Super bulky slouchy hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 19½ in (50 cm) round and about 12½ in (32 cm) deep, measured from the lower edge of the band to the middle of the top; "round" is the band, and the body above it is about 24 in (61 cm) round

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

A band in rows, one seam, joined rounds in the third loop

Yarn

Super bulky (6), 2 colors

Hook

10 mm (US N/P-15)

Gauge

8 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

What you need

Yarn A: plum, the band and the hat **about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: mauve, one round over the band **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 90 yd (82 m).

Hook: 10 mm (US N/P-15). Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	18¾ in (48 cm) round, 11¾ in (30 cm) deep	about 160 yd (146 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**19½ in (50 cm) round, 12½ in (32 cm) deep**	**about 180 yd (165 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	20½ in (52 cm) round, 12½ in (32 cm) deep	about 185 yd (169 m)
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm) round, 13¼ in (34 cm) deep	about 205 yd (187 m)

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Gauge

8 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 10, lay the band flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 2½ in (6 cm) wide.

The gauge is measured on the hat itself. After row 10 of the band, laid flat and not stretched, measure along a row, which checks the stitches, and then across the rows, which sets the size round. Later, in the body, put a soft tape round the hat at the round named. The line printed at each of these places says how much it should measure and what to do if it does not. Below, "round" is measured across the rows of the band, not stretched. To 4 in (10 cm) go 8 stitches of single crochet and 9 of these rows, and 8 stitches and 6 rounds of half double crochet.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Instructions

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

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.

The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.

(5 sc): the row now has 5; a check, not a step. Not 5? **Pull it back**.

Also: RS right side.

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

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.

Hat

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 6, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(5 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 10.** Lay the band flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 2½ in (6 cm) wide. Then measure across the rows: the 10 rows, not stretched, should measure about 4½ in (11 cm) from the beginning chain to the edge of row 10. This sets the size round: if they measure more, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If the 10 rows measure right and the row is longer or shorter than it should be, keep the hook: the band only comes out that much wider or narrower.

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☐ **Rows 11 to 44**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(5 sc)

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44

☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for the seam. The seam is sewn now, before the body is begun: the right side of the band is the side that faced you in row 1. Fold the band in half with the right side inside, so that the last row lies against the beginning chain, one over the other from end to end. With the long tail whip stitch them together, 5 stitches, one stitch of the last row to one chain. Fasten off on the wrong side and turn the ring right side out.

Body

☐ **Start** The body is worked into one long edge of the band, into the ends of the 44 rows of the band, one stitch in each. Both long edges are alike, so either may be the upper one. Hold the band with the right side toward you and that edge at the top; you work from right to left. Insert the hook into the end of the row just to the left of the seam, under the two strands that lie at the very edge, and draw up a loop of yarn A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). In round 1 a st is the end of a row; the chain that begins round 1 is made from this loop, and the first hdc goes into that same row end.

☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(44 hdc)
☐ **Round 2**	With B, ch 2, **[**hdc in third loop of next 10 sts, 2 hdc in third loop of next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Round 3**	With A, ch 2, hdc in third loop of each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 2, hdc in third loop of each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 4.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 24 in (61 cm) round. If it measures more, pull the body back to the band and work it again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one.

☐ **Rounds 5 to 12**	Ch 2, hdc in third loop of each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Closing the top

☐ **Round 13**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Round 14**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Round 15**	Ch 2, **[**hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)

☐ Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (36 cm).

Assembly

1. Top: thread the last tail in the yarn needle and take it, from right to left, under both top loops of each of the 12 stitches of round 15. Pull it up until the opening closes, take it round through the same 12 stitches once more, pull again, put the needle down through the middle of the top to the inside, and fasten off there. The soft pleats round the top are the drape of the hat.

2. With the beginning tail of the body close the little gap where round 1 of the body meets the seam of the band, on the wrong side.

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3. To wear it, set the line where the rounds are joined at the middle of the back, pull the band down over the ears and let the top of the hat fall back over it.

Finishing

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

In all: 864 stitches (220 in the hat, 644 in the body).

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. The ribs of the band stretch: the band is made about 2½ in (6 cm) smaller round than the head, measured flat and not stretched, and the body above it is wider, so that the hat falls in soft folds. The list below gives the measures of each size.
- The chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. After the turn the first stitch of the row goes into the stitch nearest the hook, which is the last stitch of the row before, and the last goes into the first stitch of the row before, so that every row has the same number of stitches; the chains skipped at the start of row 1 do not count either.
- Back loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies farther from you as you work, on the right side and on the wrong side alike.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.
- From the body on the hat is worked in joined rounds; the right side faces you in every round, and the rounds are never turned. A 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.
- Third loop: besides the two loops at its top, a half double crochet has a bar on the side that faces away from you, just below the back loop. This bar is its third loop. Tip the top edge of the hat toward you until you see it, and insert the hook under the bar from the top edge downward, so that only the bar lies on the hook; then work the stitch as usual. The two top loops fall forward and lie on the right side as a ridge like a flat braid. The first stitch of such a round goes into the third loop of the stitch that was joined. A slip stitch that joins goes under the two top loops, as usual.
- In the body, round 1 and the last three rounds, which close the top, go under the two top loops, as usual; every round between them goes into the third loop, as its line says. An hdc2tog is counted as 1 hdc, and where a round begins with one, the slip stitch at its end joins in it.
- Yarn B is used for round 2 of the body only. To change yarn, make the joining slip stitch of the round before with the new yarn. Yarn A rests on the inside during round 2 and is then carried up to round 3, without pulling it tight. Cut yarn B after round 2, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at its beginning and at its end.

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