Puff stitch slouchy hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 10¾ in (27 cm) deep
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Puff stitches and a post stitch rib

Yarn
Medium (4)

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: raspberry, medium (4) **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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. 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, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep	about 180 yd (165 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 10¼ in (26 cm) deep	about 200 yd (183 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 10¾ in (27 cm) deep**	**about 225 yd (206 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 11¼ in (29 cm) deep	about 250 yd (229 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, 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.

FPdc (front post double crochet): 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 row.

BPdc (back post double crochet): 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 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 or 7 rounds of double crochet or 7 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 8.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 13, 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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 10¾ in (27 cm) deep.

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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

☐ **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)**
Stop and measure now, after round 8. After round 8 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 6½ in (17 cm) across.		
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(68 hdc)**
Sides		
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 34 times**, sl st in first puff to join	**(34 puffs, 34 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 34 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(68 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 12 to 23** — Repeat rnds 10 and 11 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 10, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 11.

A box for each round, 12 to 23: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

12 **13** 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

> **Stop and measure when you have worked round 13.** After round 13, 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.

Brim

☐ **Rnd 24** — Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join **(68 dc)**

☐ **Rnds 25 to 27** — Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 34 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join **(34 FPdc, 34 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 27: tick them off as you go.

25 26 27

☐ **End** — 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: 27 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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