 6 rows of the collar stay free: they are the tab with the buttonholes. Cut a strand of yarn A 95 in (241 cm) long; if that is too long to handle, sew with shorter strands. With it whip stitch the pinned edges together, 2 sewing stitches in each of the 48 rows of the collar, 96 in all. Over a front edge the 4 sewing stitches of 2 rows of the collar take the 3 row ends in this way: 1 in the first, 2 in the middle one and 1 in the last. Along the hood both sewing stitches of a row of the collar go into the one row that lies against it.

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5. Buttons: close the collar so that the tab lies on the outside of the first 6 rows of the collar and the two front edges meet under the chin. Row 51, with the 2 buttonholes, then lies over row 3. Sew the 2 buttons to the outside of row 3 with sewing thread, one under each buttonhole: between stitches 3 and 4 and between stitches 7 and 8 of its 10 stitches, counted from either edge.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces; 2,252 stitches (536 in the collar, 858 in each half of the hood).

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