# Baby bucket hat

Baby, 6 to 12 months, head 16½ in (42 cm) · US terms



Finished size

**About 17 in (43 cm) round and about 5¾ in (15 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top to where the brim begins (the sides alone, rounds 9 to 19, are about 3 in (8 cm) of that), with a brim about 2¼ in (6 cm) wide; the edge of the brim is about 26¾ in (68 cm) round**

To fit a head of 16½ in (42 cm)

Skill

**Intermediate**

A spiral, two colors carried in the round, increases

Yarn

**Light (3), 3 colors**

Hook

**4.5 mm (US 7)**

Gauge

**15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

## What you need

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| Yarn A: butter, the hat | **about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: white, the white squares, the lines and the edge | **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: gold, the dark squares | **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate** |

By weight: about 70 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

## Before you start

- The chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the 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.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last stitch, or where the round is joined its 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).


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## Sizes

| Size | Head | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **Newborn** | 13½ in (34 cm) | 13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep | about 120 yd (110 m) |
| **Baby, 3 to 6 months** | 15 in (38 cm) | 15 in (38 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep | about 125 yd (114 m) |
| **Baby, 6 to 12 months (this file)** | **16½ in (42 cm)** | **17 in (43 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep** | **about 170 yd (155 m)** |
| **Toddler** | 18 in (46 cm) | 18¼ in (46 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep | about 180 yd (165 m) |

## Gauge

**15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)** in half double crochet.

**Check your gauge on the piece.** Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 9, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 17 in (43 cm) round.

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 given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 16 rounds of single crochet or 12 rounds of half double crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 8.

## Instructions

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**hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **st** stitch.
2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 3 sts: one in each.
[ ] 8 times: 8 times in all. (24 hdc): the round now has 24; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

**Begin with yarn A, butter.**

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| ☐ **Start** | Make a magic ring.<br>*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.* | |

### Crown

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| ☐ **Round 1** | 8 hdc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. | (8 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 2** | 2 hdc in each st around | (16 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 3** | **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times** | (24 hdc) |


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| ☐ **Round 4** | **[**Hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times** | (32 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 5** | **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times** | (40 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 6** | **[**Hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times** | (48 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 7** | **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times** | (56 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 8** | **[**Hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times** | (64 hdc) |

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5¼ in (13 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

### Sides

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| ☐ **Round 9** | Hdc in each st around | (64 hdc) |

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 17 in (43 cm) round.

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| ☐ **Round 10** | Hdc in each st around | (64 hdc) |

Slip stitch in the next stitch, which is the first stitch of round 10, to level the round.

Finish the last stitch of round 10 with yarn B and work this slip stitch with yarn B. The first stitch of round 11 goes into that same stitch.

### Gingham band

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| ☐ **Round 11** | With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join | (64 sc) |
| ☐ **Rounds 12 to 13** | Ch 1, **[**with C, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 16 times**, sl st in first sc to join | (64 sc) |

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| ☐ **Rounds 14 to 15** | Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts**] 16 times**, sl st in first sc to join | (64 sc) |

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| ☐ **Rounds 16 to 17** | Ch 1, **[**with C, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 16 times**, sl st in first sc to join | (64 sc) |

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| ☐ **Round 18** | With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join | (64 sc) |
| ☐ **Round 19** | With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join | (64 hdc) |

### Brim

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| ☐ **Round 20** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**,<br>**[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | (70 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 21** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**,<br>**[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | (76 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 22** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**,<br>**[**hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | (82 hdc) |


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| ☐ **Round 23** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**,<br>**[**hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | (88 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 24** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**,<br>**[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | (94 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 25** | Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**,<br>**[**hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join | (100 hdc) |
| ☐ **Round 26** | With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join | (100 sc) |
| ☐ | 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: 26 rounds; 1,602 stitches.

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.

### 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. This hat is not meant to grip: each size is made as large round as the head it is for, or a little larger, by no more than about ½ in (1.5 cm), as nearly as whole stitches allow (in the rounded centimeters that can show as 1 cm).
- The right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- 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.
- 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.
- The gingham comes from three yarns with two in any round: rounds of dark and butter squares, rounds of butter and white squares, and the dark and butter rounds once more. In each round the yarn that rests is carried past only 2 stitches.
- Baby, 6 to 12 months: for a head of 16½ in (42 cm). The finished hat is about 17 in (43 cm) round and about 5¾ in (15 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the center of the top to where the brim begins (the sides alone, rounds 9 to 19, are about 3 in (8 cm) of that), with a brim about 2¼ in (6 cm) wide; the edge of the brim is about 26¾ in (68 cm) round.

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