Cat ear headphone covers

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 3¼ × 8¼ in (8 × 21 cm)
About 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across the ear covers, for cushions 3 in (7.5 cm) to 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across, with a wrap about 8¼ in (21 cm) long and 3½ in (9 cm) round

Skill
Easy
It is flat circles, a flat strip and small pieces sewn on.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

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

You will need

Yarn A: charcoal, the covers, the wrap and the ears **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dusty pink, the middles and the inner ears **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Fiber: acrylic
Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a little toy stuffing, 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. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	3 × 7½ in (8 × 19 cm)	about 125 yd (114 m)
Medium (this file)	**3¼ × 8¼ in (8 × 21 cm)**	**about 145 yd (133 m)**
Large	3¾ × 9 in (10 × 23 cm)	about 165 yd (151 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)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
sc3tog	single crochet 3 stitches together (UK dc3tog)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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

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 9 the cover should measure about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- sc2tog, single crochet 2 together: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook. sc3tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 3 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on the hook.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- 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 straight across one ear cushion at its outer edge, and round the headband where it is thickest. The covers are for round cushions up to ¾ in (2 cm) deep. The wrap should go round the headband just closed: for a thicker or thinner band chain 4 more or 4 fewer and work every row with 4 stitches more or fewer, about ¾ in (2 cm); the two lines for an ear in step 4, counted from the front edge, are then 2 stitches farther from it or 2 nearer to it, and a wider wrap needs about 10 yd (9 m) more of A. For a longer or shorter wrap work an even number of rows more or fewer, so that there is still a middle row, but never fewer than 39 rows in all: the ears need that many. 22 rows are about 4 in (10 cm). To find the middle row add 1 to the number of rows and halve it: of 39 rows it is row 20. In steps 4 and 5 go by this row: one ear stands over the 5th to the 19th row before it, the other over the 5th to the 19th row after it. For every 22 rows more, the length of A for the seam in step 5 is 12 in (30.5 cm) longer and about 25 yd (23 m) more of A are needed; for a shorter wrap the length given is long enough.
- Leave the sliders, the buttons and the openings of the headphones free. If the headphones notice when they are worn, a cover over the cushion may stop that.
- Colors of the ear cushion cover, round by round. Rounds 1 to 6: B. Rounds 7 to 15: A.

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Instructions

Chosen: Medium. 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, sc2tog is dc2tog and sc3tog is dc3tog.

Ear cushion cover: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, dusty pink; A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Front

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	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	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, 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	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	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	**(54 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** The cover should measure about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across.

Edge

☐ **Rnds 10 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

Back

☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 9 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 9 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch and fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Headband wrap

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 45**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 45: 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

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

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch and fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew the ear on.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, dusty pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (46 cm) to sew it on.	

Assembly

1. Weave in both tails of the headband wrap on its wrong side. Weave the starting tail of every ear and inner ear in on its wrong side. The long tail at the end of each ear and inner ear is kept for sewing.

2. Ear cushion covers: weave in every tail on the wrong side. For each cover cut a length of A about 22 in (56 cm) long. With the needle run it in and out through the stitches of the last round, from the outside in through the first stitch and out through the next, once all the way round, so that both ends hang on the outside at the same place.

3. Ears: flatten each ear so that the two places where each round increases are at its two sides; the tip is at the top and the open edge at the bottom. Lay an inner ear on the front of it, right side up, its first row toward the open edge and one round above it, with 2 stitches of the ear free to each side along that round. With the tail of the inner ear whip stitch it down round all its edges, one stitch for each stitch or row; sew through the front layer only. Take the needle through to the inside of the ear, fasten off there and weave in the rest of the tail on the inside. Put a little stuffing in each ear.

4. The wrap has 45 rows of 18 stitches; row 23 is its middle row. Lay it with its right side up, row 1 at the left and row 45 at the right, so that its two long edges are above and below; the lower one is the front edge. The first ear stands over rows 4 to 18, the second over rows 28 to 42, so that 9 rows are left between them: each ear covers the 5th to the 19th row from the middle row. The fronts of both look toward the front edge. Stand the open edge of an ear on the wrap as a narrow oval: its front, 14 stitches, along the line between the 8th and the 9th stitch of the rows, counted from the front edge, its back, 14 stitches, along the line between the 10th and the 11th stitch, its two sides at the two outer rows of the 15. With the tail of the ear whip stitch the open edge down all the way round. Take the needle through to the wrong side of the wrap, fasten off there and weave in the rest of the tail. Sew the second ear on in the same way.

5. Lay the wrap round the headband, right side out, with the ears on the outside, row 23 at the middle of the headband and the ears looking to the front of the headphones. Its two long edges meet along the underside of the headband. Cut a length of A about 36 in (91.5 cm) long. Beginning at one end with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the two long edges together, row to row, to the other end. Fasten off, then draw this tail and the tail left at the beginning of the seam in through the seam, so that they lie inside the wrap.

6. Slip a cover over each ear cushion with the pink middle toward the ear. Reach behind the cushion with the edge, draw both ends of the length of A up until the edge lies snug between the cushion and the ear piece, tie them in a bow, and tuck the bow under the edge of the cover.

Finishing

- To wash the covers, untie the bow behind each cushion and undo the seam of the wrap.

In all: 7 pieces; 2,450 stitches (567 in each ear cushion cover, 810 in the headband wrap, 204 in each ear, 49 in each inner ear).

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