Skull and crossbones beanie

Adult, medium, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 22½ in (57 cm) round and about 9½ in (24 cm) deep
To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Single crochet in joined rounds, two colors carried in the round, a rib

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: dark charcoal, the hat **about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: bone, the skulls and the crossbones **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 80 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 165 yd (151 m)
Adult, small	21¼ in (54 cm)	20¾ in (53 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 180 yd (165 m)
Adult, medium (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22½ in (57 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep**	**about 205 yd (187 m)**
Adult, large	25 in (64 cm)	24 in (61 cm) round, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep	about 230 yd (210 m)

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Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 17, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22½ in (57 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 depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 16 rounds of single crochet or 8 rounds of double crochet or 8 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 14.

Instructions

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

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

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

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.

Begin with yarn A, dark charcoal.

☐ **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**	Ch 1, 6 sc in the ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)

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☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 14.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 7 in (18 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Round 15**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 17 sts, with B, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 18 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **Round 17**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 14 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 17.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22½ in (57 cm) round.

☐ **Round 18**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 13 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)
☐ **Rounds 19 to 20**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 13 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

19 20

☐ **Round 21**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 14 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 15 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

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☐ **Round 22**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

☐ **Round 23**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 16 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 17 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

☐ **Round 24**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

☐ **Round 25**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

☐ **Round 26**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

☐ **Round 27**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

☐ **Round 28**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 18 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 19 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

☐ **Round 29**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 15 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

☐ **Round 30**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

☐ **Round 31**

Ch 1,
[with A, sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**,
sl st in first sc to join (84 sc)

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☐ **Round 32**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 12 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 13 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

Brim

☐ **Round 33**	With A, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(84 dc)
☐ **Rounds 34 to 35** 34 35	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 42 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(42 FPdc, 42 BPdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

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

In all: 35 rounds.

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 smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs from size to size, because the stitches come in whole repeats. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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.
- Where one round has two yarns, carry the yarn not in use along the top of the round before and work over it, and change yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color. Pull the carried yarn neither tight nor loose, so that the round keeps its size. The chain at the start of such a round is made in the yarn of its first stitch: finish the joining slip stitch before it with that yarn. A line that names no yarn goes on in the yarn the line before it ended with.
- 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.
- One skull comes at the middle of the front and one at the middle of the back; the line where the rounds are joined lies at the side of the head, about halfway between them. Each skull is worked from the top of its head down to the ends of its bones.
- A yarn that comes into a round anew, at its start or in the middle of it, is laid with its end, 6 in (15 cm) long, along the top of the round before from the start of that round, and is worked over. In a round of two yarns both are carried on to the end of the round, so that each hangs at the line where the rounds are joined. Yarn B is cut after the last round of the bones.
- Adult, medium: for a head of 23 in (58 cm). The finished hat is about 22½ in (57 cm) round and about 9½ in (24 cm) deep.

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