Witch hat for a cat

US terms



Finished size

About 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall before the tip is bent, 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall from the table to the top of the curve once it is bent over, 5½ in (14 cm) across the brim, the crown 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) across inside the brim, each ear gap 2 in (5.1 cm) wide, the two gaps 3 in (7.6 cm) apart, measured straight across the crown from the inner edge of one to the inner edge of the other (the inner edge is the one next to the crown)

Skill

Easy

One piece, worked in rounds.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: black, hat and the details	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: purple, hat and the details	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins and scissors.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
FLO	front loop only

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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.

Before you start

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- The hat sits between the ears, and the ears come up through the two gaps in the brim. Before you choose a size, measure the cat straight across the top of the head, from the inner side of one ear to the inner side of the other, at the foot of the ears, and choose the size whose two gaps are nearest to that far apart.
- Front and back: the rounds begin at the middle of the back. The front is the side with the 14 sc of round 34 that lie between the two ear gaps, and the center line passes down the middle of it, between the 7th and the 8th of those 14 sc. The back is the 7 sc before the first gap and the 7 sc after the second, with the beginning of the round between them.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With B," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in B. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Hat: the center line runs between stitches 21 and 22 of round 30 (42 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the hat. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- No plastic eyes are used: every detail is worked in yarn.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 4¼ in (11 cm) tall before the tip is bent, 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) tall from the table to the top of the curve once it is bent over, 4 in (10 cm) across the brim, the crown 2 in (5.1 cm) across inside the brim, each ear gap 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide, the two gaps 2¼ in (5.7 cm) apart, measured straight across the crown from the inner edge of one to the inner edge of the other (the inner edge is the one next to the crown); multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.

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- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 8¼ in (21 cm) tall before the tip is bent, 6½ in (16.5 cm) tall from the table to the top of the curve once it is bent over, 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across the brim, the crown 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across inside the brim, each ear gap 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) wide, the two gaps 4¼ in (11 cm) apart, measured straight across the crown from the inner edge of one to the inner edge of the other (the inner edge is the one next to the crown); multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): 10½ in (26.5 cm) tall before the tip is bent, 8¼ in (21 cm) tall from the table to the top of the curve once it is bent over, 10 in (25.5 cm) across the brim, the crown 4¾ in (12 cm) across inside the brim, each ear gap 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide, the two gaps 5½ in (14 cm) apart, measured straight across the crown from the inner edge of one to the inner edge of the other (the inner edge is the one next to the crown); multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

Instructions

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, purple.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(32 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 2 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	With B, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 2 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 29 to 32**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 29 to 32: tick them off as you go.

☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32

☐ **Rnd 33**	With A, working in FLO all the way round, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 34**	Sc in next 7 sts, ch 10 and skip next 10 sts, sc in next 14 sts, ch 10 and skip next 10 sts, sc in next 7 sts	**(48 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 35**	Sc in each st and in each ch around	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 36**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 10 times**	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 10 times**	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 40**	Sc in each st around	**(90 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Stuff the upper part of the hat lightly, rounds 1 to 18, and leave the rest hollow. Rounds 19 to 32 stand straight up. Bend rounds 18 to 1 over to one side, whichever you like, in one even curve, a quarter of a circle: round 18 still points up, round 9 points about half way between up and out, and round 1, the tip, points straight out to that side. Hold the curve with running stitches in A (black) on the outside of the hat, along the inner side of the bend, from round 18 to round 3, drawn up until the tip stays bent, and fastened off.

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Finishing

- Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled.
- Buckle: with C (gold), in satin stitch, a small block about ¾ in (19 mm) wide and 5/8 in (16 mm) tall, its middle on the hat on round 30, on the center line. Round 30 is the middle round of the purple band: about 1/8 in (3 mm) of purple shows above the buckle and as much below it.
- Buckle middle: with B (purple), in satin stitch over the gold, a block about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and 5/16 in (8 mm) tall, its middle on the middle of the buckle.
- Paw pad: with C (gold), in satin stitch, an oval about 5/8 in (16 mm) wide and ½ in (13 mm) tall, its middle on round 25, on the center line.
- Paw toes: with C (gold), in satin stitch, four ovals above the pad, each about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 5/16 in (8 mm) tall. The middles of two are on round 22, one to each side of the center line, 1 stitch from it (2 stitches apart). The middles of the other two are on round 23, one to each side of the center line, 2½ stitches from it (5 stitches apart).
- Stars: with C (gold), three stars on the front, each of three straight stitches about 3/8 in (10 mm) long that cross in the middle: one upright, and one slanting each way. The middle of the first is on round 25, 5½ stitches to the left of the center line; of the second on round 21, 4 stitches to the right of the center line; of the third on round 17, on the center line. Work the paw and the stars before the tip is stuffed and bent.
- Weave in every end on the inside. Let the cat wear it only while you are there, and take it off as soon as the cat paws at it.

In all: 40 rounds; 1,260 stitches.

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