Star beret

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 7½ in (19 cm) deep from the center of the top to the edge of the band, measured along the cloth; the crown spreads to about 9¼ in (23 cm) across

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Two colors carried in the round, increases and decreases in joined rounds

Yarn

Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook

3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: dark navy, the beret and the pom-pom **about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: snow cream, the star and two rounds of the band **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 60 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 1½ in (4 cm) wide for the pom-pom.

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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18¾ in (48 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) deep	about 180 yd (165 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 205 yd (187 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep**	**about 215 yd (197 m)**

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Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The gauge is measured on the beret itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the beret with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the beret 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 beret 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 38, put a soft tape round the outside of the beret along that round, without pulling it in: the beret should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 23.

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 beret 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 beret 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.
- 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).
- 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.
- In the rounds of two yarns the cream yarn is carried on under every navy stitch between two points of the star, and the navy yarn under every cream stitch, so that no loops hang on the inside. Leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) where yarn A comes in for the first of these rounds; it is joined in the slip stitch that ends the round before. The points of the star get a stitch narrower with every round, so their edges rise in small steps.

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Instructions

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm). US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **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 2 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

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.

Yarns in order of use: B, snow cream; A, dark navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**with A, 2 sc in next st, with B, sc in next 8 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(78 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**with A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(84 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(90 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**with A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next 4 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(102 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**with A, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(114 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(120 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(126 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(132 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(138 sc)

Stop and measure now, after round 23. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 9¼ in (23 cm) across.

Edge

☐ **Rnds 24 to 26** 24 25 26	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(138 sc)

Underside

☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**, **[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(127 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**, **[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(116 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**, **[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(105 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(94 sc)

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Band

☐ **Rnds 31 to 33**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(94 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 34**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(94 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(94 sc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(94 sc)
☐ **Rnds 37 to 38**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(94 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

37 **38**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 38.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the beret along that round, without pulling it in: the beret should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

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

Assembly

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

2. Pom-pom: wrap yarn A 90 times round a piece of card 1½ in (4 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand 16 in (40 cm) long and leave both ends of this tie hanging long: they sew the pom-pom on, so hold them out of the way of the scissors. Cut the loops at both ends of the bundle, shake the pom-pom out and trim the cut strands, not the two ends of the tie, to a ball about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. Sew it firmly to the center of the top, in the middle of the star, with the two ends of the tie, through the beret and back, and fasten them on the inside.

Finishing

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

In all: 38 rounds; 3,264 stitches.

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