# Pumpkin hat for a cat

US terms



Finished size
**About 8¾ in (22 cm) round the brim, not stretched, and about 2 in (5.1 cm) tall without the stem, with ties about 8 in (20.5 cm) long**

Skill
**Easy**
Six pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
**Medium (4), 2 colors**

Hook
**3.75 mm (US F-5)**

Gauge
**20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet, in a spiral.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: pumpkin, cap and the details | **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: moss green, stem, leaf and tie | **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate** |

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors 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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

## Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

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| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **sc2tog** | single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro |
| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **MR** | magic ring |
| **RS** | right side |
| **Rnd** | round |
| **st** | stitch |
| **BLO** | back loop only |

## Gauge

**20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in the rib of the cap (single crochet in the back loops), lying flat, not stretched; the stem and the leaves are worked at 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).


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Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

## Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Ear openings: rows 16 and 33 of the cap each leave an opening for an ear. Its 8 chains count as 8 stitches: in the next row work one sc into the back loop of each chain, as into a stitch.
- The front of the hat is opposite the seam, between rows 24 and 25. Right and left are as you look at the front of the hat.
- The hat sits on top of the head with the ears through the two openings, and the rib gives. Measure round the head where the brim will lie, in front of the ears and behind them, and choose the size whose brim is up to 2 in (5 cm) less than that. For longer or shorter ties begin with more or fewer chains: 5 chains make about 1 in (25 mm).
- Tie the ties in a loose bow that comes undone with one pull. Put the hat on for a short time only, while you are with the cat, and take it off as soon as the cat minds it.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- No plastic eyes are used.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, lengths of yarn, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.75 mm (C-2) hook, 24 sc and 26.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 7¼ in (18.5 cm) round the brim, not stretched, about 1¾ in (4.4 cm) tall without the stem, with ties about 6¾ in (17 cm) long; multiply lengths by 0.83; about 0.83 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 16 sc and 17.6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 11 in (28 cm) round the brim, not stretched, about 2½ in (6.4 cm) tall without the stem, with ties about 10 in (25.5 cm) long; multiply lengths by 1.25; about 1.25 times the yarn.


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# Instructions

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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

## Cap

**Yarn A, pumpkin.**

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 14 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 15. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across | **(14 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 15** | Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across | **(14 sc)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

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| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 3 sts, ch 8 and skip next 8 sts, sc in next 3 sts | **(14 sts)** |
| ☐ **Rows 17 to 32** | Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across | **(14 sc)** |

A box for each row, 17 to 32: tick them off as you go.

☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32

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| ☐ **Row 33** | Ch 1, turn, working in BLO all the way across, sc in next 3 sts, ch 8 and skip next 8 sts, sc in next 3 sts | **(14 sts)** |
| ☐ **Rows 34 to 48** | Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across | **(14 sc)** |

A box for each row, 34 to 48: tick them off as you go.

☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing. | |

## Stem

**Yarn B, moss green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 6 sc in MR | **(6 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** | Sc in each st around | **(6 sc)** |

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnd 5** | **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times** | **(8 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times** | **(12 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge. | |

## Leaf: make 2

**Yarn B, moss green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | 4 sc in MR | **(4 sc)** |


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| ☐ **Rnd 2** | **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times** | **(6 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times** | **(8 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times** | **(10 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnds 5 to 6** | Sc in each st around | **(10 sc)** |

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnd 7** | **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times** | **(8 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | **[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 2 times** | **(6 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 3 stitches. | |

### Tie: make 2

**Yarn B, moss green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, ch 41. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across | **(40 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. The tie is this one row. The end with this tail is the end that is sewn to the cap. | |

### Assembly

**1.** Seam: the two sides of the cap look alike, so either may be outside. Lay the last row on the foundation chain and, with the tail, sew the two together, stitch to chain, from the edge where the tail hangs to the other edge. This seam is the back. The edge you come to is the top, the other edge is the brim.

**2.** Gather the top: with the same tail, run the needle in and out along the top edge, catching one row end in every two, all the way round. Draw it up as tight as it will go, go round once more through the gathers and fasten off on the inside.

**3.** Grooves: the cap has six grooves, along rows 5, 11, 21, 28, 38 and 44. For each, take a new 14 in (36 cm) length of A, fasten it on the inside at the gathers and work running stitches down along the inside of the row, through the cap, as far as 1 stitch from the brim. Draw the length up until the row is about ¼ in (6 mm) shorter, and fasten off.

**4.** Pin the stem upright on the gathers: its open edge (12 sts) lies all the way round them. Sew all the way round with its tail.

**5.** Pin the two leaves close to the stem, one to the right of the front and one to the left: lay the flat 3-stitch edge of each against the foot of the stem and sew it there, to the cap, through both layers with its tail. Each leaf points half way between the front and an ear opening and lies down over the cap, its tip free.

**6.** Pin the two ties inside the brim, one below each ear opening: the last stitch of one tie lies inside the brim end of row 16, that of the other inside the brim end of row 33, 1 stitch up from the edge, so that the tie hangs down. With its tail, sew all round that stitch, twice, into the inside of the cap only.

## Finishing

- Weave in every end, on the inside of the cap and along the ties.

In all: 6 pieces; 920 stitches (672 in the cap, 44 in the stem, 62 in each leaf, 40 in each tie).

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