Baby bottle cover with bear ears

Middle 8 ounce · US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ × 5¼ in (11 × 13 cm)
About 8½ in (21.5 cm) round, 2½ in (6.5 cm) across the base and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall without the ears. To fit a bottle 7¾ in (19.5 cm) to 9 in (23 cm) round

Skill
Easy
It is worked in joined rounds from the base up, and the muzzle and the ears are sewn on.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: blue, the base and the sweater	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cinnamon, the head and the ears	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the collar, the muzzle and the inner ears	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: dark brown, the eyes, the nose and the mouth	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 3 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle 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.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Narrow 4 ounce	a bottle 6¾ in (17 cm) to 7¾ in (19.5 cm) round	3½ × 3¼ in (9 × 8 cm)	about 70 yd (64 m)
Middle 4 ounce	a bottle 7¾ in (19.5 cm) to 9 in (23 cm) round	4¼ × 3¼ in (11 × 8 cm)	about 75 yd (69 m)
Wide 4 ounce	a bottle 9 in (23 cm) to 10¼ in (26 cm) round	4¾ × 3¼ in (12 × 8 cm)	about 85 yd (78 m)
Narrow 8 ounce	a bottle 6¾ in (17 cm) to 7¾ in (19.5 cm) round	3½ × 5¼ in (9 × 13 cm)	about 85 yd (78 m)

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Middle 8 ounce (this file)	**a bottle 7¾ in (19.5 cm) to 9 in (23 cm) round**	**4¼ × 5¼ in (11 × 13 cm)**	**about 95 yd (87 m)**
Wide 8 ounce	a bottle 9 in (23 cm) to 10¼ in (26 cm) round	4¾ × 5¼ in (12 × 13 cm)	about 110 yd (101 m)

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
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
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

20 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in griddle stitch, worked in the round. In griddle stitch a single crochet and a double crochet stand by turns, and 15 rounds of them are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 7 the base should measure about 2½ in (6.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. A range that is near enough is printed after that round. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Where round 1 does not begin with a chain, chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The muzzle, the ears and the inner ears are worked in a spiral: their rounds are not joined, and a marker is moved up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Griddle stitch: single crochet and double crochet by turns. In every round each single crochet goes into a double crochet of the round before and each double crochet into a single crochet, so that the little bumps stand above one another by turns. In the first round of it all the stitches go into single crochet.
- The right side, the outside, faces you in every round of the cover.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

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- Measure your bottle round its widest part below the collar, without the cover. The fabric is thick and the inside of the cover is a little less round than its outside, so it is snug. Measure too from the table to the lower edge of the collar of the bottle: the cover of the 4 ounce size is for about 3½ in (9 cm) or more, that of the 8 ounce size for about 5½ in (14 cm) or more. For a taller cover work 2 more rounds of griddle stitch, one of each kind, before the collar of the cover; they add about ½ in (1.5 cm) and take about 7 yd (6 m) of A in the wide size, and the numbers of all the rounds after them go up by 2.
- The cover is for a grown-up to hold a bottle by and to carry it. Take it off before the bottle is warmed or washed, and do not give it to a baby as a toy. All of the face is embroidered, so nothing on it is hard.
- Colors of the cover, round by round. Rounds 1 to 18: A. Rounds 19 to 20: C. Rounds 21 to 32: B.

Instructions

Chosen: Middle 8 ounce. 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.

Cover

Yarns in order of use: A, blue; C, cream; B, cinnamon.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, 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, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 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, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 7.** The base should measure about 2½ in (6.5 cm) across. Anything from 2¼ in (5.5 cm) to 2¾ in (7 cm) is near enough.

Sweater

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 21 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(21 sc, 21 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 21 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(21 dc, 21 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 18**	Repeat rnds 9 and 10 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 10, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 9.	

A box for each round, 11 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

Collar

☐ **Rnd 19**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**

Head

☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 32**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 32: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

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

Muzzle

Yarn C, cream.

Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side. The 2 stitches that end the round go into the chain that has the first stitch of the round in it already, so that this chain holds 3 stitches too. The slip knot is not worked into.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, cinnamon.

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, 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.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn C, 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)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (36 cm) for sewing.	

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Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the cover on the inside, the starting tail of the magic ring round the middle of the base. Weave in the starting tail of each small part on its wrong side, but not the long tails.

2. Find the front. The joins of the rounds are at the back. The first stitch of the last round, the one it was joined in, is stitch 1; count from it in the direction you worked. Put a marker in stitch 22 of that round: it is the middle of the front. Put another in stitch 17 and the third in stitch 27: they are the middles of the two ears.

3. The face is in D: cut a length of 24 in (61 cm) for the nose and the mouth and another of the same length for the eyes. Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one point and down at another, so that one length of yarn lies on the surface. First the nose, on the right side of the muzzle, which is held with its foundation chain level: 5 level straight stitches close below one another, the top one one round below the upper edge of the muzzle and about ½ in (1.5 cm) long, the others each a little shorter than the one above it, so that they make a triangle with its point down. Then the mouth: one upright straight stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long down from the point, and from its lower end one to each side, each about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, out and a little up. Fasten off on the wrong side.

4. The muzzle. Lay it on the head, right side up and level, its middle in a straight line below the marker at the front, so that it covers rounds 22 to 27. Keep the cover round as you sew, with a hand or the bottle inside it. With its long tail sew it down round its edge: bring the needle up through the muzzle one stitch in from its edge and down through the cover beside the edge, one stitch for each of its 20 stitches. Fasten off on the inside.

5. The eyes, in D, are on rounds 28 and 29, the first two rounds that are quite free above the muzzle. Each is 4 upright straight stitches close beside one another, the two inner ones as tall as the two rounds and the two outer ones a little shorter, so that the eye is an upright oval. The middles of the two eyes are 6 stitches apart, each 3 stitches to the side of the line below the marker at the front. Fasten off on the inside.

6. The inner ears. Lay one on each ear, both right side up, their middles one upon the other, and with the tail of the inner ear sew it down round its edge in the same way as the muzzle. Fasten off on the wrong side of the ear.

7. The ears. Hold the front toward you. Pin one ear flat on the outside of the head at each of the other two markers, right side up, turned so that its long tail hangs at its lower edge: its middle is in line with the marker and one round above the top edge of the cover, so that its lower edge is at the foot of round 31 and the rest of it stands up above the rim. Take out the marker. With the long tail of the ear sew the part of the edge that lies on the cover down to it, as you sewed the muzzle: it is 7 of the 18 stitches. Then, on the inside, whip stitch along the top edge of the cover as far as the ear reaches, through the stitches of round 32 and the back of the ear, so that the ear stands up. Fasten off on the inside. Take out the marker at the front.

Finishing

- Weave in on the inside all the tails that are left.

In all: 6 pieces; 1,368 stitches (1,218 in the cover, 42 in the muzzle, 36 in each ear, 18 in each inner ear).

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