Crossover head warmer

Adult, head 21½ to 23 in (54.5 to 58.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 20¼ in (51.5 cm) round (56 stitches), unstretched; each strip is about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide (4 rows of the strip), and the band, two strips deep, is about 3½ in (9 cm) deep at the sides

Skill
Easy

Yarn
Bulky (5)

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
11 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: dusky mauve, bulky (5) **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child, 4 to 8 years, head 19½ to 20½ in (49.5 to 52 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm) round, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide	about 45 yd (41 m)
Teen, head 20½ to 21½ in (52 to 54.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm) round, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide	about 60 yd (55 m)
Adult, head 21½ to 23 in (54.5 to 58.5 cm) (this file)	**20¼ in (51.5 cm) round, 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide**	**about 65 yd (59 m)**

Abbreviations

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

BLO back loop only: of the two loops at the top of the stitch, work under the one farther from you
hdc half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
ch chain stitch
RS right side
st stitch

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Gauge

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11 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. After Row 3, the first strip is about 20¼ in (51.5 cm) long (56 stitches) and about 1¼ in (3 cm) wide (rows 1 to 3 of the strip).

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.

Before you start

- Measure round the head over the ears and choose the size whose range holds that measure. The finished band is smaller than the head, and the fabric stretches to it.
- Each strip is worked in rows along its length. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch goes into the first stitch of the row below, and the last into its last. Rows from the second on are worked in the back loops only, which makes the ribs.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- 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.

Instructions

Chosen: Adult, head 21½ to 23 in (54.5 to 58.5 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.

Strip: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 57.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each ch across	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in BLO of each st across	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in BLO of each st across	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in BLO of each st across	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Finishing

- Left seam: with a length of yarn of 26 in (66 cm), begin at the left end and sew 21 chains of Strip 2 to 21 stitches of the last row of Strip 1, one chain to one stitch. Fasten off; the rest of these edges stays open.
- Right seam: with a length of yarn of 26 in (66 cm), begin at the right end and sew 21 stitches of the last row of Strip 2 to 21 chains of Strip 1, one stitch to one chain. Fasten off. The 14 stitches in the middle of each strip stay free and make the cross: Strip 1 lies on top.
- Back seam: bend the band into a ring with the right sides outward and no twist, so that its two ends meet. The left end of Strip 1 meets the right end of Strip 2 at the lower edge, and the left end of Strip 2 meets the right end of Strip 1 above them. With a length of yarn of 15 in (38 cm), begin at the lower edge and sew the ends edge to edge, one row end to one row end: 4 row ends, then the other 4. Fasten off. Weave in every tail on the inside.
- Every seam is sewn with a new length of yarn, with the edges flat beside each other and the right sides toward you. The needle goes under one whole chain of the foundation ch, or under both loops at the top of a stitch, first on one edge and then on the other. Where the ends of rows are sewn (the back seam), it goes under the two strands that lie along the edge at the end of the row. Draw the yarn only so tight that the edges meet. Each foundation ch has one spare chain at one end, which carries no stitch: it is not counted.
- Call the pieces Strip 1 and Strip 2. Lay Strip 1 on a table with its right side up and its foundation ch nearest you. Lay Strip 2 above it, also with its right side up and its foundation ch nearest you, so that the foundation ch of Strip 2 lies against the last row of Strip 1 and the ends are level.
- The cross: take the right end of Strip 1, lift it over the top of Strip 2 without turning it over, and lay it down above Strip 2. Draw the right end of Strip 2 down below it. At the right end the last row of Strip 2 now lies against the foundation ch of Strip 1. Both right sides are still up.

In all: 2 pieces; 448 stitches.

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