Baby deer hat with spots

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
Joined rounds, small pieces sewn on, French knots

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

Yarn A: fawn, the hat and the ears	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the inner ears, the muzzle, the spots and the knots in the eyes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate, the antlers, the nose, the eyes and the mouth	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 75 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 muzzle and the antlers.

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, 5½ in (14 cm) deep	about 130 yd (119 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 185 yd (169 m)**
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 210 yd (192 m)

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Gauge

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

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 15½ in (39 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

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 chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the slip stitch.
- The muzzle, the nose, the eyes, the ears, the antlers and the branches 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.
- 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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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **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 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.

(8 hdc): 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

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(56 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 7.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 27 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(58 hdc)

Sides

☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(58 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

9 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 15½ in (39 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 12 to 18**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(58 hdc)

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

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Band

☐ **Rnds 19 to 21** 19 20 21	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(58 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Muzzle

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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 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.	

Nose

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	(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 C, chocolate.

☐ **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.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, fawn.

☐ **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)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8** 7 8	Sc in each st around	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Do not turn; working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	(2 hdc, 4 dc, 1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Antler: make 2

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 9** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Sc in each st around	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Branch: make 2

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Sc in each st around	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 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. Muzzle: before it goes on the hat, sew the nose to it. Shape the open edge of the nose to an oval about 1 in (2.5 cm) wide and ¾ in (2 cm) tall and sew it to the muzzle all round by the stitches of its last round, its lower edge at the center of the muzzle, so that it lies on the upper half; that is now the top of the muzzle. Mouth: with a strand of yarn C 24 in (61 cm) long, held double in the needle, work in back stitch a straight line from the middle of the lower edge of the nose down for about ¼ in (0.5 cm), and from its lower end one curve to the left and one to the right, each about ½ in (1.5 cm) long and of 2 back stitches, sagging a little and ending level with the place where the two meet.

4. 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. Shape the open edge of the muzzle to an oval about 2¾ in (7 cm) wide and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall and sew it to the front, the nose uppermost, its center on round 16 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).

5. 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.

6. Ears: weave in the starting tail of each ear on the inside of the ear. The increases and decreases of an ear lie one over the other in two lines: these lines are its two edges. Flatten the ear along them; it is double, and both its faces are its right side. The sewing tail hangs at the middle of one face: with the needle run it through the stitches of the last round to the nearer edge. Then close the open end with whip stitch, 5 stitches of one face to 5 of the other. Inner ear: its tip is the end with 3 single crochet in one chain, its inner end the one where its sewing tail hangs. Weave its beginning tail in on its back. Lay it, right side up, on one face of each ear, midway between the two edges, its tip toward the tip of the ear and its inner end level with the closed end, and sew it down all round through that face only. That face is the front of the ear. The tail of the ear hangs at one of its edges. Fold the closed end in half with the inner ear inside, so that the two edges of the ear lie together, there is a crease halfway between them at the back, and the ear is hollow like a spoon. With the tail sew the two halves of the closed end together with two stitches, one at the two edges and one halfway from them to the crease.

7. 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. An ear stands out at each side, its hollow front to the front. Lay its folded end against the hat level along round 11, counted from the center of the top: the crease is turned toward the back of the hat and lies 2 stitches of that round in front of the fold of the hat, and the two edges of the ear, which lie together, are turned toward the front and lie about 4 stitches in front of that fold. Sew the folded end down all round with its tail, so that the ear points out to the side and its tip stands a little higher than its folded end.

8. Antlers: pull the ring at the tip of each antler and each branch closed once more and push its tail inside. Stuff the antlers firmly, a little at a time, up to their last round, and the branches too. Sew a branch to each antler, each branch with its own long tail, all round its open edge, so that it slants up toward the tip of the antler: on its outer side, the middle of its open edge on round 5 of the antler (the rounds of an antler are counted from its tip). Run what is left of the tail of a branch inside the antler; keep the long tail of the antler, which sews it to the hat.

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9. The antlers stand on the crown. The open edge of each is opened to a ring; the center of the ring lies on round 4 of the hat, 5 stitches of that round from the middle of the front, one antler on each side, its outer side away from the other antler, leaning outward so that its tip stands about 1 in (2.5 cm) farther out than its foot. Pin the antlers and sew each down all round with its long tail.

10. Spots: three rows of French knots on the front of the crown, and the same on the back. For each knot cut a strand of yarn B 18 in (46 cm) long, 18 strands in all. Thread it and bring its two ends together, so that it lies double, 9 in (23 cm) long. Work the knot from the inside of the hat like the knots in the eyes, but wrap the doubled strand 3 times, and leave the first 2½ in (6 cm) of it, the two cut ends, hanging on the inside. Then draw the needle off on the inside, cut the loop it leaves, and tie these two ends to the two that hang there. On the front, counted from the line marked from the middle of the front: on round 5, one 3 stitches to each side of the line; on round 7, one on the line itself and one 7 stitches to each side of the line; on round 9, one 3 stitches and one 10 stitches to each side of the line. On the back, counted in the same way from the straight line that runs from the middle of the back, where the last round is joined, up to the center of the top, the same 9 knots, so that there are 18 in all.

Finishing

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

In all: 13 pieces; 1,606 stitches (1,036 in the hat, 120 in the muzzle, 26 in the nose, 18 in each eye, 104 in each ear, 17 in each inner ear, 53 in each antler, 20 in each branch).

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