Newborn elf hat

Newborn, head 13½ in (34 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 12¾ in (32 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep
To fit a head of 13½ in (34 cm)

Skill
Easy
A spiral with increases

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

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

You will need

Yarn A: leaf green, the hat **about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, the brim and the pom-pom **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 1½ in (4 cm) wide for the pom-pom.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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
Preemie	12 in (30 cm)	11¼ in (29 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) deep	about 80 yd (73 m)
Newborn (this file)	**13½ in (34 cm)**	**12¾ in (32 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep**	**about 95 yd (87 m)**
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14½ in (37 cm) round, 8¾ in (22 cm) deep	about 120 yd (110 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15¼ in (39 cm) round, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

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: along the point, from its tip to the edge of a round, 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 point is longer than its round says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the point is shorter, it will come out shallower.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 18.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 21, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 12¾ in (32 cm) round.

Before you start

- 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 pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- 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.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last 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).
- 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.
- Newborn: for a head of 13½ in (34 cm). The finished hat is about 12¾ in (32 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep.

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Instructions

Chosen: Newborn, head 13½ in (34 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, leaf green; B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Point

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(48 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 18. After round 18 the point, laid flat, should measure about 4½ in (11 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 19 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 19 to 21: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

19 20 **21**

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☐	**Rnds 22 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 28: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Brim

☐	**Rnd 29**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(48 sc)**
☐	**Rnds 30 to 32**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

A box for each round, 30 to 32: tick them off as you go.

30 31 32

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

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. Pom-pom: wrap yarn B 90 times round a piece of card 1½ in (4 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand 16 in (40 cm) long and leave both ends of this tie hanging long: they sew the pom-pom on, so hold them out of the way of the scissors. Cut the loops at both ends of the bundle, shake the pom-pom out and trim the cut strands, not the two ends of the tie, to a ball about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. Sew it firmly to the tip of the point with the two ends of the tie, through the hat and back, and fasten them on the inside.

Finishing

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

In all: 32 rounds; 1,167 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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