Cupcake hat

Baby, 6 to 12 months, head 16½ in (42 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 16 in (41 cm) round and about 7 in (18 cm) deep
To fit a head of 16½ in (42 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Back loop rounds with increases, a post stitch rib, an edge worked into free loops, embroidery

Yarn
Light (3), 6 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: sugar pink, the frosting	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: teal, the wrapper and some sprinkles	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cherry red, the cherry	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, some sprinkles	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: butter, some sprinkles	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: fern, the stem of the cherry	**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, scissors and a little toy stuffing for the cherry.

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 F: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarns D and E: 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, 5½ in (14 cm) deep	about 95 yd (87 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14½ in (37 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) deep	about 115 yd (105 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months (this file)	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**16 in (41 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) deep**	**about 135 yd (123 m)**
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17½ in (44 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 165 yd (151 m)
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep	about 180 yd (165 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next row or round.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next row or round.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased. It leaves 1 single crochet for the next row or round.

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: across the crown, 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 crown measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, it will come out shallower. The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 16 rounds of single crochet or 8 rounds of double crochet or 8 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 16, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 16 in (41 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 4.

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 smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs from size to size, because the stitches come in whole repeats. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- The pattern is written in United States terms, the directions of the special stitches too; 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.

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- The right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch. Unless the line says otherwise, the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that slip stitch.
- The rounds of the hat that do not end with a join are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post stitch.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last stitch, or where the round is joined its joining slip 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 cherry is 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.
- The frosting grows in steps, like piped frosting: a few rounds with increases, then a few without, and so on. The front loops that stay free make its ridges, one unbroken line that winds round and round.
- Baby, 6 to 12 months: for a head of 16½ in (42 cm). The finished hat is about 16 in (41 cm) round and about 7 in (18 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby, 6 to 12 months, head 16½ in (42 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, sugar pink; B, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in BLO of each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in BLO of next st, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 4. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 2 in (5 cm) across.

☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in BLO of next 5 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(42 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11

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☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in BLO of next 6 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**Sc in BLO of next 7 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in BLO of next 8 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

15 **16**

Stop and measure now, after round 16. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 16 in (41 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Sc in BLO of next 9 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(66 sc)**

A box for each round, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

18 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**Sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

Finish the last stitch of round 20 with yarn B, cut yarn A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) on the inside (it is joined anew for the frosting edge), and, with yarn B, slip stitch in the back loop only of the next stitch, which is the first stitch of round 20, to level the round; the front loop of that stitch stays free. The first stitch of round 21 goes into the same back loop.

Wrapper

☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, ch 3, dc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 22 to 24**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(30 FPdc, 30 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24

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

Frosting edge

Yarn A, sugar pink.

☐ **Foundation**	The frosting edge is worked into round 20 of the hat, the last round of the frosting, into the 60 stitches marked by the front loops that round 21 left free, one to each stitch of round 20. