Squirrel hat with a bushy tail

Toddler, head 18 in (46 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 17 in (43 cm) round and about 7¾ in (20 cm) deep, the ears and the tail not counted; the tail is about 10¼ in (26 cm) long and about 4¾ in (12 cm) of it stands up above the highest row that is sewn to the hat

To fit a head of 18 in (46 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Joined rounds, loop stitch in rows, 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: russet, the hat, the ears, the arms and the tail	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the muzzle, the inner ears, the rims of the eyes and the knots in them	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate, the eyes, the nose, the acorn cap and its stem, the mouth and the claws	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: caramel, the acorn nut	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 140 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 toy stuffing for the tail, the arms, the muzzle and the acorn.

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
Baby	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 235 yd (215 m)
Toddler (this file)	**18 in (46 cm)**	**17 in (43 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep**	**about 285 yd (261 m)**

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Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 310 yd (283 m)

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 14 rounds of single crochet or 10 rounds of half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 10, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 17 in (43 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 6.

Notes

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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 muzzle, the nose, the eyes, the acorn nut, the acorn cap, the arms, the ear fronts and the ear backs 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.
- Where a piece worked in a spiral changes yarn at the start of a round, make the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn; then cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Back loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies farther from you as you work.
- 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.
- The tail is 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.
- Sew every piece on firmly, all round: a small piece that comes loose can be swallowed by a child under three.

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- 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.
- The last round of an ear makes its point: the treble crochet is the tip of the ear. The place where that round ends, with its tail, is the middle of the base of the ear.
- The tail is worked in rows from its foot to its tip: the odd rows are single crochet with the right side facing you, the even rows are tail loop stitch with the wrong side facing you, so that all the loops hang on the right side.

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.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **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. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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.

tlp (tail loop stitch): It is worked with the wrong side of the tail facing you, and its loop hangs on the far side, which is the right side. Insert the hook in the place named, lay the working yarn over a finger of the hand that holds the yarn, behind the work, to make a loop about 1 in (2.5 cm) long, catch both strands at the foot of that loop with the hook and pull them through the stitch (3 loops on the hook), let the loop slip off the finger, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. Tug each loop once, so that it holds. In the next row the stitch over a tail loop stitch goes under its two top loops, as usual.

tr (treble crochet): Yarn over twice, insert the hook in the place named, pull up a loop, [yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 3 times.

Hat

Yarn A, russet.

☐ **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)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	(55 hdc)

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(55 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

8 9 **10**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 17 in (43 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 11 to 17**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(55 hdc)

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

Band

☐ **Rnds 18 to 20**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(55 sc)

18 19 20

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

Muzzle

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **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 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, chocolate; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) of yarn B for sewing.	

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Acorn nut

Yarn D, caramel.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Acorn cap

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn A, russet.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 10**	Sc in each st around	(7 sc)
	6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Ear front: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, russet.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 7 sts, hdc in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(15 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 1 tr)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) of yarn A.	

Ear back: make 2

Yarn A, russet.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 7 sts, hdc in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(15 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 1 tr)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 35 in (89 cm) for sewing.	

Tail

Yarn A, russet.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 13, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(12 tlp)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(14 tlp)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(14 tlp)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(16 tlp)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(16 tlp)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(18 tlp)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(18 tlp)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(20 tlp)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(20 sc)

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☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(20 tlp)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(20 tlp)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(20 tlp)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(20 tlp)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(20 tlp)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(20 tlp)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(18 tlp)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(16 tlp)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(14 tlp)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; tlp in each st across	(12 tlp)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 35 in (89 cm) for sewing; if that is too long to handle, sew with shorter strands of the same yarn.	

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: unless the lines below say otherwise of a piece, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side before it is sewn on, and sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward. The center of a round piece is its ring.

3. Muzzle: before it goes on the hat, sew the nose to it. Shape the open edge of the nose to an oval about ¾ in (2 cm) wide and ½ in (1.5 cm) tall and sew it to the muzzle all round by the stitches of its last round, its lower edge at the center of the muzzle, so that it lies on the upper half; that is now the top of the muzzle. Mouth: with a strand of yarn C 24 in (61 cm) long, held double in the needle, work in back stitch a straight line from the middle of the lower edge of the nose down for about ¼ in (0.5 cm), and from its lower end one curve to the left and one to the right, each about ½ in (1.5 cm) long, down and then up again, so that its outer end is level with the lower end of the straight line. Make each back stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long.

4. 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. Pin the muzzle to the front, the nose

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uppermost, shaped to an oval about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3 cm) tall, its center on round 11 of the hat at the middle of the front. Sew it down all round by the stitches of its last round; before the last third is closed, fill it lightly with stuffing, so that it stands out about ½ in (1.5 cm).

5. Eyes: sew one eye on each side, its center on round 9 of the hat, 5 stitches from the middle of the front. With a strand of yarn B 12 in (30 cm) long for each, work one French knot on each eye, on the upper right as you look at it, on the edge of round 1. 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.

