Rooster hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 7¾ in (20 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds, a post stitch rib, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: cinnamon, the hat	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the brim, three tail feathers and the pupils	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the beak, the eyes, two tail feathers and the band above the brim	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: red, the comb and the wattles	**about 30 yd (27 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), 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 comb, the beak and the tail.

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
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep**	**about 240 yd (219 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 250 yd (229 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 9 in (23 cm) deep	about 280 yd (256 m)
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 295 yd (270 m)
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 300 yd (274 m)

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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 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.

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 pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

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 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.
- The chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the 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.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the joining slip stitch of the round before with the new yarn. Where a yarn rests for 4 rounds or fewer before it is used again, carry it up the inside; where it rests for more, or is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The comb point 1, the comb point 2, the comb point 3, the comb point 4, the comb point 5, the beak, the wattles, the eyes, the pupils, the long tail feathers, the gold tail feathers and the short tail feather 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.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): 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.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): 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.

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.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, cinnamon; C, gold; B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, 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)

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

☐ **Rnd 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

☐ **Rnds 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.

☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

12 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	With C, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)

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Brim

☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(60 dc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 18**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(30 FPdc, 30 BPdc)
	17 18	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Comb point 1

Yarn D, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Comb point 2

Yarn D, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Comb point 3

Yarn D, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	(10 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Comb point 4

Yarn D, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Comb point 5

Yarn D, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Beak

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

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Wattle: make 2

Yarn D, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Pupil: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Long tail feather: make 2

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 15**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Pull the ring at the tip tight, run its tail down inside and stuff the feather very lightly now, after round 15, while it is wide; the last three rounds stay empty.

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Gold tail feather: make 2

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 12**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Pull the ring at the tip tight, run its tail down inside and stuff the feather very lightly now, after round 12, while it is wide; the last three rounds stay empty.

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Short tail feather

Yarn B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 9**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)

6 7 8 9

Pull the ring at the tip tight, run its tail down inside and stuff the feather very lightly now, after round 9, while it is wide; the last three rounds stay empty.

☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

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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. Small pieces: before a piece is sewn on, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side, which is the inside of a piece that is stuffed or flattened. Sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. 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. The line from the middle of the front over the center of the top to the middle of the back is called the center line.

4. Comb: stuff each point lightly. Open its lower end to a long oval about ½ in (1.5 cm) wide; the length of the oval is about ¾ in (2 cm) for point 1, 1 in (2.5 cm) for point 2, 1¼ in (3 cm) for point 3, 1 in (2.5 cm) for point 4, ¾ in (2 cm) for point 5. The five points stand in one row on the center line, the long way of each oval along that line, each touching the next: point 1 foremost, with the front end of its oval 3¼ in (8 cm) in front of the center of the top, then points 2, 3, 4 and 5, so that the row is about 4¾ in (12 cm) long. Pin all five, then sew each down all round. Bend the tips a little to the back with your fingers.

5. Beak: run the tail of its ring down inside. Stuff the beak firmly. Sew its open edge, opened to a ring, to the middle of the front all round, the center of the ring on round 12 of the hat. Sewn so, the beak stands straight out. Now tip it down with two stitches of the same tail. For each of them bring the needle out of the hat at the middle of the front, close under the lower edge of the beak, take it through one stitch on the underside of round 5 of the beak, which is the round next to its sewn edge, and back into the hat close under that edge. Draw both stitches up until the tip of the beak is about ¾ in (2 cm) lower than the center of the ring, and fasten the tail on the inside of the hat.

6. Wattles: flatten each wattle and close its open end across with whip stitch, 3 stitches of one layer to 3 of the other; the long sewing tail does it. The two wattles hang side by side under the beak: lay the closed end of each level on round 14 of the hat, one on each side of the middle of the front, their inner ends touching there, and sew each closed end down along its whole width with the rest of the tail. The rest of each wattle hangs free. (A wattle is double and both its faces are its right side.)

7. Eyes: sew one eye on each side of the middle of the front, its center on round 9 of the hat, 6 stitches from the middle. Sew a pupil on the center of each eye. With a strand of yarn C 12 in (30 cm) long for each, work one French knot on each pupil, on the upper right as you look at it, about halfway between its center and its edge. French knot: bring the needle up from below, wrap the yarn 2 times round it close to the cloth, hold the wraps snug and go down again one thread away from where it came up.

8. Tail: flatten the empty end of each feather and close it across with whip stitch, 3 stitches of one layer to 3 of the other. (Both faces of a feather are its right side.) The five feathers stand one behind the other on the center line at the back, the closed end of each lying along that line, one flat face to each side of the hat. In order from the top down: a long feather, a gold feather, a long feather, a gold feather, the short feather. The upper end of the first closed end is 1½ in (4 cm) behind the center of the top, and each closed end, about 1 in (2.5 cm) long, begins where the one before it ends. Sew each closed end to the hat along one face and then along the other. With what is left of the tails catch each feather to the next one with two stitches, about 1 in (2.5 cm) from the hat, so that the five stand up together like a fan; bend the tips to the back with your fingers.

Finishing

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

In all: 18 pieces.

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