Candy corn hat

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



Finished size
About 14½ in (37 cm) round and about 7½ in (19 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the tip
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in a spiral, a little embroidery

Yarn
Light (3), 5 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: white, the tip	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange, the middle	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, the lower part and the brim	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chocolate, the eyes and the smile	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: bubblegum, the cheeks	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle 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. Yarns A, B, C and E: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn	13½ in (34 cm)	12¾ in (32 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 80 yd (73 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**14½ in (37 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep**	**about 100 yd (91 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15¼ in (39 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep	about 115 yd (105 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	16¾ in (43 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 130 yd (119 m)
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 9½ in (24 cm) deep	about 140 yd (128 m)

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Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 10¼ in (26 cm) deep	about 165 yd (151 m)

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	

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: along the point, from its tip to the edge of a round, 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 point is longer than its round says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the point is shorter, it will come out shallower.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 27, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 14½ in (37 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 24.

Before you start

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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 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 cheeks 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.
- 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.

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- Back stitch, as it is used for the embroidery: with the needle threaded and fastened on the inside, come up one stitch length to the left of the right-hand end of the line and go down at that end; then each time come up one stitch length farther to the left than the place where the needle last came up, and go down in the place where it last came up, so that the stitches touch.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 14½ in (37 cm) round and about 7½ in (19 cm) deep, measured along the cloth from the tip.

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, white; B, orange; C, yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Point

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	With C, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**Sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sc in next 8 sts	**(54 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 24. The point, laid flat, should measure about 6 in (15 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 25 to 27**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 25 to 27: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

25 26 **27**

Stop and measure now, after round 27. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 14½ in (37 cm) round.

Band

☐ **Rnds 28 to 30**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 28 to 30: tick them off as you go.

28 29 30

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Cheek: make 2

Yarn E, bubblegum.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **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. Eyes: with a strand of yarn D 24 in (61 cm) long for each, held double in the needle, embroider two closed eyes on the orange part of the front in back stitch. The middle of the front is opposite the place where the last round of the hat begins; fold the hat in half there to find it. There is one eye on each side of the middle. Each is a shallow curve like a smile, 3 stitches of the hat wide, and begins 2 stitches from the middle of the front: both ends of the curve lie on round 14 and its lowest point, halfway along it, lies on round 15. Make each back stitch about one stitch of the hat long.

3. Smile: With a strand of yarn D 24 in (61 cm) long, held double in the needle, embroider it on the front in back stitch: a curve whose lowest point lies on round 18 of the hat at the middle of the front and whose two ends lie on round 17, 1½ stitches of the hat to each side of the middle. Make each back stitch about one stitch of the hat long.

4. Sew a cheek to the front on each side of the middle, its center on round 18 of the hat, 5 stitches of that round from the middle of the front.

5. The point is left empty, without stuffing; lean its tip to one side with your fingers.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces; 1,128 stitches (1,116 in the hat, 6 in each cheek).

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