Reindeer hat with earflaps

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep, the edging included and the earflaps not; the earflaps hang about 2¾ in (7 cm) below that edge
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Joined rounds, flaps worked in rows, small stuffed pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: dark brown, the hat, the earflaps and the ears	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the muzzle	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the nose, the mouth and the lashes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: camel, the antlers, the inner ears and the eyelids	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: forest green, the holly leaves	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: red, the edging and the holly berries	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 130 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins, 4 more stitch markers (for the flaps) and a little toy stuffing for the antlers, the muzzle and the nose.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 225 yd (206 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep**	**about 250 yd (229 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep	about 265 yd (242 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 285 yd (261 m)

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Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep	about 315 yd (288 m)

Gauge

13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in 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 18½ in (47 cm) round.

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 edging, the earflaps and all the small pieces but the holly leaves and the inner ears are single crochet: the same 13 stitches to 4 in (10 cm), but 14 rows or 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

Instructions

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm). US terms.

ch chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **st** stitch.

2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 2 sts: one in each.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 2 is not a stitch. The first hdc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 8 times: 8 times in all. (24 hdc): the round now has 24; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

phdc (pointed half double crochet): Half double crochet (UK half treble) in the place named, chain 3, slip stitch in the 3rd chain from the hook: the 3 chains close to a little point that stands on top of the stitch. Push the point outward and go on with the next stitch the line names; nothing is worked into the point. The half double crochet and its point together are counted as 1 stitch.

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Hat

Yarn A, dark brown.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	

Crown

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in the ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(56 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 7.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

☐ **Round 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

Sides

☐ **Rounds 9 to 11**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

9 10 **11**

> **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 18½ in (47 cm) round.

☐ **Rounds 12 to 19**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

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

Muzzle

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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☐ **Round 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 35 in (89 cm) for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn C, black.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Sc in each st around	(18 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Eyelid: make 2

Yarn D, camel.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	8 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(16 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, dark brown.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	4 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 6 to 7** 6 7	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

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Inner ear: make 2

Yarn D, camel.

☐ **Start**	Ch 7, 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 2 chs, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Do not turn; working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	(2 hdc, 2 dc, 1 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Antler: make 2

Yarn D, camel.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	5 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rounds 3 to 13**	Sc in each st around	(7 sc)

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Branch: make 4

Yarn D, camel.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	5 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rounds 2 to 5**	Sc in each st around	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5

☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Holly leaf: make 2

Yarn E, forest green.

☐ **Start**	Ch 7, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, phdc in next ch, hdc in next ch, phdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sc in last ch, phdc in same st, sc in same st	(4 sc, 3 phdcs, 1 hdc)

The last 3 stitches of row 1, a single crochet, a pointed half double crochet and a single crochet, are all worked into one and the same chain, the last one: they turn the leaf round its tip.

☐ **Row 2**	Do not turn; working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next ch, phdc in next ch, hdc in next ch, phdc in next ch, sc in next ch	(2 sc, 2 phdcs, 1 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing. This is the inner end of the leaf; the end with 3 stitches in one chain is its tip.	

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Holly bead: make 3

Yarn F, red.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Earflap: make 2

Yarn A, dark brown.

Mark the edge for the flaps. Number the 60 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the middle of the back lies between stitch 60 and stitch 1. Leave stitches 1 to 6 for the back, mark the first and the last stitch of one flap, which takes stitches 7 to 18, leave stitches 19 to 42 for the front, mark the first and the last stitch of the other flap, which takes stitches 43 to 54, and leave stitches 55 to 60 for the back.

☐ **Start**	With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn A with a slip stitch in the first of the 12 stitches marked for this flap (stitch 7 for the first flap, stitch 43 for the second); the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(4 sc)
☐	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. Edging, worked once round the whole hat and both flaps: with the right side facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn F with a slip stitch in stitch 1, at the middle of the back, and ch 1. Beginning in stitch 1 itself, single crochet in each stitch of the back to the flap (6); along the side of the flap to its last row, 1 single crochet in the end of each row (10); across the last row 2 single crochet in the first stitch, 1 in each of the next 2, 2 in the last (6); back along the other side to the hat, 1 in the end of each row (10); 1 in each stitch of the front (24); round the second flap like the first (26); 1 in each stitch that is left of the back (6). Slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 88 single crochet. Fasten off.

3. Small pieces: unless the lines below say otherwise of a piece, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side before it is sewn on, and sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward. The center of a

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round piece is its ring.

4. Muzzle: before it goes on the hat, sew the nose to it. Keep the open edge of the nose a circle about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across, and sew it to the muzzle all round by the stitches of its last round, filling it with stuffing before the last third is closed, its lower edge ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the center of the muzzle, so that most of it lies on the upper half; that is now the top of the muzzle. Mouth: with a strand of yarn C 30 in (76 cm) long, held double in the needle, work in back stitch a straight line of 1 stitch, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, down from the middle of the lower edge of the nose, and from its lower end one curve to the left and one to the right, each about 1 in (2.5 cm) long and of 4 back stitches, sagging a little and ending ¼ in (0.5 cm) higher than the place where the two meet.

