Renaissance flat cap

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 7¾ in (20 cm) deep from the center of the top to where the brim begins, measured along the cloth, with a brim about 2 in (5 cm) wide; the edge of the brim is about 31½ in (80 cm) round, and the crown, laid flat before it is gathered, is about 10½ in (27 cm) across

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Increases and decreases in joined rounds, a fringed feather

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 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: wine, the crown and the brim	**about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, the band and the edge of the brim	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the feather	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 120 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 yarn needle, scissors, pins and a small comb.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) deep	about 195 yd (178 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 220 yd (201 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep**	**about 245 yd (224 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 285 yd (261 m)
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	23½ in (60 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 290 yd (265 m)

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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 21, put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

The gauge is measured on the cap itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the cap with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the cap 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 cap 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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 13.

Instructions

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ch chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **FLO** only the loop nearest you, **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.

Cap

Begin with yarn A, wine.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *The cap 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)

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☐ **Round 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Round 9**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)
☐ **Round 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(88 hdc)
☐ **Round 12**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(96 hdc)
☐ **Round 13**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(104 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 13.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 10½ in (27 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Edge

☐ **Rounds 14 to 15**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(104 hdc)

14 15

Gathering

☐ **Round 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 32 times**, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(68 sc)

This round draws the wide crown in to the size of the head: its 68 stitches pull the cloth above them into small pleats, which fall over the band.

Band

☐ **Round 17**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(68 sc)
☐ **Rounds 18 to 21**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(68 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

18 19 20 **21**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 21.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

Brim

☐ **Round 22**	With A, ch 2, **[**hdc in FLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in FLO of next st**] 17 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(85 hdc)
☐ **Round 23**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(85 hdc)
☐ **Round 24**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 17 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(102 hdc)
☐ **Round 25**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(102 hdc)
☐ **Round 26**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(102 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Feather

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	Ch 33, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(32 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) to sew the feather on. Both tails hang at this end, at the last stitch, which lies over the first chain: it is the foot of the feather. The end with the first stitch of the row has no tail: it is the tip.	

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the cap closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Fringe of the feather: cut 64 strands of yarn C, each 5 in (13 cm) long. Along the row of single crochet tie one strand into the top of each stitch, 32 strands, and along the other edge one into each loop of the beginning chain, 32 strands: fold the strand in half, pull the fold with the hook through the stitch from the right side to the back, put both ends through the fold and pull the knot tight. Then weave the beginning tail in along the row.

3. Lay the feather flat with the foot toward you and comb the strands out, from their ends to the knots, until the plies come apart and lie outward and a little toward the tip. Trim them to the shape of a feather: at the foot about 1 in (2.5 cm) long on both sides, longer stitch by stitch to about 2 in (5 cm) over the middle, then shorter again to about ¾ in (2 cm) at the tip, where the last strands close it to a soft point.

4. Sewing on: number the 68 stitches of the band from the line where the rounds are joined, in the order they were worked; the middle of the front lies at stitch 34. Hold the cap with the crown upward and bend the brim down, so that you look at the outside of the band; the numbers run from left to right. Lay the feather along the middle round of the band with its right side outward, the foot at the left and the tops of its single crochet toward the crown: the last stitch of its row on stitch 36 of the band, the stitch before it on stitch 37, and so on to stitch 55, and pin it there. So 20 stitches of the feather lie on the band, going away from the front on the left side of the head, and the 12 at the tip stay free and curl outward over the brim. With the long tail sew the single crochet row to the band with a running stitch through every stitch, up and down, and back again in the gaps. Comb the strands over the stitches, so that they hide them.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 1,852 stitches (1,820 in the cap, 32 in the feather).

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 cap 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.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the joining slip stitch of the round before with the new yarn. When a yarn has come to the end of its part, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm); join it anew where it is named again.
- Front loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies nearer to 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.

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