Star baby hat

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



Finished size
About 14¾ in (37 cm) round and about 6¼ in (16 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Joined rounds of single crochet, two colors carried in a round

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: navy, the hat	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: butter, the stars, the lines and the pom-pom	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, 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. 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)	12¾ in (32 cm) round, 5½ in (14 cm) deep	about 80 yd (73 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**14¾ in (37 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) deep**	**about 100 yd (91 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 120 yd (110 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17½ in (44 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
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: 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 12, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 14¾ in (37 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 9.

Before you start

- On a baby: leave off the pom-poms for a newborn, 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 smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs from size to size, because the stitches come in whole repeats. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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.
- A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch. Unless the line says otherwise, the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that 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).
- Where one round has two yarns, carry the yarn not in use along the top of the round before and work over it, and change yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color. Pull the carried yarn neither tight nor loose, so that the round keeps its size. The chain at the start of such a round is made in the yarn of its first stitch: finish the joining slip stitch before it with that yarn. A line that names no yarn goes on in the yarn the line before it ended with.

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- 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.
- Carry the resting yarn along every stitch of a two-color round, so that no strand hangs loose on the inside for little fingers.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 14¾ in (37 cm) round and about 6¼ in (16 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby, 3 to 6 months, head 15 in (38 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 sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, navy; B, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, sc in next 53 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 14¾ in (37 cm) round.

The stars: the 55 stitches are 5 groups of 11. In each group the star takes the first 9 stitches and 2 navy stitches stand after it. Stars are worked from their upper point down.

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 4 sts, with B, sc in next st, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 15: tick them off as you go.

14 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 7 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 2 sts, with B, sc in next 5 sts, with A, sc in next 4 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next st, with B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 5 sts, with B, sc in next 2 sts, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**

Band

☐ **Rnd 23**	With A, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	With B, ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**
☐ **End**	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 top of the crown 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: 25 rounds; 1,150 stitches.

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