Bunny newborn cocoon and hat

Newborn · US terms



Finished size

About 18¾ in (47.5 cm) round and 18¾ in (47.5 cm) long with the top unfolded, for a baby up to 16¾ in (42.5 cm) round over the arms, with a hat about 12 in (30.5 cm) round and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) deep

Skill

Intermediate

It is worked in joined rounds of single crochet and moss stitch; the ears, the feet and the pompom tail are sewn on.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: dove gray, the cocoon, the hat and the ears	**about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, the ribbing, the linings of the ears and the pads	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the tail and the feet	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 210 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: soft acrylic or cotton blend

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 2 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 2¾ in (7 cm) wide, for the pompom.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn (this file)	**18¾ in (47.5 cm) round, 18¾ in (47.5 cm) long**	**about 425 yd (389 m)**
Up to 3 months	20½ in (52 cm) round, 21¼ in (54 cm) long	about 510 yd (466 m)

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Moss stitch has the same gauge, each single crochet and each chain 1 counted as a stitch.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 11 the bottom should measure about 6 in (15 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. A range that is near enough is printed after that round. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Notes

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Where round 1 does not begin with a chain, chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Put the marker in the first stitch of each round, where the round is joined.
- The rounds of the cocoon, the hat and the ears are joined with a slip stitch in their first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; but for the moss stitch rounds, work the first stitch into the stitch the round before was joined in. Round 1 of an ear begins in the second chain from the hook, with no other chain before it.
- The feet, the foot pads and the toe pads are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- All the pieces are worked with the right side, the outside, facing you all the way.
- Moss stitch: in its first round each chain 1 passes over a stitch. After that each single crochet goes into a chain-1 space and each chain 1 passes over a single crochet. The slip stitch at the start of a round takes the hook past the first single crochet of the round before into the first chain-1 space, where the first single crochet is worked; the last chain 1 of the round passes over that first single crochet of the round before. So the start of a round moves on by one stitch each time: move the marker with it. The round of single crochet after the moss stitch begins in the stitch the last round was joined in.
- FPhdc and BPhdc, front and back post half double crochet: work a half double crochet round the post of the stitch below instead of into its top. For FPhdc put the hook in from the front, behind the post, and out to the front again. For BPhdc put it in from the back, in front of the post, and out to the back again. In the first round of ribbing the posts are those of half double crochet; from then on a front post goes over a front post and a back post over a back post.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- An ear is worked round both sides of a chain: along one side from the narrow end, 7 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side. A foot is an oval, worked round both sides of a chain in the same way.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Measure the baby round the body over the arms, at the widest place, and from the shoulders to the feet with the knees drawn up. The cocoon is 2 in (5 cm) more round than the widest baby it is for, and it should be at least as long as the second measure. Measure the head too; the hat is to be about 1 in (2.5 cm) less round.
- Colors, round by round. Cocoon. Rounds 1 to 61: A. Rounds 62 to 68: B. Hat. Rounds 1 to 17: A. Rounds 18 to 20: B. Ear front. Round 1: B. Round 2: A. Ear back: A. Feet: C. Foot pads and toe pads: B.

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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), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.

FPhdc round the stitch below, from the front, **BPhdc** round the stitch below, from the back, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.

(6 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Cocoon

Yarns in order of use: A, dove gray; B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** The bottom should measure about 6 in (15 cm) across. Anything from 5¾ in (14.5 cm) to 6 in (15 cm) is near enough.

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)

Moss stitch

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(33 sc, 33 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnds 14 to 60**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 32 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(33 sc, 33 ch-1 sps)

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

☐ **Rnd 61**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 33 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)

Top

☐ **Rnd 62**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)

Ribbed top

☐ **Rnds 63 to 68**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 33 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	(33 FPhdc, 33 BPhdc)

63 64 65 66 67 68

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

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, dove gray; B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)

Moss stitch

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 20 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(21 sc, 21 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 16**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 20 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(21 sc, 21 ch-1 sps)

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 21 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)

Brim

☐ **Rnd 18**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)

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Ribbed brim

☐ **Rnds 19 to 20**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 21 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join (21 FPhdc, 21 BPhdc)
	19 20
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Ear front: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, blush; A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 20.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 5 chs, dc in next 10 chs, 7 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, dc in next 10 chs, hdc in next 5 chs, sc in next 3 chs, sl st in first sc to join (6 sc, 10 hdc, 27 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	With A, ch 1, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in each of next 7 sts, sc in next 18 sts, sl st in first sc to join (50 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Ear back: make 2

Yarn A, dove gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 20.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 5 chs, dc in next 10 chs, 7 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, dc in next 10 chs, hdc in next 5 chs, sc in next 3 chs, sl st in first sc to join (6 sc, 10 hdc, 27 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in each of next 7 sts, sc in next 18 sts, sl st in first sc to join (50 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 60 in (152.5 cm) for sewing.

