Puff stitch beret

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 9¼ in (23 cm) across

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Puff stitches, increases and decreases

Yarn

Light (3)

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: mustard, light (3) **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). 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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 180 yd (165 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 225 yd (206 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep**	**about 225 yd (206 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)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

puff (puff stitch): Yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, pull up a loop to the height of a half double crochet; do this 4 times in the same place (9 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 9 loops. The next stitch or chain closes the puff. A ch 1 after a puff is that closing chain and is also the chain space: no further chain is made. It leaves 1 puff 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

15 stitches and 12 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 16 rounds of single crochet or 12 rounds of half double crochet or of puffs.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 14.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 18, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 29¾ in (76 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.

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- 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.
- The stem 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.
- 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.
- 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 9¼ in (23 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

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(112 hdc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 14.** After round 14 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 9¼ in (23 cm) across.

Edge

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 56 times**, sl st in first puff to join	**(56 puffs, 56 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 56 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(112 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 17 to 20**	Repeat rnds 15 and 16 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 16, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 15.	

A box for each round, 17 to 20: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

17 **18** 19 20

Stop and measure when you have worked round 18. After round 18, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 29¾ in (76 cm) round.

Underside

☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 14 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(94 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 11 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(79 hdc)**

Band

☐ **Rnds 23 to 27**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(79 sc)**

A box for each round, 23 to 27: tick them off as you go.

23 24 25 26 27

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

Stem

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 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. Stuff the stem lightly with its starting tail and a few short scraps of the same yarn. With the long tail at its end sew the open edge of the stem to the center of the top.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 4 ends to weave in.

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