Striped kippah

Medium, head 21½ in (55 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 20¼ in (51 cm) round and about 4½ in (11 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top, and about 6½ in (17 cm) across at the edge

To fit a head of 21½ in (55 cm)

Skill

Easy

Half double crochet in a spiral, color changes

Yarn

Super fine (1), 4 colors

Hook

2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge

30 stitches and 24 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: navy, the center and the edge	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blue, the second ring	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sky blue, the third ring	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: ice blue, the outer ring	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 40 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 400 yd (366 m).

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, 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.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	20 in (51 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 3¾ in (10 cm) deep	about 115 yd (105 m)
Medium (this file)	**21½ in (55 cm)**	**20¼ in (51 cm) round, 4½ in (11 cm) deep**	**about 155 yd (142 m)**
Large	23 in (58 cm)	23½ in (60 cm) round, 5¼ in (13 cm) deep	about 200 yd (183 m)

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Gauge

30 stitches and 24 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the kippah itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the kippah with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the kippah 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 kippah 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 32 rounds of single crochet or 24 rounds of half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 25, put a soft tape round the outside of the kippah along that round, without pulling it in: the kippah should measure about 20¼ in (51 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 10.

Notes

- A kippah rests on the top or the back of the head and does not go round it, so choose the size by how far it is across: lay a ruler over the head where the kippah will sit. The head measurement beside each size is only a guide to which head it is meant for.
- The kippah 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 kippah faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The rounds of the kippah are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last 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.
- To wear the kippah, hold it to the hair with one or two clips at the edge.

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 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**.

Yarns in order of use: A, navy; B, blue; C, sky blue; D, ice blue.

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☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 hdc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(80 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 10.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 3¼ in (8 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Hdc in each st around	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With C, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 8 times**	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(104 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 8 times**	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Hdc in each st around	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts**] 8 times**	(120 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(128 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	With D, hdc in each st around	(128 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**Hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(136 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Hdc in each st around	(136 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**Hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(144 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Hdc in each st around	(144 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**Hdc in next 17 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	(152 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Hdc in each st around	(152 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 25.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the kippah along that round, without pulling it in: the kippah should measure about 20¼ in (51 cm) round.

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Edge

☐ **Rnd 26**	With A, sc in each st around	(152 sc)
☐ **Rnds 27 to 28** 27 28	Sc in each st around	(152 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in each of the next 2 stitches to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Pull the ring at the start of the kippah 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 kippah.

In all: 28 rounds; 2,728 stitches.

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