Striped nightcap

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21¼ in (54 cm) round and about 26¼ in (67 cm) deep, measured from the folded lower edge of the band to the tip of the tail, without the tassel: the double band is about 1¼ in (3 cm) high and the cap above it runs straight for about 6 in (15 cm); the rest, about 19 in (48 cm) long, narrows into the tail

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

Joined rounds of one stitch, two colors, a few decreases

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: chalk white, the white stripes **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: ink navy, the band, the navy stripes and the tassel **about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 210 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors, a stitch marker and a piece of card 5 in (13 cm) long for the tassel.

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)	18¼ in (46 cm) round, 20 in (51 cm) deep	about 365 yd (334 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20¼ in (51 cm) round, 25¾ in (65 cm) deep	about 465 yd (425 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21¼ in (54 cm) round, 26¼ in (67 cm) deep**	**about 525 yd (480 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22½ in (57 cm) round, 27¾ in (70 cm) deep	about 550 yd (503 m)

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Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	23½ in (60 cm) round, 29¼ in (74 cm) deep	about 600 yd (549 m)

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the cap itself, at the two places the rounds name: round the outside of the cap with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round, and straight up across 12 rounds, which checks their height. If the cap 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 12 rounds are higher than they should be, the cap will come out longer than stated; if they are lower, it will come out shorter.

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 nightcap along that round, without pulling it in: the nightcap should measure about 21¼ in (54 cm) round.

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, by not more than 1½ in (4 cm), so that it stays on.
- The nightcap begins with a ring of chains: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain, see that the chain is not twisted, and slip stitch in the first chain. Round 1 is worked into each chain, one stitch in each, the first of them into the chain that was joined.
- The right side of the nightcap 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).
- 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 nightcap is worked from its lower edge up. Its first 8 rounds are the band: half of it is folded up to the inside, as the line after round 8 says, and the fold is the lower edge. A round with decreases is worked through both loops, like every other round.
- On a child: take the nightcap off for sleep, because the tail is long.

Instructions

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

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(80 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Special stitches

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 together; UK htr2tog): [Yarn over, pull up a loop in the next stitch] twice, yarn over and pull through all 5 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

Yarns in order of use: B, ink navy; A, chalk white.

After round 20 measure straight up from round 9, the round that closed the band, to the top of round 20: these 12 rounds should be about 4 in (10 cm) high.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 80, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Band

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in each ch around, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 8**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Pull up the loop on the hook a little and let it rest on a stitch marker. Fold the band in half to the inside, so that its wrong sides lie together and the beginning chain stands behind the top of round 8. Before you go on, sew the little gap at the foot of round 1 closed with the beginning tail and tuck the tail into the fold. Round 9 closes the band: for each stitch put the hook under both loops of the stitch of round 8 and then also under the loop of the beginning chain that is left free straight behind it, at the foot of round 1, and work the half double crochet through all of them together. Round 9 begins like every round, with its chains; its first stitch takes the joined stitch and the chain at the foot of the first stitch of round 1. Stitch by stitch, 80 chains go with 80 stitches. The line for round 9 does not say this again.

Cap

☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 13.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the nightcap along that round, without pulling it in: the nightcap should measure about 21¼ in (54 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 14 to 20**	Go on repeating rnds 9 to 12 in order, over and over. Rnd 14 is worked as rnd 10. The last rnd, rnd 20, is worked as rnd 12. (80 hdc)	

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

14 15 16 17 18 19 **20**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 20.** Measure straight up from round 9, the round that closed the band, to the top of round 20: these 12 rounds should be about 4 in (10 cm) high.

☐ **Rnds 21 to 26**	Go on repeating rnds 9 to 12 in order, over and over. Rnd 21 is worked as rnd 9. The last rnd, rnd 26, is worked as rnd 10. (80 hdc)	

21 22 23 24 25 26

Crown

☐ **Rnd 27**	With B, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 18 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(76 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(76 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	With A, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 17 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	With B, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(68 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(68 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	With A, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 15 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	With B, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 37**	With A, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 38**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 39**	With B, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 12 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(52 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 40**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(52 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 41**	With A, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 42**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 43**	With B, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(44 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 44**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(44 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 45**	With A, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 46**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)

Tail

☐ **Rnd 47**	With B, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 48**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 49**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 50**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 51**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 52**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 53**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 54**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 55**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 56**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 57**	With A, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(28 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 58**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(28 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 59**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(28 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 60**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(28 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 61**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(28 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 62**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 63**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 64**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 65**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 66**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 67**	With B, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(20 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 68**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(20 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 69**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(20 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 70**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(20 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 71**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(20 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 72**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 73**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 74**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 75**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 76**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 77**	With A, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 78**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 79**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 80**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 81**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 82**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 83**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm). Thread it through the top of each of the last 8 stitches, pull them together into a tip and fasten the tail on the inside.	

Putting it together

Tassel: cut a strand of yarn B 16 in (41 cm) long and another 20 in (51 cm) long. Wrap yarn B 34 times round the length of a piece of card 5 in (13 cm) long. Pass the shorter strand under all the wraps at one edge of the card and tie it very tightly at its middle; leave both its ends hanging, they sew the tassel on. Cut the wraps at the opposite edge. Wind the longer strand 8 times tightly round the bundle about ¾ in (2 cm) below the tied end, knot its two ends together and hide them inside the tassel. Trim the cut ends level. Sew it firmly to the tip of the tail with the two ends of its tie, through the tip and back, and fasten them on the inside.

Finishing

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

In all: 83 rounds; 4,096 stitches.

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