Shark hat for kids

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 7½ in (19 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in a spiral, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: slate blue, the hat and the fins	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, the band	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the teeth and the eyes	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the pupils, the gills and the nostrils	**about 10 yd (9 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 back fin.

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
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 155 yd (142 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep**	**about 165 yd (151 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 185 yd (169 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single 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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 13, 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 10.

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 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.
- The right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The rounds of the hat are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn. Cut yarn A when its last round is done, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The back fin, the side fins, the eyes and the pupils 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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- The tooth triangles are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn 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.

Instructions

Chosen: Child, head 19½ in (50 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 sc is double crochet.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, slate blue; B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5¾ in (15 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 11 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 13: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

11 12 **13**

Stop and measure now, after round 13. 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 14 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 21: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

Band

☐ **Rnd 22**	With B, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 23 to 26**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 23 to 26: tick them off as you go.

23 24 25 26

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Back fin

Yarn A, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Side fin: make 2

Yarn A, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **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**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**

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☐ **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 D, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Tooth triangle: make 9

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 2, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st	**(3 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (36 cm) for sewing.	

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. Sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. Back fin: run the tail of its ring down inside. The increases lie one over the other in two lines, one on each half of the rounds: these lines are the two edges. Flatten the fin so that one fold runs between the two stitches of the first increase of round 9, the last round, and the other between the two stitches of its second increase; the two folds are 14 stitches apart along that round. Stuff the fin lightly. To make it sweep back, thread a strand of yarn A 20 in (51 cm) long double, fasten it inside the open end, and run a line of small stitches along one of these folds from the open end to the tip, over one round and under the next; draw it in until that edge hollows and the tip leans over it by about ¾ in (2 cm), fasten it and run its ends inside. That edge is the back of the fin.

4. The middle of the front is opposite the place where the last round of the hat begins; 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 fin stands upright over the center of the top along the line from the middle of the front to the middle of the back. Open its lower end to a long narrow oval about 4 in (10 cm) long and ¾ in (2 cm) wide, the hollow edge toward the back, its front end about 1¼ in (3 cm) in front of the center of the top, and sew it down all round.

5. Side fins: weave in the starting tails on the inside. The increases lie one over the other in two lines, one on each half of the rounds: these lines are the two edges. Flatten each so that one fold runs between the two stitches of the first increase of round 6, and the other between the two stitches of its second increase. Close it across the open end with whip stitch, 7 stitches of one face to 7 of the other. Lay the hat flat with the place at its lower edge where its last round begins 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. Lay the closed end of a fin on the fold at each side, level along round 19 of the hat, its middle on the fold, the fin standing

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out and slanting down, and sew the closed end down along its upper and then along its under face.

6. Eyes: sew one to the front on each side of the middle, its center on round 13 of the hat, 5 stitches from the middle of the front. Sew a pupil to each eye, 1 stitch of the hat nearer to the middle of the front than the center of the 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. 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.

7. Gills: with yarn D, held double, work two upright lines in back stitch on each side of the hat, behind the eye: the first 13 stitches of the hat from the middle of the front, the second 2 stitches farther back. Each line runs from round 13 down to round 17 and bows 1 stitch toward the back at its middle. Make each back stitch about one round of the hat long. Use a strand 36 in (91 cm) long for each side.

8. Nostrils: with yarn D, held double, work one slanting straight stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long on each side of the middle of the front, on round 18 of the hat, 2 stitches from the middle, its upper end toward the middle. Use a strand 24 in (61 cm) long for the two.

9. Teeth (the nine tooth triangles): run the beginning tail of each from its point along one side to its last row on the back. The teeth lie on the band at the front, right sides up, their points down, the last row of each, its widest, level with the upper edge of round 22 of the hat, the first round of the band. The middle tooth goes to the middle of the front, four more on each side of it, one stitch of the hat free between the upper corners of one tooth and the next, so that the nine take 35 stitches of the hat. Sew each down all round through the band.

Finishing

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

In all: 17 pieces; 1,708 stitches (1,290 in the hat, 162 in the back fin, 68 in each side fin, 18 in each eye, 6 in each pupil, 8 in each tooth triangle).

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