Baby chick hat

Baby, 3 to 6 months, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 14½ in (37 cm) round and about 6½ in (17 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Three rounds of two colors, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: yellow, the hat, the tuft and the wings	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the shell and the knots in the eyes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: orange, the beak	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the eyes	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: peach, the cheeks	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and pins.

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.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn	13½ in (34 cm)	12¾ in (32 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 100 yd (91 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**14½ in (37 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 120 yd (110 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17½ in (44 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 165 yd (151 m)

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Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single 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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 14½ in (37 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 9.

Notes

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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 smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs from size to size, because the stitches come in whole repeats. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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.
- The chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the slip stitch.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the 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).
- The beak, the eyes, the cheeks and the wings are begun with a magic ring like the hat and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 14½ in (37 cm) round and about 6½ in (17 cm) deep.

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Instructions

Baby, 3 to 6 months, head 15 in (38 cm). US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, yellow; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, 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, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, 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, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 4½ in (11 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

10 **11**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 14½ in (37 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 12 to 18**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Shell

☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 9 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 9 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnds 23 to 26** 23 24 25 26	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Beak

Yarn C, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn D, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn E, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn A, yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. 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.

2. Small pieces: before a piece is sewn on, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side, which is the inside of a piece that is stuffed or flattened. Sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined; fold the hat in half there to find it. Mark with pins the straight line that runs from there up to the center of the top. Where a place is given by a round and a number of stitches from the middle of the front, count the rounds from the center of the top and the stitches along that round from the marked line; left and right are meant as you look at the front.

4. Tuft: with yarn A, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm), chain 14 and slip stitch in the first of these chains to form a loop; chain 18 and slip stitch in that same first chain; chain 14 and slip stitch in that same first chain: three loops that meet in one place, the longest in the middle. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm). Lay the place where the loops meet on the center of the top of the hat and sew it down there with both tails, with several stitches over it and through round 1, so that the three loops stand up from the top, side by side, spread to the left and the right like a fan when you look at the front. Fasten both tails on the inside.

5. Beak: flatten the beak and close its open end across with whip stitch, 5 stitches of one layer to 5 of the other, with the sewing tail. (The beak is double and both its faces are its right side; it is not stuffed.) Lay the closed end level along round 14 of the hat, its middle at the middle of the front and the tip pointing down, and sew the closed end to the hat, first along its upper face and then along the face that lies on the hat. Catch the tip to the hat with one stitch, so that the beak lies close.

6. Eyes: sew one eye on each side of the middle of the front, its center on round 12 of the hat, 5 stitches from the middle. With a strand of yarn B 12 in (30 cm) long for each, work one French knot on each eye, on the upper right as you look at it, about halfway between its center and its edge. French knot: bring the needle up from below, wrap the yarn 2 times round it close to the cloth, hold the wraps snug and go down again one thread away from where it came up.

7. Cheeks: sew one cheek on each side of the middle of the front, its center on round 16 of the hat, 8 stitches from the middle.

8. Wings: flatten each wing and close it across the open end with whip stitch, 5 stitches of one layer to 5 of the other. (A wing is double and both its faces are its right side.) Lay the hat flat with the line where its rounds are joined at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. A wing sits at each side of the hat: its closed end is upright, along the fold, with its middle on round 15 of the hat, so that the wing points straight out from the side with one flat face to the front and its pointed tip last. Sew the closed end to the hat along its front face and then along its back face. Then catch the lower edge of the wing to the hat with one stitch, close to the closed end, so that the tip points a little down.

Finishing

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

In all: 8 pieces; 1,392 stitches (1,188 in the hat, 28 in the beak, 18 in each eye, 8 in each cheek, 62 in each wing).

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