Boys' ready-knotted tie

2 to 4 years · US terms



Finished size
About 10¼ in (26 cm) long with the knot and 2¼ in (5.6 cm) wide; knot about 1¾ in (4.6 cm) tall; collar 10½ in (27 cm) to 11½ in (29 cm) around when it is closed
To fit a neck of 10½ to 11½ in (27 to 29 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet with a few increases, and three seams

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: teal, main — **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe — **about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, sew-on hook-and-loop strip ½ in (12 mm) wide: 2½ in (6.5 cm) of the soft side and 1 in (2.5 cm) of the hook side, a sewing needle and sewing thread in teal and a cotton cloth, to damp.

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, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
12 to 24 months	a neck of 9½ to 10½ in (24 to 27 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm) long, 1¾ in (4.6 cm) wide	about 40 yd (37 m)
2 to 4 years (this file)	**a neck of 10½ to 11½ in (27 to 29 cm)**	**10¼ in (26 cm) long, 2¼ in (5.6 cm) wide**	**about 53 yd (48 m)**
5 to 7 years	a neck of 11½ to 12½ in (29 to 32 cm)	12½ in (32 cm) long, 8 in (6.6 cm) wide	about 70 yd (64 m)
8 to 10 years	a neck of 12½ to 13½ in (32 to 34 cm)	14½ in (37 cm) long, 3 in (7.5 cm) wide	about 80 yd (73 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, dc
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the blade itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 14 rows are done: the 11 stitches of a row are about 2¼ in (5.6 cm) wide in 2 to 4 years, the 9 stitches of a row are about 1¾ in (4.6 cm) wide in 12 to 24 months, the 13 stitches of a row are about 2 5/8 in (6.6 cm) wide in 5 to 7 years, the 15 stitches of a row are about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide in 8 to 10 years, and the 14 rows are about 2½ in (6.3 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn.
- Every stripe begins at the right-hand edge of the blade, as its right side faces you. Cut neither yarn until its last stripe is done: carry the one that waits loosely up that edge. At the start of each right-side row lay the waiting yarn over the yarn you work with, so that it is held close to the edge.
- "3 sc in 2nd ch from hook" puts all three stitches in that one chain, "2 sc in first st" and "2 sc in last st" put two in the one stitch.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On the foundation chain of the knot piece, pass the needle under the two strands of each chain that lie below row 1. Sew 2 or 3 times into the same place where the sewing begins and where it ends.
- Measure the neck where a collar lies. A neck that is right between two sizes takes the larger.
- The straps close with hook-and-loop strip so that they come apart when they are pulled. Take the tie off a young child for sleep and for play out of sight.

Instructions

Chosen: 2 to 4 years. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and sc2tog is double crochet 2 together.

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Blade

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

Row 1 is the point of the tie, and the last row is its top.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Row 9**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 14: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14

☐ **Row 15**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rows 18 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 18 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Row 21**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rows 24 to 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 24 to 26: tick them off as you go.

☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26

☐ **Row 27**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 30 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 32: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 33**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 35**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Rows 36 to 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 36 to 38: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 39**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 41**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rows 42 to 44**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 42 to 44: tick them off as you go.

42 43 44

☐ **Row 45**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 47**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 48 to 58**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 48 to 58: tick them off as you go.

48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Knot

Yarn A, teal.

Odd-numbered rows are the right side of the knot piece. The single crochet end of the rows is shorter than the half double end, so the piece bends into a shallow arc: the short edge is the bottom of the knot, and the long edge is its top.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 5 chs	**(4 sc, 5 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, sc in next 4 sts	**(5 hdc, 4 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 5 sts	**(4 sc, 5 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 17**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 17: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

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Strap: make 2

Yarn A, teal.

Work both straps alike. Each row runs from one end of the strap to the other. Rows 1 and 3 are the right side.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 35.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(34 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the long tail of the knot piece. Lay the blade, the knot piece and the two straps flat under a damp cotton cloth and let them dry.

2. Straps: lay the blade with its right side down and its last row away from you. Lay one end of a strap, right side down, on the left half of the blade, 1 in (2.5 cm) or 5 stitches of it, so that it slants up and outward and leaves the blade at the last row, next to its left-hand corner. Lay one end of the other strap in the same way on the right half, next to the right-hand corner. The two straps do not cover each other. With sewing thread sew each strap to the back of the blade along both its long edges and across its short end, with stitches that do not show on the right side of the blade: about 12 stitches a strap.

3. Closure: the two free ends of the straps overlap at the back of the neck. Sew 2½ in (6.5 cm) of the soft strip to the free end of one strap, on its right side, and 1 in (2.5 cm) of the hook strip to the free end of the other strap, on its wrong side. Sew round all four sides of each strip with sewing thread. Closed, the right side of both straps faces out, and they come apart when they are pulled.

4. Knot: lay the knot piece on the front of the blade, right side up, so that its rows run up and down and its long edge (the half double crochet end of the rows) is level with the last row of the blade. Wrap its two ends round to the back, over the straps, so that the foundation chain and the last row meet at the middle of the back. The long tail hangs at the long edge. With it, whip stitch the two together from the long edge to the short edge, stitch to chain: 9 stitches. The straps come out at the top between the knot and the blade.

5. Bring the needle back under the stitches of the seam to its middle, 4 stitches from the long edge. There sew 3 times through the seam and through the back of the blade, so that the knot cannot slide. Weave in the end. The blade is drawn in a little where it comes out below the knot.

Finishing

- All the ends are woven in and the pieces are laid flat as you put it together.

In all: 4 pieces; 899 stitches (542 in the blade, 153 in the knot, 102 in each strap).

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