Viking hat with a beard

Man, head 23 in (58 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22¼ in (57 cm) round and about 9¼ in (23 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top to the edge; when the beard is buttoned on, the middle of its band hangs about 4¼ in (11 cm) below the edge of the hat

To fit a head of 23 in (58 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Joined rounds, bobbles, stuffed horns, a knotted fringe

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

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

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: mid gray, the hat	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: brown, the band and the crest band	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ivory, the horns	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: ginger, the beard	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 170 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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, a little toy stuffing for the horns, 2 buttons, ¾ in (2 cm) across and pins.

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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 230 yd (210 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 285 yd (261 m)
Woman	22 in (56 cm)	21½ in (55 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 300 yd (274 m)

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Man (this file)	**23 in (58 cm)**	**22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep**	**about 335 yd (306 m)**
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	23 in (58 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 335 yd (306 m)

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 15, 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 12.

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 smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs from size to size, because the stitches come in whole repeats. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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 chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the slip 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 horns 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 one round has two yarns, carry the yarn not in use along the top of the round before and work over it, and change yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color. Pull the carried yarn neither tight nor loose, so that the round keeps its size. The chain at the start of such a round is made in the yarn of its first stitch: finish the joining slip stitch before it with that yarn. A line that names no yarn goes on in the yarn the line before it ended with.
- 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.
- 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.

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- The crest band and the beard band are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- The beard is a piece of its own and comes off: it is held only by the two buttons.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bob (bobble): In the place named work 5 unfinished double crochet (UK treble): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 5 times (6 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 6 loops. Push the bobble out to the right side, the side that faces you. In the next round the stitch over the bobble goes under the two top loops of that last pull-through.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, mid gray; B, brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6¾ in (17 cm) across.

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Sides

☐ **Rnds 13 to 15**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

13 14 **15**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 15.** 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.

☐ **Rnds 16 to 26**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Band

☐ **Rnd 27**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 8 sts, with A, bob in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc, 8 bob)
☐ **Rnd 30**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnds 31 to 32**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)

31 32

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

Horn: make 2

Yarn C, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	(16 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Crest band

Yarn B, brown.

☐ **Foundation**	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 52**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 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 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 80 in (203 cm) for sewing.	

Beard band

Yarn D, ginger.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 53, 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	(52 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 44 sts, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(48 sc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 44 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(52 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The two chain spaces are the buttonholes.	

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. Crest band: it lies over the hat from front to back. 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. Pin the crest band, its right side outward, along the line from the first round of the brown band at the middle of the front, over the center of the top, to the first round of the brown band at the joins at the back, its middle on that line and each short end against the upper edge of the brown band. It is 52 rows and about 14¾ in (37 cm) long, as long as the line; do not stretch it. With the long tail sew it down all round with small stitches, each through the edge of the crest band and the hat under it: along one long edge, across the short end, back along the other long edge and across the other short end.

3. Horns: pull the ring at the tip of each horn closed once more and run its tail down inside the horn. Stuff the horns firmly, leaving the last 2 rounds soft. Cut a strand of yarn C 20 in (51 cm) long for each horn. With it run a line of small stitches from the open edge to the tip along one side of each horn, through every second round, and draw it in so that the horn curves to that side; fasten it and run its ends inside the horn. 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. With its long tail sew the open edge of one horn, opened to a ring, to each fold, the lowest point of the ring 2 rounds above the brown band, the drawn-in side of the horn uppermost, so that both horns curve up.

4. Fringe of the beard: cut 152 strands of yarn D, each 17 in (43 cm) long. The right side of the beard band faces you in row 1. Hold the band with its right side toward you and its beginning chain at the bottom. The 52 chains that hold a stitch of row 1 count here: leave the first 7 and the last 7 of them free; the 38 chains between them take one knot each. For a knot fold 4 strands in half together and hold the fold behind the band, push the hook through the chain

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from the right side to the wrong side, catch the fold and pull it through to the right side, bring the eight ends forward under the lower edge to the right side, put them through the fold and pull the knot tight. Count the knots from 1 to 38 from left to right.

5. Braids: the 24 ends of knots 14 to 16 make one braid, those of knots 23 to 25 the other. Part the 24 ends in 3 groups of 8, braid them for about 4½ in (11 cm), wrap a strand of yarn C 12 in (30 cm) long 5 times tightly round the end of the braid, knot it at the back and hide its ends in the braid. Trim the ends below the tie to 1 in (2.5 cm).

6. Trim the loose ends of the beard along two straight lines from the sides to the middle: to about 4 in (10 cm) at knots 1 and 38 and to about 6½ in (17 cm) at the middle of the beard.

7. Buttons: along the last round of the hat count 14 stitches to each side of the middle of the front. With a strand of yarn B sew a button to the hat above the 14th of them on each side, its center on round 31, the round before the last. The beard buttons on there, its right side outward and its fringe downward, and hangs in a curve under the mouth, the middle of the band about 4¼ in (11 cm) below the edge of the hat. Weave the ends of the beard band in on its wrong side.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces.

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