5. The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined; fold the hat in half there to find it. Mark with pins the straight line that runs from there up to the center of the top. Where a place is given by a round and a number of stitches from the middle of the front, count the rounds from the center of the top and the stitches along that round from the marked line; left and right are meant as you look at the front. Shape the open edge of the muzzle to an oval about 4 in (10 cm) wide and 3 in (7.5 cm) tall and sew it to the front, the nose uppermost, its center on round 15 of the hat at the middle of the front, all round by the stitches of its last round; before the last third is closed, fill it lightly with stuffing, so that it stands out about ½ in (1.5 cm).

6. Eyelids: sew one flat to the front on each side of the middle, its center on round 9 of the hat, 5 stitches from the middle of the front, all round by the stitches of its last round; if its edge meets the edge of the muzzle, it lies over it. Lashes: with a strand of yarn C 32 in (81 cm) long for each eyelid, held double in the needle, work in back stitch a curve like a smile on the eyelid, of 6 back stitches: its two ends lie on the edge of the eyelid, level with its center, and its lowest point, halfway along it, lies ½ in (1.5 cm) below the center. Then add 3 straight stitches, each about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, from the half of the curve that is farther from the middle of the front, outward and down: one from the end of the curve, one a back stitch farther in and one a back stitch farther in again.

7. Ears: weave in the starting tail of each ear on the inside of the ear. The increases and decreases of an ear lie one over the other in two lines: these lines are its two edges. Flatten the ear along them; it is double, and both its faces are its right side. The sewing tail hangs at the middle of one face: with the needle run it through the stitches of the last round to the nearer edge. Then close the open end with whip stitch, 5 stitches of one face to 5 of the other. Inner ear: its tip is the end with 3 single crochet in one chain, its inner end the one where its sewing tail hangs. Weave its beginning tail in on its back. Lay it, right side up, on one face of each ear, midway between the two edges, its tip toward the tip of the ear and its inner end level with the closed end, and sew it down all round through that face only. That face is the front of the ear. The tail of the ear hangs at one of its edges. Fold the closed end in half with the inner ear inside, so that the two edges of the ear lie together, there is a crease halfway between them at the back, and the ear is hollow like a spoon. With the tail sew the two halves of the closed end together with two stitches, one at the two edges and one halfway from them to the crease.

8. Lay the hat flat with the line where its rounds are joined at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. An ear stands out at each side, its hollow front to the front. Lay its folded end against the hat level along round 8, counted from the center of the top: the crease is turned toward the back of the hat and lies 1 stitch of that round behind the fold of the hat, and the two edges of the ear, which lie together, are turned toward the front and lie about 1 stitch in front of that fold. Sew the folded end down all round with its tail, so that the ear points straight out to the side.

9. Antlers: pull the ring at the tip of each antler and each branch closed once more and push its tail inside. Stuff the antlers firmly, a little at a time, up to their last round, and the branches too. Sew two branches to each antler, each branch with its own long tail, all round its open edge, so that it slants up toward the tip of the antler: one on the outer side, the middle of its open edge on round 7 of the antler; the other on the inner side, the middle of its open edge on round 4 of the antler (the rounds of an antler are counted from its tip). Run what is left of the tail of a branch inside the antler; keep the long tail of the antler, which sews it to the hat.

10. The antlers stand on the crown. The open edge of each is opened to a ring; the center of the ring lies on round 4 of the hat, 6 stitches of that round from the middle of the front, one antler on each side, its outer side away from the

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other antler, leaning outward so that its tip stands about 1 in (2.5 cm) farther out than its foot. Pin the antlers and sew each down all round with its long tail.

11. Holly: weave the beginning tail of each leaf in on its back. Lay the two leaves, right side up, end to end along round 6 of the hat, their inner ends touching at the middle of the front, one tip pointing to the left along the round and the other to the right, so that the foundation chain of each leaf lies on that round; pin them. With its long tail sew each leaf down along its middle, through the foundation chain, from the inner end to the tip; its two long edges with their points stay free.

12. Holly beads (the berries): push the starting tail of a bead inside it. With its long tail gather the 6 stitches of round 2, pull them up tight so that the bead is a little ball, and fasten. Sew the three beads over the place where the leaves meet, close together, two side by side and the third in the middle just below them.

Finishing

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

In all: 20 pieces.

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.

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. 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 right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the slip stitch.
- The muzzle, the nose, the eyelids, the ears, the antlers, the branches and the holly beads are 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.
- 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.
- The earflaps are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- Back stitch, as it is used for the embroidery: thread the needle and fasten the yarn on the wrong side, behind the place where the line begins. First stitch: come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at the beginning. Every stitch after it: come up one stitch length farther along the line than the end of the stitch just worked, and go down in the hole at that end, so that the stitches touch.

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