Top hat

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 10¾ in (27 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top to where the brim begins, with a brim about 2 in (5 cm) wide; the edge of the brim is about 31½ in (80 cm) round

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Easy

A flat circle, sides and a brim in one spiral

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: black, the hat — **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: red, the band and the edge — **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and (for a stiff hat only) fabric stiffener, a brush and some paper.

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
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 185 yd (169 m)
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep	about 205 yd (187 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**22¼ in (57 cm) round, 10¾ in (27 cm) deep**	**about 265 yd (242 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm) round, 11¼ in (29 cm) deep	about 265 yd (242 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
FLO	front loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased. It leaves 1 single crochet for the next round.

Gauge

13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single 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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 38, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 13.

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. This hat is not meant to grip: each size is as large round as the head it is for, as nearly as whole stitches allow, which is within about ¼ in (1 cm) of it, larger or smaller. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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.
- 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.
- The rounds of the hat 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).
- 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.

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- Front loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies nearer to you as you work.
- 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.
- For a hat that stands up stiffly, brush the finished and shaped hat with fabric stiffener, fill the crown with crumpled paper so that its sides and its top keep their form, and let it dry. This can be left out.
- Yarn A is cut after the sides and joined again for the brim. The first round of the brim goes into the front loops of the last round of the band, so that the brim begins with a sharp bend; the back loops stay on the inside.

Instructions

Chosen: Woman, 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 sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, black; B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**	**(78 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 13.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 7½ in (19 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(78 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**Sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(75 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 21 to 25**	Sc in each st around	**(75 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 25: tick them off as you go.

21 22 23 24 25

☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**Sc in next 23 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 27 to 32**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 27 to 32: tick them off as you go.

27 28 29 30 31 32

Band

☐ **Rnd 33**	With B, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 34 to 38**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 34 to 38: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

34 35 36 37 **38**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 38.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 22¼ in (57 cm) round.

Brim

☐ **Rnd 39**	With A, **[**sc in FLO of next 11 sts, 2 sc in FLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 40**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 41**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 42**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 43**	**[**Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 44 to 45**	Sc in each st around	**(102 sc)**

A box for each round, 44 to 45: tick them off as you go.

44 45

☐ **End**	Edge: finish the last stitch of round 45 with yarn B and cut yarn A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). With B, slip stitch in the next stitch and in each stitch after it, once round, 102 slip stitches in all, so that the edge is firm and turns up. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. 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.

2. Shape the hat: push the top out so that it lies flat and its edge is sharp, and turn the last two rounds of the brim up all the way round, a little higher at the two sides.

Finishing

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

In all: 45 rounds; 3,054 stitches.

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