Ear warmer with buttons

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 19½ in (50 cm) round and about 3¼ in (8 cm) wide, with its two ends buttoned over each other; laid open the strip is about 21¾ in (55 cm) long, with the tab

To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill

Beginner

One stitch in rows, two buttons

Yarn

Bulky (5)

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

11 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

You will need

Yarn: heathered dusty rose, bulky (5) **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors, 2 stitch markers, pins, 2 flat buttons, about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) across, strong sewing thread and a sewing needle.

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
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 2½ in (6 cm) wide	about 50 yd (46 m)
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 2½ in (6 cm) wide	about 55 yd (50 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	18¾ in (48 cm) round, 3¼ in (8 cm) wide	about 75 yd (69 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**19½ in (50 cm) round, 3¼ in (8 cm) wide**	**about 75 yd (69 m)**

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
RS	right side

Gauge

11 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet in back loops, worked in rows.

The gauge is measured on the band itself, laid flat and not stretched, when its first 10 rows are worked: along a row, which checks the stitches, and then across the 10 rows, which sets the size round. The lines printed under row 10 say how much each should measure. Below, "round" is measured across the rows in the same way, not stretched.

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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 10, lay the band flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 3¼ in (8 cm) long.

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. The ribs stretch, so each size is made about 2 to 2½ in (5 to 6 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, measured flat and not stretched. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. After the turn the first stitch of the row goes into the stitch nearest the hook, which is the last stitch of the row before, and the last goes into the first stitch of the row before, so that every row has the same number of stitches; the chains skipped at the start of row 1 do not count either.
- 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, on the right side and on the wrong side alike.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.
- The tab is worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- One yarn is used throughout: a variegated, self-striping or cake yarn of the same weight and length can take its place, and its colors fall where the yarn has them.

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Instructions

Chosen: Woman, head 22 in (56 cm). 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 hdc is half treble.

Headband

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 11, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(9 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 10: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 **10**

Stop and measure now, after row 10. Lay the band flat without stretching it and measure it along a row: it should be about 3¼ in (8 cm) long. Then measure across the rows: the 10 rows, not stretched, should measure about 4½ in (11 cm) from the outer side of row 1 to the outer side of row 10. This sets the size round: if they measure more, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If the 10 rows measure right and the row is longer or shorter than it should be, keep the hook: the band only comes out that much wider or narrower.

☐ **Rows 11 to 44**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(9 hdc)**

A box for each row, 11 to 44: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off and do not cut the yarn: the tab goes on from row 44.	

Tab

☐ **Foundation**	Put a marker in the first and in the last stitch of row 44 of the band; the markers show where the tab begins. The tab is worked on the 9 stitches marked off by them, with the same yarn and hook.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(9 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(9 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm), with which the end of the tab is sewn down.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the beginning tail on the wrong side, the side that faced you in row 2, before you go on.

2. Closing: the right side of the band is the side that faced you in row 1. Bend the band into a ring with the right side outside and no twist in it. Lay the tab, its right side up, over the beginning of the band, so that row 44 of the band, the row with the markers, meets the beginning chain underneath it edge to edge, and the tab lies over rows 1 to 5. The long edges of the two layers are level all along the tab. Pin it and take out the markers.

3. Buttons: both buttons go on row 3 of the tab, the middle one of its 5 rows. Place one above the other, their centers about 1½ in (4 cm) apart and each center about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) from the long edge nearest to it. With the sewing thread sew each button on through both layers, the tab and the band under it, going up and down through the holes at least 6 times; fasten the thread on the inside of the band. The buttons hold the band closed for good and it is drawn on over the head: there are no buttonholes. The version without buttons, for a child under three, comes next.

4. Without buttons, only for a child under three: leave the buttons and the sewing thread out. Cut three strands of the

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same yarn, two of 20 in (51 cm) and one of 30 in (76 cm). With each of the two short strands sew one of the two sides of the tab, from its row 1 to its row 5, down on the band with whip stitch, 2 stitches to each row, through the edge of the tab and through the band under it. With the long strand embroider a star at each of the two places named above for the centers of the buttons: 4 straight stitches, each about 1 in (2.5 cm) long and worked through both layers, that all cross at the center, one upright, one level and two slanting. Fasten every end off on the inside of the band.

5. The end of the tab, with buttons or without: with the long tail sew the last row of the tab, its 9 stitches, down on the band with whip stitch, one stitch to each stitch of that row and through the band under it, so that the end does not curl. Fasten off on the inside.

Finishing

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

In all: 441 stitches (396 in the headband, 45 in the tab).

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