Baby cow hat

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



Finished size
About 15½ in (39 cm) round and about 6¾ in (17 cm) deep
To fit a head of 16½ in (42 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in a spiral, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Light (3), 4 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: white, the hat and the knots in the eyes	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the patches, the ears, the eyes, the nostrils and the smile	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, the muzzle and the inner ears	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the horns	**about 10 yd (9 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), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins and a little toy stuffing for the horns and the muzzle.

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)	12½ in (32 cm) round, 5¼ in (13 cm) deep	about 125 yd (114 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 155 yd (142 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months (this file)	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**15½ in (39 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 180 yd (165 m)**
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 205 yd (187 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 13, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 15½ in (39 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 about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole repeats of its stitches allow, so that it stays on.
- 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 rounds of the hat are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The large patches, the small patches, the eyes, the muzzle, the ear fronts, the ear backs and the horns 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 a piece worked in a spiral changes yarn at the start of a round, make the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn; then cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Back loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies farther from you as you work.
- 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.
- Back stitch, as it is used for the embroidery: thread the needle and fasten the yarn on the wrong side, behind the place where the line begins. First stitch: come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at the beginning. Every stitch after it: come up one stitch length farther along the line than the end of the stitch just worked, and go down in the hole at that end, so that the stitches touch.
- Baby, 6 to 12 months: for a head of 16½ in (42 cm). The finished hat is about 15½ in (39 cm) round and about 6¾ in (17 cm) deep.

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Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 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**.

Hat

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	(54 sc)

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

☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(58 sc)

Sides

☐ **Rnds 11 to 13**	Sc in each st around	(58 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

11 12 **13**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 13.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 15½ in (39 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 14 to 24**	Sc in each st around	(58 sc)

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Band

☐ **Rnds 25 to 27**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(58 sc)

25 26 27

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Large patch: make 2

Yarn B, 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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts	(16 sc, 8 hdc, 8 dc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Small patch: make 2

Yarn B, 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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts	(10 sc, 8 hdc, 8 dc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn B, 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.	

Muzzle

Yarn C, pink.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Ear front: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, pink; B, 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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) of yarn B.	

Ear back: make 2

Yarn B, 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)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 35 in (89 cm) for sewing.	

Horn: make 2

Yarn D, cream.

☐ **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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	(9 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

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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: unless the lines below say otherwise of a piece, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side before it is sewn on, and sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward. The center of a round piece is its ring.

3. The middle of the front is opposite the place where the last round of the hat begins; 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. Patches: where the stitches of the last round of a patch are double crochet, the patch is widest; that is its wide end. An ear and a horn come to lie over the edge of the first large patch later on. Sew every patch down flat all round by the stitches of its last round. First large patch: its center on round 9 of the hat, 8 stitches to the left of the middle of the front, its wide end to the left. First small patch: its center on round 20, 12 stitches to the right of the middle of the front, its wide end to the right and down. The other two go on the back: hold the hat with its back toward you and count from the middle of the back, the place at the lower edge where the last round begins, in the same way. Second large patch: its center on round 11, 7 stitches to the right of the middle of the back, its wide end up. Second small patch: its center on round 19, 7 stitches to the left of the middle of the back, its wide end to the left.

4. Muzzle: embroider it before it goes on the hat. Shape its open edge to an oval about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and 2 in (5 cm) tall. Smile: with a strand of yarn B 36 in (91 cm) long, held double in the needle, work in back stitch a curve like a smile on the lower half of the muzzle, about 1¾ in (4 cm) wide from end to end: its lowest point lies ½ in (1.5 cm) below the center, at the middle, and its two ends lie level with the center. Make each back stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long. Nostrils: with a strand of yarn B 20 in (51 cm) long for each nostril, two strands in all, each held double in the needle, work a nostril as three straight stitches side by side, close together, upright, each about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, their middles ½ in (1.5 cm) above the center of the muzzle, the middle one ¾ in (2 cm) from the middle of the muzzle, one nostril on each side.

5. Sew the muzzle to the front, the nostrils uppermost, its center on round 22 of the hat at the middle of the front, all round by the stitches of its last round; before the last third is closed, fill it lightly with stuffing, so that it stands out about ½ in (1.5 cm).

6. Eyes: sew one eye on each side of the middle of the front, its center on round 16 of the hat, 5 stitches from the middle. With a strand of yarn A 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. Ears: weave in the ends of the fronts and the starting tails of the backs. Lay an ear front on an ear back, the wrong sides together, so that the stitches of their last rounds lie one on the other, and sew the two together with whip stitch through the top loops of both, all round (24 stitches), with the long tail of the back; keep what is left of it for sewing the ear on. The face with the pink middle is the front of the ear.

8. Fold the inner end of each ear: it is the place on the edge where the sewing tail hangs. With the pink side inside, lay the 3 stitches of the edge on one side of that place on the 3 stitches on the other side of it, so that the ear has a crease where the tail comes out. Sew the 3 pairs together with the tail: first the pair beside the crease, then the next, and last the pair farthest from the crease, which is called the front pair. The tail now hangs at the front pair. These 3 pairs are the inner end; the ear is hollow there like a spoon, and the rest of it stays open and flat.

9. Lay the hat flat with the place at its lower edge where its last round begins 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. An ear stands out at each side, its hollow pink side toward the front. Lay its inner end against the hat along round 12, counted from the center of the top, so that the 3 pairs lie level along that round: the crease is turned toward the back of the hat, and the front pair

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lies 3 stitches of that round in front of the fold of the hat. With the tail sew the inner end down along its upper side, from the front pair to the crease, and back along its under side to the front pair, so that the ear stands out to the side; its outer end may hang a little lower than its inner end.

10. Horns: pull the ring at the tip of each horn closed once more and run its tail down inside the horn. Stuff the horns firmly, a little at a time, up to their last round. To bend a horn, thread a strand of yarn D 14 in (36 cm) long double, fasten it inside the open edge, and run a line of small stitches from the open edge to the tip along one side, over one round and under the next. Draw the strand in until the tip leans over the drawn-in side by about ¼ in (0.5 cm), fasten it at the tip and run its ends inside. The drawn-in side is the inner side of the bend.

11. The open edge of each horn is opened to a ring about ¾ in (2 cm) across. The center of the ring lies on round 6 of the hat, 6 stitches of that round from the middle of the front, one horn on each side, the drawn-in sides toward each other, so that the tips lean a little inward. Pin the horns and sew each down all round with its long tail, one stitch of its last round at a time.

Finishing

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

In all: 14 pieces; 2,114 stitches (1,314 in the hat, 92 in each large patch, 62 in each small patch, 18 in each eye, 120 in the muzzle, 60 in each ear front, 60 in each ear back, 48 in each horn).

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