Baby trapper hat

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, the flaps not counted; the earflaps hang about 3½ in (9 cm) below the edge and the front flap is about 2¼ in (6 cm) high when it is turned up

To fit a head of 16½ in (42 cm)

Skill

Easy

Joined rounds of one stitch, loop stitch in rows, linings sewn in

Yarn

Light (3), 2 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: denim, the hat, the earflaps and the ties **about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, the fur **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 90 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 yarn needle, scissors, pins and 4 stitch markers (for the flaps).

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)	12¼ in (31 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 150 yd (137 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 175 yd (160 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months (this file)	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**15½ in (39 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 220 yd (201 m)**
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 240 yd (219 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 rows of the earflaps, of the front flap and of the linings are single crochet and fur loop stitch, counted at 16 to 4 in (10 cm).

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

- 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 about 1 to 1¼ in (2.5 to 3 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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 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.
- The earflaps are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- The front flap and the flap linings are worked in rows as the earflaps are. The loops of the fur loop stitch are about ½ in (1.5 cm) long. In the front flap they are made in right side rows and hang on the wrong side, which shows when the flap is turned up; in the linings they are made in wrong side rows and hang on the right side.
- Tug every loop of the fur, and look over them from time to time: a long loose loop can catch a small finger.
- 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, the flaps not counted; the earflaps hang about 3½ in (9 cm) below the edge and the front flap is about 2¼ in (6 cm) high when it is turned up.

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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.

fur (fur loop stitch): Insert the hook in the place named, lay the working yarn over a finger of the hand that holds the yarn, behind the work, to make a loop as long as the notes say, catch both strands at the foot of that loop with the hook and pull them through the stitch (3 loops on the hook), let the loop slip off the finger, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. The loop hangs on the far side of the work, away from you. Tug each loop once, so that it holds. In the next row the stitch over a fur loop stitch goes under its two top loops, as usual.

Hat

Yarn A, denim.

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

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

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

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Earflap: make 2

Yarn A, denim.

Mark the edge for the flaps. Number the 58 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the line where the rounds are joined, between stitch 58 and stitch 1, is at the back. Leave stitches 1 to 5 for the back, mark the first and the last stitch of one earflap, which takes stitches 6 to 17, leave stitches 18 to 41 for the front, mark the first and the last stitch of the other earflap, which takes stitches 42 to 53, and leave stitches 54 to 58 for the back.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn A with a slip stitch in the first of the 12 stitches marked for this flap (stitch 6 for the first flap, stitch 42 for the second); the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Front flap

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn B with a slip stitch in stitch 19 of the last round of the hat, the first of the 22 stitches at the middle of the front that carry this flap (1 stitch stays free between it and each earflap); the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch, and the row runs to stitch 40.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 21 sts	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(22 fur)
☐ **Rows 4 to 9**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	
	4 5 6 7 8 9	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Flap lining: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 13, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(12 fur)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(12 fur)

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(12 fur)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(12 fur)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(10 fur)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(8 fur)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(6 fur)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 40 in (102 cm) for sewing.	

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. Linings: weave in the ends of the earflaps on their wrong side. Lay a lining on the inside of each earflap, the wrong sides together, the fur toward the head: its beginning chain lies along the line where the flap grows from the hat, its last row along the last row of the flap. Its long tail then hangs at one end of the lower edge. Sew with it in whip stitch, in this order: first along the lower edge to its other end, the 6 stitches of the one last row to the 6 stitches of the other; then up that side to the hat, row end to row end; then along the beginning chain, one chain to the inside of each of the 12 stitches of the hat's last round that carry the flap; then down the other side to the place where you began. Weave in the beginning tail of the lining between the two layers before the last side is closed.

3. Fur edge: each earflap, its lining sewn in, gets one row of fur loop stitch round its three free edges, worked through both layers. Hold the hat with the crown at the bottom and the lining of the flap facing you, so that the loops hang on the far side, which is the outside of the flap. Put the hook through both layers for every stitch. Join yarn B with a slip stitch in the end of row 1 of the flap at the right, beside the hat, and chain 1, which does not count as a stitch. Work 1 fur in the end of each of rows 1 to 14, beginning in the place of the slip stitch; then, along the last row, 2 fur in the first stitch, 1 fur in each of the next 4 stitches and 2 fur in the last stitch; then 1 fur in the end of each of rows 14 to 1 down the other side (36 fur). Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and weave in both ends of this row between the two layers. Make these loops as long as the others, about ½ in (1.5 cm).

4. Front flap: fold it up to the outside, so that the fur is outward. The fold is the edge of the hat itself, the line where row 1 of the flap grows out of round 20, and all 9 rows stand above it: the flap is then about 2¼ in (6 cm) high and its last row lies against round 14 of the hat. Pin it there; do not stretch it. The long tail hangs at one end of the last row. Sew with it, with small stitches that take only the edge of the flap and one strand of the hat: along the last row to its other end, one stitch for each of its 22 stitches, then down that side for 5 rows. Run the tail back along the last row, under the loops, to the first corner and sew that side down for 5 rows in the same way. Below that the sides stay open.

5. Braided ties: for each earflap cut 6 strands of yarn A 20 in (51 cm) long. With the hook pull them halfway through both layers at the middle of the last row of the flap, inside the fur edge, so that 12 ends of about 10 in (25 cm) each hang level; part them in 3 groups of 4, braid for about 5 in (13 cm), knot and trim the ends about 1 in (2.5 cm) below the knot.

6. On a baby: tie the braids only while someone is beside the baby; take the hat off for sleep and in a car seat.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces.

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