Striped tam for locs

Woman, shoulder-length locs, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 11½ in (29 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top over the edge of the disc to the lower edge of the brim; the disc spreads to about 11½ in (29 cm) across and the whole brim, its plain first round and its 3 rounds of rib, is about 2¼ in (6 cm) deep

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

Double crochet in joined rounds, color changes, a post stitch rib

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: black, the black rings, the underside and the brim	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the red rings	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the gold rings	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, the green rings	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, 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
Teen, shoulder-length locs	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 11½ in (29 cm) deep	about 230 yd (210 m)
Woman, shoulder-length locs (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 11½ in (29 cm) deep**	**about 230 yd (210 m)**
Man, shoulder-length locs	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 12 in (30 cm) deep	about 260 yd (238 m)
Woman, long locs	22 in (56 cm)	21 in (53 cm) round, 13¼ in (34 cm) deep	about 295 yd (270 m)

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Man, long locs	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 13¾ in (35 cm) deep	about 350 yd (320 m)

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

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. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next round.

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. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next round.

dc2tog (double crochet 2 together; UK tr2tog): [Yarn over, pull up a loop in the next stitch, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] twice, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased. It leaves 1 double crochet for the next round.

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in 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 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 17, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 10.

Before you start

- 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. In each size the brim is a little smaller round than the head, so that it holds, and the disc above it is much wider, so that it has room. The sizes for long locs have a wider disc and a higher edge. The list below gives the measures of each size; the measure round is taken at the brim, along its first round.
- The pattern is written in United States terms, the directions of the special stitches too; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.

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- 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.
- A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch. Unless the line says otherwise, the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that slip stitch.
- 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 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 tam is worked as a flat disc, a straight edge and an underside that comes in to the brim; when it is filled, the disc rises into a full round crown. The rings of the disc are two rounds each and the narrow rings of the edge one round each; the change of color lies on the line where the rounds are joined, which is the middle of the back.
- Woman, shoulder-length locs: for a head of 22 in (56 cm). The finished hat is about 21 in (53 cm) round and about 11½ in (29 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top over the edge of the disc to the lower edge of the brim; the disc spreads to about 11½ in (29 cm) across and the whole brim, its plain first round and its 3 rounds of rib, is about 2¼ in (6 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Woman, shoulder-length locs, head 22 in (56 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, black; B, red; C, gold; D, green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Crown		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 12 dc in MR, sl st in first dc to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With D, ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(84 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(108 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(120 dc)**

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Stop and measure now, after round 10. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 11½ in (29 cm) across.

Edge

☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(120 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With C, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(120 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With D, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(120 dc)**

Underside

☐ **Rnd 14**	With A, ch 3, **[**dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts**] 24 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 5 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts**] 12 times**, **[**dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(82 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 4 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts**] 12 times**, **[**dc in next 3 sts, dc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(68 dc)**

Brim

☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(68 dc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 17. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 18 to 20**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 34 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(34 FPdc, 34 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 20: tick them off as you go.

18 19 20

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

Finishing

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

In all: 20 rounds.

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