Super bulky messy bun hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 8¼ in (21 cm) deep, measured from the edge of the opening; the opening is about 2½ in (6 cm) across
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds of half double crochet, a post stitch rib

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 2 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
8 stitches and 6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: slate blue, the hat **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oatmeal, the stripe **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 120 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 90 yd (82 m).
Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13). Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	19 in (48 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) deep	about 85 yd (78 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 95 yd (87 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep**	**about 105 yd (96 m)**

Gauge

8 stitches and 6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 8, 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.

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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 6 rounds of half double crochet or 4 rounds of double crochet or 4 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 3.

Instructions

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ch chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **st** stitch.

2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 2 sts: one in each.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 2 is not a stitch. The first hdc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 8 times: 8 times in all. (32 hdc): the round now has 32; a check, not a step. Not 32? **Pull it back**.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

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.

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.

Begin with yarn A, slate blue.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 16, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Crown

☐ **Round 1**	Ch 2, 24 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 3.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6½ in (17 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

☐ **Round 4**	With B, ch 2, **[**hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)

Sides

☐ **Rounds 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Round 7**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Round 8**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** 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.

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Brim

☐ **Round 9**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(42 dc)
☐ **Rounds 10 to 11**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 21 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(21 FPdc, 21 BPdc)
10 11		
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

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

In all: 11 rounds.

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.

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 hat begins with a ring of chains that stays open at the crown: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain. Round 1 is worked into the ring, over the chains, not into each chain.
- 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.
- 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 opening in the crown is there for a bun or a ponytail to be drawn through. Its width, not stretched, is named with the size.

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