Ski mask with three openings

Man, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 16 in (41 cm) long, from the center of the top straight down to the lower edge. The ribbed neck is about 4½ in (11 cm) high. Before its edge is worked each opening for an eye is about 2½ in (6 cm) wide and the one for the mouth about 3 in (8 cm), and the long chain of each lets it open to about 1 in (2.5 cm) in the middle. The edge takes about ¼ in (0.5 cm) from the opening all round: the finished openings for the eyes are about 2 in (5 cm) wide and that for the mouth about 2½ in (6 cm), each about ½ in (1.5 cm) high in the middle, and they give when the mask is on

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

Easy

Joined rounds, openings made by a chain, a ribbed neck

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: deep navy, the mask	**about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: winter white, the edges of the eyes and a stripe	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: signal red, the edge of the mouth and a stripe	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 180 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 yarn needle and scissors.

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.

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Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 13¼ in (34 cm) long	about 255 yd (233 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 14¼ in (36 cm) long	about 280 yd (256 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 15¼ in (39 cm) long	about 305 yd (279 m)
Man (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22¼ in (57 cm) round, 16 in (41 cm) long**	**about 355 yd (325 m)**
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	23½ in (60 cm) round, 16 in (41 cm) long	about 360 yd (329 m)

Gauge

13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the mask itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the mask with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the mask 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 mask 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 mask 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 12, put a soft tape round the outside of the mask along that round, without pulling it in: the mask should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 9.

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 mask 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 mask 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).

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- 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.
- An opening is made by a chain over stitches that are skipped: the chain is 3 longer than the stitches, so that the opening can give. In the next round the half double crochet of "hdc in next ch sp" all go under the chain, side by side, spread along it. The skipped stitches stay as they are; the edge of the opening is worked into them at the end.
- For a child: someone stays by while it is worn, and it comes off for sleep. See that both eyes look out freely through the openings before walking off in it.

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, **sp** space, **rnd** round.

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-11 sp**: the gap under eleven chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 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.

Yarns in order of use: A, deep navy; B, winter white; C, signal red.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 7¼ in (18 cm) across.

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Head

☐ **Rnds 10 to 12** — Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join (72 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

10 | 11 | **12**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the mask along that round, without pulling it in: the mask should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 13 to 17** — Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join (72 hdc)

13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17

Eyes

☐ **Rnd 18** — Ch 3, dc in next 26 sts, ch 11, sk next 8 sts, dc in next 4 sts, ch 11, sk next 8 sts, dc in next 26 sts, sl st in first dc to join (56 dc, 2 ch-11 sps)

Nose

☐ **Rnd 19** — Ch 2, hdc in next 26 sts, 8 hdc in next ch-11 sp, hdc in next 4 sts, 8 hdc in next ch-11 sp, hdc in next 26 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (72 hdc)

☐ **Rnds 20 to 23** — Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join (72 hdc)

20 | 21 | 22 | 23

Mouth

☐ **Rnd 24** — Ch 3, dc in next 31 sts, ch 13, sk next 10 sts, dc in next 31 sts, sl st in first dc to join (62 dc, 1 ch-13 sp)

Chin

☐ **Rnd 25** — Ch 2, hdc in next 31 sts, 10 hdc in next ch-13 sp, hdc in next 31 sts, sl st in first hdc to join (72 hdc)

☐ **Rnd 26** — Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join (72 hdc)

☐ **Rnd 27** — With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join (72 hdc)

☐ **Rnd 28** — With C, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join (72 hdc)

Neck

☐ **Rnd 29** — With A, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join (72 dc)

☐ **Rnds 30 to 36** — Ch 3, **[**FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join (36 FPdc, 36 BPdc)

30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36

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

Assembly

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

2. The line where the rounds are joined is the middle of the back.

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3. Edge of an eye, in yarn B, one round; work it round each of the two openings. Hold the mask with the crown down and the neck up, the right side toward you. The opening then has the 8 skipped stitches of round 17 at the bottom and the 11 chains of round 18 at the top. Join yarn B with a slip stitch in the first of the 8 skipped stitches, the one at the right-hand end, ch 1, and beginning in the same stitch work 1 single crochet (UK double crochet) in each of the 8 skipped stitches (8 sc), 2 around the post of the double crochet at the left-hand side of the opening (2 sc), 11 into the opening over the 11 chains, the hook going under the chains between the feet of the half double crochet that stand on them, the stitches spread along the chains (11 sc), and 2 around the post of the double crochet at the right-hand side (2 sc); slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 23 single crochet. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

4. Edge of the mouth, in yarn C, one round. Hold the mask with the crown down and the neck up, the right side toward you. The opening then has the 10 skipped stitches of round 23 at the bottom and the 13 chains of round 24 at the top. Join yarn C with a slip stitch in the first of the 10 skipped stitches, the one at the right-hand end, ch 1, and beginning in the same stitch work 1 single crochet (UK double crochet) in each of the 10 skipped stitches (10 sc), 2 around the post of the double crochet at the left-hand side of the opening (2 sc), 13 into the opening over the 13 chains, the hook going under the chains between the feet of the half double crochet that stand on them, the stitches spread along the chains (13 sc), and 2 around the post of the double crochet at the right-hand side (2 sc); slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 27 single crochet. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Finishing

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

In all: 36 rounds.

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