Bumblebee baby hat

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



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5¾ in (15 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in a spiral, color changes, small pieces sewn on

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: honey, the yellow stripes **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the black stripes and the antennae **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a little toy stuffing for the antennae.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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)	12½ in (32 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 70 yd (64 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep**	**about 90 yd (83 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 105 yd (96 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 120 yd (110 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased. It leaves 1 single crochet for the next row.

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.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 8.

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 13¾ in (35 cm) round.

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 about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole repeats of its stitches allow, so that it stays on.
- 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.
- The rounds of the hat are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last 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 antennae are begun with a magic ring like the hat and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.

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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.
- 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 5¾ in (15 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 sc is double crochet.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, honey; B, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** After round 8 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(52 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 12: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

11 **12**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** 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 13¾ in (35 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

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

14 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 17 to 18**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 18: tick them off as you go.

17 18

☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

Band

☐ **Rnd 22**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Antenna: make 2

Yarn B, black.

Stuff the ball firmly with toy stuffing now, after round 4, its starting tail inside it; round 5 closes the ball.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 11**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 11: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 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. Lay the hat flat with the place at its lower edge where its last round begins at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. Put the open end of an antenna on each side of the center of the top, over round 4 of the hat, counted from the center, 2 stitches of that round in front of the line that runs from side to side over the center of the top, and sew it down all round, so that the antenna stands up and leans a little outward. The ends go to the inside of the hat.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces; 1,112 stitches (996 in the hat, 58 in each antenna); 8 ends to weave in.

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