# Soccer ball 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**
Single crochet in a spiral, a rib, patches sewn on, embroidered lines

Yarn
**Medium (4), 2 colors**

Hook
**5.5 mm (US I-9)**

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

## What you need

Yarn A: white, the hat **about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the patches, the seam lines and the edge **about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 80 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 5 stitch markers (for the places of the patches).

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 |
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| **Baby, 3 to 6 months** | 15 in (38 cm) | 13¾ in (35 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep | about 95 yd (87 m) |
| **Baby, 6 to 12 months** | 16½ in (42 cm) | 15½ in (39 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep | about 115 yd (105 m) |
| **Toddler** | 18 in (46 cm) | 17 in (43 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep | about 140 yd (128 m) |
| **Child (this file)** | **19½ in (50 cm)** | **18½ in (47 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep** | **about 155 yd (142 m)** |
| **Teen** | 21 in (53 cm) | 20 in (51 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep | about 170 yd (155 m) |
| **Adult** | 22½ in (57 cm) | 21½ in (55 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep | about 210 yd (192 m) |


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| **Man, large** | 24 in (61 cm) | 23 in (58 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep | about 225 yd (206 m) |

## 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. The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 14 rounds of single 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 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.

## 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.
- The rounds of the hat that do not end with a join are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- 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 last stitch, or where the round is joined its 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 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.
- The patches are worked in joined rounds and lie flat. The 5 side patches go once round the hat as they do on a ball; the black edge stands where the next black patches of a ball would begin.
- For a ball in your own colors, work the patches, the seam lines and the edge in any dark color.


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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 sc in next st**: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
**[ ] 6 times**: work what is inside 6 times in all.
**(6 sc)**: 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.

## Hat

**Yarns in order of use: A, white; B, black.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |

### Crown

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| ☐ **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) |
| ☐ **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

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

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

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> **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.

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| ☐ **Rnds 14 to 21** | Sc in each st around | (60 sc) |

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21


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Slip stitch in the next stitch, which is the first stitch of round 21, to level the round.

Finish the last stitch of round 21 with yarn B and work this slip stitch with yarn B. The first stitch of round 22 goes into that same stitch.

### Brim

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| ☐ **Rnd 22** | With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join | (60 dc) |
| ☐ **Rnds 23 to 24** | Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join | (30 FPdc, 30 BPdc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

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### Patch: make 6

**Yarn B, black.**

The patch has five sides. Its corners are the middle stitch of each 3 half double crochet worked in one place.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Ch 2, 10 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join | (10 hdc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, 3 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | (20 hdc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 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.** Pull the ring of each patch tight once more and weave in its beginning tail on the back of the patch; the long tail sews the patch on.

**3.** Lay the hat flat with the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold and the lower end of the line where the rounds of the brim are joined at the middle of the layer underneath. On the layer that faces you the middle of the front is the straight line from the center of the top down to the lower edge, halfway between the two side folds. Mark it with pins. The stitches of the hat slant a little across this line; go by the line. Put a marker in the stitch of round 11 (counted from the center of the top) that lies on this line, and in every 12th stitch of round 11 after it, all the way round: 5 markers, with 11 stitches between one and the next. They are the places of the 5 side patches. The sixth patch goes on the top.

**4.** Pin the top patch over the center of the top, its right side up and its ring on the ring of the hat, and turn it until each of its 5 corners points to one of the markers. Pin a side patch at each marker, its right side up and its ring over the marked stitch, with one corner pointing straight up to the corner of the top patch above it; take the marker out. The two corners that face each other are then about 1 in (2.5 cm) apart. Sew each patch down all round with its long tail: come up through the hat close beside the edge of the patch and go down through the edge of the patch and the hat, again and again, in stitches about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long; fasten off on the inside.

**5.** Seam lines: cut yarn B in strands 30 in (76 cm) long as you need them, thread them single and embroider 20 straight lines in back stitch, each back stitch about as long as one stitch of the hat is wide. A side patch has one corner at its top, two upper corners at its sides and two lower corners. 5 lines go from the corners of the top patch, each to the top corner of the side patch below it. 5 lines go across: from the upper corner on the right of each side patch straight to the upper corner on the left of the side patch next to it on the right. 10 lines go down from the two lower corners of the side patches to the edge. For these mark, on round 21, the last white round, the stitch on the middle line of the front, straight below the middle of the front patch, and every 12th stitch after it, so that there is a


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mark below each side patch. The line from the lower corner on the right ends at the lower edge of round 21, 4 stitches to the right of the mark below its patch; the line from the lower corner on the left ends there too, 4 stitches to the left of the mark. Back stitch: with the needle threaded and fastened on the inside, come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at its beginning; then each time come up one stitch length farther along the line than the place where the needle last came up, and go down in the place where it last came up, so that the stitches touch.

## Finishing

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

In all: 7 pieces.

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