Baby bow headband

Baby · US terms



Finished size
About 15 in (38 cm) around by 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide
To fit a head of 16 to 17½ in (41 to 44 cm)

Skill
Easy
One stitch to a piece, and a bow to gather and sew

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: butter, main — **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sage, the bow and the bow middle — **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn	a head of 13½ to 15 in (34 to 38 cm)	12½ in (32 cm) around, 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide	about 45 yd (41 m)
Baby (this file)	**a head of 16 to 17½ in (41 to 44 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm) around, 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide**	**about 50 yd (46 m)**
Toddler	a head of 17¾ to 19¼ in (45 to 49 cm)	16¾ in (43 cm) around, 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide	about 55 yd (50 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
RS	right side
st	stitch

Gauge

17 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Check it on the band itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 15 rows are done: the 8 stitches of a row are about 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) wide, and the 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the headband off for sleep.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. Weave in every end that is not sewn with.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1.
- Measure the head and choose the size whose range it falls in. If it falls between two sizes, or in two of them, make the larger. Each baby headband is smaller around than the heads it is for, because it stretches.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Band

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 56**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(8 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 56: tick them off as you go.

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 53 54 55 56

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.

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Bow

Yarn B, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(9 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to gather with.

Bow middle

Yarn B, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.

Assembly

1. Lay the band flat with its right side down. Bring the two short ends together without twisting the band and, with the long tail, whip stitch them: 8 stitches. The right side is on the outside.

2. Gather the bow. Its two short ends are the foundation edge and the last row; its middle is the line halfway between them. Thread the long tail on the yarn needle, run it down the side edge of the bow to that line, and sew 2 times round the end of the row there to hold it, with the side edge lying flat. Then weave it in and out of the stitches along the line from one side edge to the other. Pull it up until the middle is about ½ in (1.5 cm) across, wind it 3 times tightly round the gathers, and fasten it at the back.

3. Wrap the bow middle round the gathered place, right side out, so that its first and last rows meet at the back of the bow. With its tail, sew these two ends together.

4. Lay the headband with its seam at the center back. Set the bow on the outside of the band, its ends pointing along the band, halfway between the center front and the seam, so that it sits at one side of the head. With the same tail, sew the back of the bow middle to the part of the band that lies under it, 6 to 8 stitches; do not catch the other side of the ring. Sew it firmly: a baby pulls at things.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 3 pieces; 618 stitches (448 in the band, 126 in the bow, 44 in the bow middle).

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