Baby newsboy cap

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



Finished size

About 15½ in (39 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep from the center of the top to the edge of the band, measured along the cloth; the crown spreads to about 6½ in (17 cm) across

To fit a head of 16½ in (42 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Increases and decreases in joined rounds, a peak in rows, small pieces sewn on

Yarn

Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook

3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: light blue, the whole cap with its peak	**about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: snow cream, the strap	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: caramel, the buttons	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 45 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, 2 more stitch markers (for the peak) 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)	12½ in (32 cm) round, 5½ in (14 cm) deep	about 120 yd (110 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months (this file)	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**15½ in (39 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep**	**about 160 yd (146 m)**
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) deep	about 175 yd (160 m)

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Gauge

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

The gauge is measured on the cap itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the cap with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the cap 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 cap 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 20 rounds of single crochet or 15 rounds of half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 24, put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 15½ in (39 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 12.

Notes

- On a baby: leave off the ties for a newborn, sew every part on firmly all round, and take the cap 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 cap 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 cap 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 buttons are begun with a magic ring like the cap 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.
- 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 peak and the strap are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- Baby, 6 to 12 months: for a head of 16½ in (42 cm). The finished cap is about 15½ in (39 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep from the center of the top to the edge of the band, measured along the cloth; the crown spreads to about 6½ in (17 cm) across.

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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), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

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.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 together; UK htr2tog): [Yarn over, pull up a loop in the next stitch] twice, yarn over and pull through all 5 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

Cap

Yarn A, light blue.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(96 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 6½ in (17 cm) across.

Edge

☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(96 hdc)

13 14

Underside

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 14 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(90 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**, hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(83 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**, hdc in next 9 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(76 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 4 times**, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(70 hdc)

Band

☐ **Rnds 19 to 24**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(70 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

19 20 21 22 23 **24**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 24.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the cap along that round, without pulling it in: the cap should measure about 15½ in (39 cm) round.

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Peak

Yarn A, light blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Number the 70 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the middle of the front lies between stitch 35 and stitch 36. Mark stitch 24 and stitch 47: the 24 stitches at the middle of the front, from stitch 24 to stitch 47, carry the peak. With the right side of the cap facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn A with a slip stitch in stitch 24; the stitches lie in the order of their numbers, and the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch 24.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 23 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 24 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sc in next 18 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap

Yarn B, snow cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 21, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(20 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(20 sc)

2 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 35 in (89 cm) for sewing.	

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Button: make 2

Yarn C, caramel.

☐ **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. Pull the ring tightly closed. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the cap closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Edge of the peak: with the right side of the cap facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn A with a slip stitch in the edge of the peak at the right-hand end of row 1, and ch 1. Work up that side 1 single crochet in the end of each row (6), the first of them in the end of row 1 itself, then 1 in each stitch of the last row (18), then down the other side 1 in the end of each row (6): 30 single crochet. Slip stitch in the next free stitch of the last round of the cap, beside the end of row 1, and fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The peak is soft and bends down by itself; nothing stiff goes into it.

3. Strap: with the right side of the cap facing you and the crown at the top, lay the strap on the band right side up, its three rows along rounds 21, 22 and 23, so that round 24 stays free between it and the peak, and its middle lies on the middle of the front, between stitch 35 and stitch 36 of the round. It has 4 stitches fewer than row 1 of the peak, so each of its two short ends stands 2 stitches inside the end of that row. Pin it. With the long tail at the end of row 3 sew it down along both long edges and both short ends, all round, about 10 in (25 cm) of sewing, with one small stitch to each stitch of the long edges. If the tail runs short, go on with another strand of yarn B. Weave the beginning tail in under the strap.

4. Buttons: lay one on each short end of the strap, right side up, its center on the end stitch of row 2, the middle row of the strap. The button is a little wider than the strap is high, so it covers the whole short end and its corners. Sew all round the button, through the strap and the band, so that nothing can be pulled loose.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces; 1,797 stitches (1,555 in the cap, 146 in the peak, 60 in the strap, 18 in each button).

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