Cable stitch ear warmer

Adult · US terms



Finished size
About 20¾ in (53 cm) around by 4¼ in (11 cm) wide
To fit for a head of 21¾ to 23¼ in (55 to 59 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Crossed stitches

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In cable stitch.

You will need

Yarn: heather, medium (4) **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Adult (this file)	**for a head of 21¾ to 23¼ in (55 to 59 cm)**	**20¾ in (53 cm) around, 4¼ in (11 cm) wide**	**about 65 yd (59 m)**
Adult large	for a head of 22½ to 24 in (57 to 61 cm)	21½ in (55 cm) around, 4¼ in (11 cm) wide	about 65 yd (59 m)
Teen	for a head of 20¾ to 22¼ in (53 to 57 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) around, 4¼ in (11 cm) wide	about 60 yd (55 m)
Child	for a head of 18¼ to 19¾ in (46 to 50 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm) around, 3 in (7.5 cm) wide	about 40 yd (37 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
WS	wrong side
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch

Gauge

13 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in cable stitch.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the wrong side.
- The last double crochet of each group goes back into the skipped stitch, in front of the three just made, and lies across them.
- No post stitches are used: the cable is made by that one crossing stitch.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- 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 a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1.
- For another width, add or take away 4 chains at a time: each 4 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group, and 4 more stitches to a row that has no brackets. Measure your own gauge first.
- Measure the head and choose the size whose range it falls in. If it falls between two sizes, or in two of them, make the larger. Each ear warmer is smaller around than the heads it is for, because it stretches.

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Instructions

Chosen: Adult. 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, dc is treble and sk is miss.

The 49 rows below make this size. For another length, work fewer or more rows in the same order; rows 2 and 3 are the set that is worked over and over, so stop after a row that is worked as row 3, the one that brings the band, laid flat and not stretched, nearest to 1½ in (4 cm) shorter than the head.

Check your width as you go: when row 8 is done, measure the width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge. It is about 4¼ in (11 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**sk next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc in skipped st**] 3 times**, dc in last st	**(14 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 13 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 49**	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 49: tick them off as you go.

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

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

Assembly

1. Lay the strip flat with its right side down. Bring the last row round to lie against the foundation chain, without twisting the strip. The right side is on the outside of the ring.

2. With the long tail, whip stitch the last row to the foundation chain, easing the two edges to fit: about 14 stitches.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 49 rows; 686 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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