Turkey hat

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep
To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds, a post stitch rib, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: brown, the hat	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the outer feathers and the wattle	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pumpkin, the middle feathers	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gold, the center feather and the beak	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, the tips of the feathers and the eyes	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: black, the pupils	**about 5 yd (5 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, pins and a little toy stuffing for the beak.

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
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 155 yd (142 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 175 yd (160 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 230 yd (210 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep**	**about 240 yd (219 m)**

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Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 260 yd (238 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)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
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.

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 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half 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 10 rounds of half double crochet or 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 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

Before you start

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- The center feather, the middle feathers, the outer feathers, the eyes, the pupils, the beak and the wattle are begun with a magic ring like the hat and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.
- Where a piece worked in a spiral changes yarn at the start of a round, make the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn; then cut the old yarn, 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.
- 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.

Instructions

Chosen: Child, head 19½ in (50 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, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Hat

Yarn A, brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 7. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

9 10 **11**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 12 to 14**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 14: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14

Brim

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(30 FPdc, 30 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

16 17

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

Center feather

Yarns in order of use: E, cream; D, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With D, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 12: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10 11 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) of yarn D for sewing.	

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Middle feather: make 2

Yarns in order of use: E, cream; C, pumpkin.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 11: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) of yarn C for sewing.	

Outer feather: make 2

Yarns in order of use: E, cream; B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) of yarn B for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn E, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Pupil: make 2

Yarn F, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Beak

Yarn D, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Wattle

Yarn B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 4 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

A box for each round, 4 to 6: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6

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. Feathers: pull the ring at the tip of each feather tight once more and weave in its ends on the inside of the feather, all but the long sewing tail. Then flatten each feather so that its increases lie at the two folds, and close it across the open end with whip stitch.

3. Lay the hat flat with the line where its rounds are joined at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. The five feathers stand in one line, the line that runs from side to side over the center of the top. Pin the closed end of the center feather along that line with its middle at the center of the top, a middle feather on each side of it, and an outer feather beyond each of those; measured along the line, the middles of the closed ends are about 1½ in (4 cm) apart, so that the middles of the outer ones lie about 3 in (8 cm) from the center. One flat face of each feather looks to the front (a feather is double and both its faces are its right side). Sew both sides of each closed end to the hat, along its front and then along its back, so that the feathers stand up and spread like a fan.

4. The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined; fold the hat in half there to find it. Sew the eyes to the front, one on each side of the middle, the center of each on round 8 of the hat, 5 stitches from the middle of the front.

5. Sew a pupil to each eye, its center about 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the center of the eye and as much nearer to the middle of the front.

6. Pull the ring at the tip of the beak closed once more and run its tail down inside the beak. Stuff the beak firmly. Sew its open edge, opened to a ring, to the middle of the front all round, the center of the ring on round 11 of the hat. Sewn so, the beak stands straight out. Now tip it down with two stitches of the same tail. For each of them bring the needle out of the hat at the middle of the front, close under the lower edge of the beak, take it through one stitch on the underside of round 4 of the beak, which is the round next to its sewn edge, and back into the hat close under that edge. Draw both stitches up until the tip of the beak is about ½ in (1.5 cm) lower than the center of the ring, and fasten the tail on the inside of the hat.

7. Wattle: pull the ring at its tip tight once more and weave in the tail of the ring on the inside of the wattle; keep the long sewing tail. Flatten the wattle so that its increases lie at the two folds, 3 stitches of the last round on each side, and close its open end across with whip stitch, with the sewing tail: 3 whip stitches. The wattle hangs straight down from under the beak: lay its closed end level on round 13 of the hat, just below the lower edge of the beak, with the middle of the closed end at the middle of the front, and sew the closed end down along its whole width with the rest of the tail. The rest of the wattle hangs free over the hat and its brim.

Finishing

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

In all: 12 pieces.

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