Bunny ears headband

US terms



Finished size
About 20 in (51 cm) round, not stretched, 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall with the ears

Skill
Easy
Seven pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, band, ear front, ear back and the details	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, ear front, bow and bow wrap	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins 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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in the rib of the band, lying flat, not stretched; the other pieces are worked at 20 sc and 22 rounds or rows to 4 in (10 cm).

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Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Leave a 12 in (30 cm) tail before the first chain of each ear front and each ear back.
- Color change: where a line begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the headband. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- No plastic eyes are used.
- The band stretches. Measure round the head where the band will sit and make the band 2 in (5 cm) shorter. Go by the measure, not by the age: for another head work more or fewer rows, always an even number; two rows of rib are about 3/8 in (9 mm). Head 17 in (43 cm), a baby: 82 rows, about 15 in (38 cm) round, not stretched. Head 19½ in (49.5 cm), a child: 96 rows, about 17½ in (44.5 cm) round, not stretched. Head 22 in (56 cm), an adult (the size written here): 110 rows, about 20 in (51 cm) round, not stretched. Every other piece, and its place counted from the mark, stays the same.

Instructions

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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet, sl st is slip stitch, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Band

Yarn A, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 8 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 110**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(8 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 110: tick them off as you go.

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	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110							

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Ear front: make 2

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

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 34; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 18 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	**(57 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing. Press it flat with the right side up, so that the ring of chains closes into a slit and one group of increases lies at each end. Sew the two sides of the slit together, chain to chain (17 chains on each side), with the tail at the start. The first 15 stitches of round 5 go round the lower end of the ear.	

Ear back: make 2

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 34; being careful not to twist the chain, sl st in the first ch to form a ring. Round 1 begins in that same ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in each ch around	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 14 sts	**(46 sc)**
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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 18 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	**(57 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing. Press it flat with the right side up, so that the ring of chains closes into a slit and one group of increases lies at each end. Sew the two sides of the slit together, chain to chain (17 chains on each side), with the tail at the start. The first 15 stitches of round 5 go round the lower end of the ear.	

Bow

Yarn B, rose.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 5 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 18: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.

Bow wrap

Yarn B, rose.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 3 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 9: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.

Assembly

1. Lay the two ear backs behind the two ear fronts, one to each, wrong sides together, lower end on lower end. With the tail of the ear back sew the two edges together, stitch to stitch, all the way round except at the lower end: the first 15 stitches of round 5 of both pieces stay open, so that each ear is a pocket that opens at the bottom.

2. Bend the band into a ring (its two sides look alike, so either may be outside) and sew the last row to the foundation chain, stitch to chain, with the tail of the band. This seam is the middle of the back. Put a marker opposite it, half way round, between rows 55 and 56 (in another size, at half of its rows): the mark is the middle of the front. Rows are counted from the mark to each side, the row beside it being row 1. Sew the two ear fronts and their backs to the upper edge of the band, one ear to each side of the mark, the ear front to the outside: the middle of each ear is between rows 11 and 12 from the mark. Slip the open lower end of each over the band, so that the ear front lies on the outside of the band and the ear back on the inside, and its lowest stitches are 4 stitches below the upper edge, at the middle of the width of the band. Sew the 15 open stitches of the ear front to the outside of the band with the tail of the ear front, then the 15 open stitches of the ear back to the inside in the same way. Both ears stand up and lean out a little. Flop one of them forward: thread the needle with a new length of A and, on the front of that ear, work two lines of running stitches through the ear front only, one up each side along round 4 (the first cream round). Both begin half way up the part of the ear that stands above the band, about 2 in (5 cm) above the band, and run 1½ in (4 cm) toward the tip. Draw up both lines until the top of the ear bends forward in a soft curve and its tip hangs down in front, and fasten off.

3. With the tail of the bow, sew its last row to its foundation chain, stitch to chain, right side out, to make a ring. Press the ring flat with this seam in the middle of the back.

4. Lay the bow wrap round the middle of the bow, over the seam, right side out, and draw it tight so that the bow is gathered in. Sew its last row to its foundation chain at the back. Set the bow on the outside of the band, its middle on the mark and on the fourth stitch from the lower edge of the band, its two loops to the two sides. Sew the back of the bow wrap to the band, then catch the back of each loop to the band with two stitches.

Finishing

- Weave in every end.

In all: 7 pieces; 1,913 stitches (880 in the band, 229 in each ear front, 229 in each ear back, 90 in the bow, 27 in the bow wrap).

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