# Pumpkin beanie

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
**About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 8¾ in (22 cm) deep; it is measured round at the band, and the full part of the pumpkin above it is about 24½ in (62 cm) round**
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
**Easy**
Joined rounds with back post stitches, small pieces sewn on

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: pumpkin, the hat **about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: olive, the stem, the leaves and the vines **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins and a little toy stuffing for the stem.

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 |
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| **Toddler** | 18 in (46 cm) | 17¼ in (44 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep | about 160 yd (146 m) |
| **Child** | 19½ in (50 cm) | 18½ in (47 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep | about 170 yd (155 m) |
| **Teen** | 21 in (53 cm) | 19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep | about 190 yd (174 m) |
| **Woman (this file)** | **22 in (56 cm)** | **21 in (53 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep** | **about 210 yd (192 m)** |
| **Man** | 23 in (58 cm) | 22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 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.

| | |
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| **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) |
| **BLO** | back loop only |
| **st** | stitch |
| **rnd** | round |
| **RS** | right side |
| **MR** | magic ring |

### Special stitches

**hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 together; UK htr2tog):** [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 or round.

**BPhdc (back post half double crochet; UK BPhtr):** Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. The stitch sinks away from you. A back post stitch on a back post stitch goes around its post too. It leaves 1 back post half double crochet for the next row or round.

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

**Check your gauge on the piece.** Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 24½ in (62 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

## 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- From round 4 to the last round of the sides each back post stitch goes around the post of a back post stitch of the round before; so they stand one over the other and make the eight valleys between the lobes.

## 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.

### Hat

**Yarn A, pumpkin.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |

### Crown

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| ☐ **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, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | **(16 hdc, 8 BPhdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | **(24 hdc, 8 BPhdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | **(32 hdc, 8 BPhdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | **(40 hdc, 8 BPhdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | **(48 hdc, 8 BPhdc)** |

**Stop and measure now, after round 7.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.

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| ☐ **Rnd 8** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | **(56 hdc, 8 BPhdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | **(64 hdc, 8 BPhdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | **(72 hdc, 8 BPhdc)** |


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## Sides

☐ **Rnd 11** Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join **(72 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 24½ in (62 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 12 to 18** Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join **(72 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 18: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

## Band

☐ **Rnd 19** Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 8 times**,
**[**hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join **(68 hdc)**

☐ **Rnds 20 to 23** Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join **(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 23: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

20 21 22 **23**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 23.** The band is worked on fewer stitches than the pumpkin, so that it holds: its last round should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

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

## Stem

**Yarn B, olive.**

☐ **Foundation** Make a magic ring.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** 7 sc in MR **(7 sc)**

☐ **Rnds 2 to 6** Sc in each st around **(7 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **Rnd 7** Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st **(9 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 8** **[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times** **(12 sc)**

☐ **Rnd 9** **[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times** **(15 sc)**

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (41 cm) for sewing.

## Leaf: make 2

**Yarn B, olive.**

☐ **Foundation** Ch 10, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 5 chs, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch **(4 sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc)**


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| ☐ **Row 2** | Do not turn; working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 5 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch | **(2 hdc, 5 dc, 1 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing. | |

### Vine: make 2

**Yarn B, olive.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 31, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**2 sc in next ch**] 29 times** | **(59 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

### 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.** Leaves: weave the beginning tail of each leaf in along its edge on the back. The inner end of a leaf is the pointed end where its sewing tail hangs; the rounded end, with 3 single crochet in one chain, is its outer end. The side of row 1 that faced you is the right side.

**3.** Lay the hat flat with the line where its rounds are joined down the middle of the lower layer. The two folds are the sides of the hat, the lower layer is the back, and the middle of the upper layer is the middle of the front. Put a pin in each of the two folds and one at the middle of the front, all three on round 11 of the hat, and open the hat out again. Right-hand and left-hand are meant as you look at the front. Lay the two leaves on the crown, their right sides up and their inner ends touching at the center of the top: one points halfway between the front pin and the right-hand side pin, the other halfway between the front pin and the left-hand side pin. Sew each leaf down along its middle, through the foundation chain, from its inner end over about half its length; the outer half stays free.

**4.** Vines: the stitches of a vine crowd its chain, so that it curls; twist it with your fingers into a corkscrew. Both its tails hang at one end, its inner end. With them sew the inner end of one vine to the center of the top so that the vine hangs to the front, between the two leaves, toward the front pin, and the inner end of the other so that it hangs toward the right-hand side pin, behind the right-hand leaf. The rest of each vine stays free. Take the pins out.

**5.** Pull the ring at the tip of the stem closed once more and run its tail down inside. Stuff the stem firmly, down to its last 2 rounds. With its long tail sew its open edge, which spreads, to the center of the top all round, over the inner ends of the leaves and of the vines, so that they are covered; bend the stem to the right with your fingers.

## Finishing

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

In all: 6 pieces.

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