Foot: make 2

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 7.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 4 chs, 2 sc in last ch (14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts (20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times** (26 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	(32 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 36 in (91.5 cm) for sewing.	

Foot pad: make 2

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Toe pad: make 6

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the cocoon and of the hat on the wrong side, the tail of each magic ring round the middle of it. Weave in all the tails of the ear fronts, the starting tails of the ear backs and of the feet, pads and toe pads on their wrong sides.

2. The pads. Lay a foot in front of you right side up, one rounded end, the toes, away from you. All the pads lie on it right side up. Pin the foot pad in the middle of the width, its lower edge 2 rounds inside the rounded end toward you. Pin the three toe pads in an arc beyond it: one in the middle, its outer edge 1 round inside the edge of the toes, and one at each side of it, 1 round lower, so that the three touch. Sew each down with its own long tail: bring the needle up through the pad one stitch in from its edge and down through the foot beside the edge, 12 stitches for the foot pad and 6 for a toe pad. Fasten off on the wrong side and weave the tails in there. Sew the pads to the second foot in the same way.

3. Where the feet go. Lay the cocoon flat, right side out, so that the join of round 68, the last round, is in the middle of the lower layer: 33 stitches lie on top. This upper side shows the bunny from behind. Count the rounds from the closed bottom: rounds 1 to 11 are the bottom. Put a marker in the middle of the upper layer on round 17, for the feet, and one in the middle on round 30, for the tail.

4. The feet. Lay each foot on the cocoon, pads up, its length along the cocoon and its toes toward the closed bottom. The middle of each foot is on round 17, 6 stitches from the middle, one foot at each side; the toes turn outward a little, each 2 stitches farther out than the heel. Pin them and sew each down with its long tail through the upper layer only: bring the needle up through the foot one stitch in from its edge and down through the cocoon beside the edge, one stitch for each of its 32 stitches. Fasten off inside.

5. The tail. Wind C 130 times round a card 2¾ in (7 cm) wide and slip the loops off it. Tie a 16 in (40.5 cm) length of C tightly round their middle, cut the loops at both ends and trim the pompom to about 2½ in (6.5 cm) across. Sew it to the middle of the upper layer on round 30 with the two ends of the tie, 4 stitches through the middle of the pompom and the cocoon by turns, and fasten off inside.

6. The ears. Lay an ear front on an ear back with the wrong sides together, so that their edges meet and the joins of

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their rounds lie on each other: this end is the narrow end. With the long tail of the back whip stitch the two together all round, through both loops of both edges, 50 stitches. Do not cut the yarn. Fold the narrow end in half along its length, the blush lining inside, and take 3 small stitches through all the layers ½ in (1.5 cm) from the end.

7. Lay the hat flat with the join of its last round in the middle of the lower layer, the back. The ears go on the two side folds. Set the folded narrow end of an ear on round 5 of the hat, counted from the magic ring, its middle on the fold, so that the ear points away from the crown to the side and its lining faces the front. Sew it down all round the folded end with the yarn that hangs, about 10 stitches, and take 3 more through the fold of the ear one round farther on, so that it cannot turn. Fasten off inside. Sew the other ear to the other fold in the same way.

8. Fold the ribbed top of the cocoon down once to the outside, so that its 6 rounds lie on the round of B before them and the moss stitch.

Finishing

- Weave in the tails that are left on the inside. Wash both pieces by hand in the way the yarn bands say and dry them flat. The pompom is only for the time a grown-up holds or watches the baby.

In all: 16 pieces; 3,748 stitches (2,574 in the cocoon, 546 in the hat, 93 in each ear front, 93 in each ear back, 92 in each foot, 18 in each foot pad, 6 in each toe pad).

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