6. Acorn: shape the open edge of the nut to a circle about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across and pin it to the front, its center on round 17 of the hat at the middle of the front; its lower end then lies about ¼ in (0.5 cm) above the lower edge of the hat. Pinch the lower end to a point and hold the point with one stitch of the tail. Sew it down all round, and fill it lightly with stuffing before the last third is closed, so that it stands out about ½ in (1.5 cm). Shape the open edge of the cap to an oval about 2 in (5 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) tall and lay it over the upper part of the nut, its center on round 15, so that it reaches past the nut on both sides. Sew it down all round, to the nut below and to the hat above, and fill it lightly before it is closed. Stem: with a strand of yarn C 15 in (38 cm) long, held double, work 3 upright straight stitches side by side, close together, on the hat itself, from the middle of the upper edge of the cap upward, each about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long; they end a little below the muzzle.

7. Arms: pull the ring of each arm tight once more and run its starting tail down inside it. Stuff the first 4 rounds, the paw, and leave the rest of the arm flat. Lay one arm on each side of the acorn: the tip of the rounded end of the paw lies on the edge of the nut, 3 stitches from the middle of the front, its middle on round 17 of the hat. From there the arm runs outward and upward in a straight line, with no bend in it: the open end is the shoulder. Press it flat and pin it with its middle on round 14, 3 rounds higher than the paw, about 11 stitches from the middle of the front, where the arm ends when it is laid out flat and neither stretched nor bunched. Sew the arm to the hat along both its long edges and across its open end, and fasten the paw to the nut with three stitches. Claws: with a single strand of yarn C 15 in (38 cm) long for each paw work three straight stitches on the rounded end of the paw, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long and side by side, over the edge of the paw toward the middle of the front.

8. Ears: weave in the ends of the fronts and the starting tails of the backs. Lay an ear front on an ear back, the wrong sides together, tip on tip, so that the stitches of their last rounds lie one on the other, and sew the two together with whip stitch through the top loops of both, all round (20 stitches), with the long tail of the back; keep what is left of it for sewing the ear on. The face with the cream middle is the front of the ear.

9. Ear tufts: for each ear cut 5 strands of yarn A, each 5 in (13 cm) long. Fold the 5 strands in half together, pull the fold with the hook through both layers of the tip, under the top loops of the two treble crochets, from the back to the front, put the ends through the fold and pull the knot tight. Trim the ends to 1 in (2.5 cm): they stand up from the tip of the ear.

10. Lay the hat flat with the line where its rounds are joined 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. The line that runs from side to side over the center of the top is the line of the ears. Pin one ear on it on each side of the center of the top, its cream side to the front and its tip uppermost. The base of the ear is the 6 stitches of its edge opposite the tip, 3 on each side of the sewing tail: these lie along the line, and the inner ends of the two bases are about 1½ in (4 cm) apart. Sew those 6 stitches to the hat along the front of the ear and along its back, so that the ear stands up.

11. Tail: fold the strip in half along its length with the wrong sides together, so that all its loops are outside. With the long tail gather the 12 stitches of the last row and draw them together to a round tip. Then whip stitch the two long edges together, row to row, from the tip to the foot, and stuff the tail firmly, a little at a time, as you go. This is the seam. Draw the loops out of it with the hook, so that they hide it. Now turn the tube at its foot so that the seam runs up the middle of one face and not along a fold. Fasten the rest of the long tail at the end of the seam and tuck it and the beginning tail inside the tube: neither is needed again. Press the foot flat like that: it is now a slit with two ends, right and left of the seam. Close it with a new strand of yarn A 30 in (76 cm) long, in whip stitch: begin at one end of the slit, leaving 12 in (30 cm) of the strand hanging there, and sew to the other end, the 6 chains of the face with the

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seam to the 6 chains of the other face. Leave the rest of the strand hanging at that other end. The face with the seam is the side that will lie on the hat.

12. The bend: the rows are counted from the foot. Cut a strand of yarn A 22 in (56 cm) long and thread it in the needle. Hold the tail with the seam toward you and the tip at the top. The bend is made along the right edge of the tail as you hold it, the line halfway between the seam and the line opposite the seam; row for row it lies 5 stitches to the right of the seam where the tail is widest. Fasten the strand there at row 20 and run small stitches straight up that line, over one row and under the next, to the last row. Draw the strand in until the part above row 20 bends over to that side like a hook and the tip hangs about 2½ in (6.5 cm) from the side of the tail, and fasten it. Hide both its ends inside the tail.

13. Sew the tail to the back: the line where the rounds of the hat are joined is the middle of the back. Pin the seam of the tail along that line, the foot about ½ in (1.5 cm) above the lower edge of the hat and row 20 on round 4 of the hat, counted from the center of the top; do not stretch the tail or the hat. The foot of the tail has a hanging end of yarn at each of its two corners. Sew the closed edge of the foot down with them: with each one from its corner to the seam in the middle, and fasten both on the inside of the hat. With a strand of yarn A 40 in (102 cm) long sew the tail down along two straight lines, one on each side of its seam and each 2 stitches of the tail away from it, taking one strand of the tail and one strand of the hat with each stitch and one stitch for each row of the tail, the needle under the loops. The strand goes one way round: fasten it at the foot, on the line to the right of the seam as you look at the back of the hat, and sew up that line from the foot to row 20; there work six stitches side by side straight across the seam, from that line over to the other, a width of 4 stitches of the tail or about 1¼ in (3 cm), and pull each of them tight; then sew down the other line from row 20 back to the foot and fasten the strand on the inside of the hat. Row 20 is the highest row that is sewn down, so that the free part, about 4¾ in (12 cm) long, stands up above the crown and bends to the left as you look at the back of the hat, which is to the right as you look at the front. Fluff the loops.

Finishing

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

In all: 14 pieces.

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