Children's bear balaclava

3 to 5 years, to fit head 20 in (51 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 19½ in (49.5 cm) at the hood and about 12¼ in (31 cm) at the from the chin edge to the
To fit a head of 20 in (51 cm)

Skill
Easy
Half double crochet in rounds and rows, post stitch rib and decreases

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: chestnut, main color **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 130 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: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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 of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Head	Around the hood	From the chin edge to the top	Depth of the neck	Each ear, laid flat, across	Yarn, an estimate
1 to 2 years	18½ in (47 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	about 260 yd (238 m)
3 to 5 years (this file)	**20 in (51 cm)**	**19½ in (49.5 cm)**	**12¼ in (31 cm)**	**3¾ in (9.5 cm)**	**3 in (7.5 cm)**	**about 315 yd (288 m)**
6 to 10 years	21¼ in (54 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	about 340 yd (311 m)
Adult	22½ in (57 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	about 425 yd (389 m)

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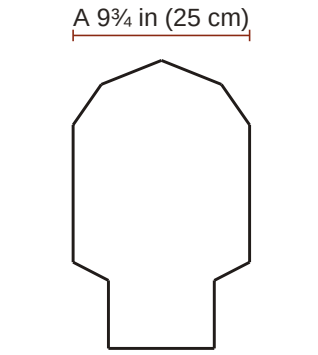
Schematic



Balaclava, laid flat
A half the way around the hood

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 25; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 20 rows of half double crochet on 24 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Double crochet (UK: treble): about 8.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Single crochet (UK: double crochet): about 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). The rib of post stitches draws in and stretches.

Notes

- Four sizes, chosen by the head.
- Measure around the head over the forehead. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given. The edge of the opening lies on the forehead and under the chin; the nose and the mouth stay free.
- The turning chain and the chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never count as a stitch. Work the first stitch of a round into the stitch at its base, and the first stitch of a row into the first stitch.
- Rounds are not turned: their right side always faces you. The next round begins where the one before was joined.
- Work the chain at the beginning loosely: it goes over the head.
- A child wears the hood awake and watched, and not for sleep.
- A post stitch is worked around the stitch under it, from the side named, and not in its top.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- To work a post stitch around a dc2tog, take the hook around both of its legs together.

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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), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 49 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 39 times: work what is inside 39 times in all.
(78 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together (UK treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Neck

Yarn A, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 78; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; dc in each ch around; join with sl st in first dc	(78 dc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 8**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 39 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(39 fpdcs, 39 bpdcs)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Hood

Yarn A, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 8 of the neck. The hood is worked back and forth in rows; the sts of the neck that stay free are the chin edge of the opening for the face.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in next 49 sts, leave the last 29 sts unworked	(49 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(49 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

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Crown

Yarn A, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 26 of the hood. Ch 1, turn (right side facing); hdc in each of the 49 sts of row 26, then ch 29 for the top of the opening, taking care not to twist the chain; join with sl st in first hdc (49 hdc and 29 ch). This is rnd 1. Do not turn from here on; the right side always faces you.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; hdc in each st and each ch around; join with sl st in first hdc	(78 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(78 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog, **[**hdc in next 10 sts, hdc2tog**] 5 times**, hdc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 9 sts, hdc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog**] 5 times**, hdc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1; hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, hdc2tog**] 5 times**, hdc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1; hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog**] 5 times**, hdc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1; hdc in next st, hdc2tog, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog**] 5 times**, hdc in next st; join with sl st in first hdc	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next st, hdc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1; **[**hdc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(6 hdc)
☐ **End**	Cut the yarn, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm); draw it through the 6 sts of rnd 15 and pull the hole shut.	

Face edge

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the chin edge toward you, join yarn B in the first of the 29 free sts of rnd 8 of the neck, right after the last st of row 1 of the hood. Ch 1; sc in each of the 29 free sts (29 sc); up the edge of the hood that follows, sc in the end of each of the 26 rows and sc in the side of the hdc of rnd 1 of the crown above them (27 sc); along the free side of the 29 chs, sc in each ch (29 sc); down the other edge of the hood, sc in the side of the hdc of rnd 1 of the crown and sc in the end of each of the 26 rows below it (27 sc); join with sl st in first sc (112 sc in all). This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts**] 28 times**; join with sl st in first dc2tog	(84 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 42 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(42 fpdcs, 42 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Ear: make 2

Yarn A, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; 2 sc in each of next 6 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(36 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 20 in (50 cm) for sewing.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; 2 sc in each of next 6 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 25 in (65 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Work the face edge as written above.

2. Inner ears: lay an inner ear on the wrong side of each ear, right side up, middle on middle, and sew it down round its edge with its own end. This is the front of the ear.

3. Lay the hood flat, face up, with the middle of the top of the opening (ch 15 of the 29) at the middle of the front. The crown then has a fold at each side. Lay an ear, its front up, over each fold: the middle of the ear is level with rnd 7 of the crown and lies ½ in (1.5 cm) outside the fold, so that 1 in (2.5 cm) of the ear lies on the front of the crown and the rest stands out beyond the fold. Sew the edge of the part that lies on the crown, about 14 sts of rnd 7 of the ear, to the crown with the end of the ear. Then turn the hood over and with the same end sew the fold of the crown to the back of the ear, so that the ear stands up.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 5 pieces.

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