Wide cable beanie

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 21 in (53 cm) round and about 8½ in (22 cm) deep; it is measured round at the band
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Advanced
Cables of six post stitches

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: heathered dusty blue, medium (4) **about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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 110 yd (101 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep**	**about 145 yd (133 m)**
Man	23 in (58 cm)	22¼ in (57 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 170 yd (155 m)
Man, large	24 in (61 cm)	23 in (58 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 170 yd (155 m)

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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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

wcab (cable of six, crossed in front): It is made of 6 front post treble crochet, the post stitch that is long enough to reach across: yarn over twice, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 3 times. Skip the next 3 stitches, front post treble crochet around each of the 3 stitches after them, then, working in front of those 3, front post treble crochet around each of the 3 skipped stitches. At the start of a round the first stitch skipped is the one that was joined. One cable is counted as 1 wcab and has 6 tops, one for each of its stitches, in the order in which they were worked; so a round of cables has more stitches to work into than its count says. A slip stitch that joins in the first wcab goes into the top of the stitch that was worked first. In the next round the stitches over a cable go around its 6 posts in the order of their tops: first the 3 that were worked first, then the 3 that cross in front. It leaves 6 crossed front post treble crochet for the next row.

FPdc (front post double crochet): 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 row.

BPdc (back post double crochet): 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 row.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together): 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 row.

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in 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 below are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 14 rounds of single 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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 6.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 7, 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.

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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. 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 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.
- The rounds of the hat that do not end with a join are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- 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.
- 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.
- Woman: for a head of 22 in (56 cm). The finished hat is about 21 in (53 cm) round and about 8½ in (22 cm) deep; it is measured round at the band.

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Crown		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 12 dc in MR, sl st in first dc to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** After round 6 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 6¾ in (17 cm) across.

Sides		
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(72 dc)**

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Stop and measure now, after round 7. After round 7, 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.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around each of next 6 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 9 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(54 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 3, **[**wcab over next 6 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 9 times**, sl st in first wcab to join	**(9 wcabs, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around each of next 6 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 9 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(54 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 3, **[**wcab over next 6 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 9 times**, sl st in first wcab to join	**(9 wcabs, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around each of next 6 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 9 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(54 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**

Band

☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 17**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(68 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 17: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

15 16 **17**

Stop and measure now, after round 17. The band is worked on fewer stitches than the body, so that it holds: its last round should measure about 21 in (53 cm) round.

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Finishing

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

In all: 17 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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