Baby football hat

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



Finished size

About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 6½ in (17 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the tip to the lower edge

To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill

Easy

Single crochet in joined rounds, two stripes, a little embroidery

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: chestnut, the hat **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: white, the two stripes and the laces **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 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 yarn needle, scissors and pins.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn	13½ in (34 cm)	12½ in (32 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 70 yd (64 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 85 yd (78 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 100 yd (91 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 105 yd (96 m)

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Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 19, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 13¾ in (35 cm) round.

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 17.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. Not 18? **Pull it back**.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Begin with yarn A, chestnut.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	
Point		
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in the ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)

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☐ **Rounds 12 to 13**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)

12 13

☐ **Round 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rounds 15 to 16**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)

15 16

☐ **Round 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 17.** The point, laid flat with its tip at one end, should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Rounds 18 to 19**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

18 **19**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 19.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 13¾ in (35 cm) round.

☐ **Rounds 20 to 21**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)

20 21

☐ **Round 22**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)

Edge

☐ **Round 24**	With A, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)
☐ **Rounds 25 to 26**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(52 sc)

25 26

☐	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. Lay the hat flat with the tip at the top and the lower end of the line where the rounds are joined at the middle of the layer underneath. On the layer that faces you the middle of the front is the straight line from the tip down to the lower edge, halfway between the two side folds. Mark it with pins. The stitches of the hat slant a little across this line; go by the line. Laces: cut 2 strands of yarn B, each 35 in (89 cm) long, and thread both in the needle side by side, so that every stitch of the laces is two strands thick; fasten them on the inside, 6 in (15 cm) from their ends. First the 5 bars, across the middle line, one on each of rounds 19, 17, 15, 13 and 11, in this order, from the lowest bar up to the one nearest the tip (round 1 is the round in the magic ring). The end of a bar is halfway up its round, 2 stitches from the middle line, so that one straight stitch, 4 stitches of the hat wide, lies across the line on the outside. Lowest bar: come up from the inside at its right end and go down at its left end. Next bar above it: come up at its left end and go down at its right end. Go on so, from right to left and from left to right by turns: from bar to bar the strands then go up only 2 rounds on the inside, on the side where the bar before ended.

3. Then the long lace, over the bars. The last bar ended on round 11, close below the place where the lace begins, so

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nothing has to be carried far. With the same two strands work back stitch along the middle line from the edge of round 10 that is nearer the tip down to the edge of round 20 that is nearer the lower edge of the hat, 11 back stitches, each one round long. Come up and go down between two rounds each time, so that the stitch that covers a bar crosses it in its middle and holds it to the hat. Back stitch: with the needle threaded and fastened on the inside, come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at its beginning; then each time come up one stitch length farther along the line than the place where the needle last came up, and go down in the place where it last came up, so that the stitches touch. Draw the strands just snug, so that the hat keeps its shape; on the inside no stitch of the laces is much longer than about ½ in (1.5 cm).

Finishing

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

In all: 26 rounds; 1,024 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. 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 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).
- 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.
- The point grows in some rounds and stands even in others, so that it is a pointed dome like the end of a football and does not lie flat.
- The long lace holds the bars of the laces down in their middles. The bars are worked from the lowest one up, and the lace from the top down, so that every strand on the inside is short and no loop is left for little fingers.
- For a ball of another kind of brown, change yarn A; the stripes and the laces stay white.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 6½ in (17 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the tip to the lower edge.

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