Bobble baby hat

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



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep with the brim folded up (about 7½ in (19 cm) before it is folded)
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds, one special stitch, a folded rib

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.

You will need

Yarn A: sage green, the hat **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the brim **about 45 yd (41 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 and scissors.

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, 5¼ in (13 cm) deep	about 105 yd (96 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep**	**about 125 yd (114 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15 in (38 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 155 yd (142 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 195 yd (178 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next round.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next round.

bob (bobble): In the place named work 5 unfinished double crochet (UK treble): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 5 times (6 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 6 loops. Push the bobble out to the right side, the side that faces you. In the next round the stitch over the bobble goes under the two top loops of that last pull-through. It leaves 1 bobble for the next round.

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 depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 16 rounds of single crochet or 12 rounds of half double crochet or 8 rounds of double crochet or 8 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 8, 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 pattern also stops you to measure after round 5.

Before you start

- 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.

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- The pattern is written in United States terms, the directions of the special stitches too; 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.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post 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).
- 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.
- On the sides the bobbles of one round stand under the middle of the spaces between the bobbles of the round of bobbles before it. A single crochet on each side of a bobble, worked firmly, keeps it round.
- To wear the hat, fold the last 3 rounds of the brim up to the outside, so that its edge comes to the line where the cream yarn begins.
- 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 6 in (15 cm) deep with the brim folded up (about 7½ in (19 cm) before it is folded).

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, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, sage green; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Crown		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, 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)**
Stop and measure now, after round 5. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 3¼ in (8 cm) across.		
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc, 10 bob)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(52 hdc)**

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> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** 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.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, bob in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 13 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 13 bob)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

10 11

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st**] 13 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 13 bob)**
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

13 14

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, bob in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 13 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(39 sc, 13 bob)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(52 sc)**

Brim

☐ **Rnd 17**	With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(52 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 22**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 26 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(26 FPdc, 26 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 22: tick them off as you go.

18 19 20 21 22

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

Finishing

- 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.
- Weave in every end on the inside of the hat, except the one at the lower edge of the brim: that edge is folded up to the outside, so weave its end on the right side of the brim, which the fold hides.

In all: 22 rounds; 4 ends to weave in.

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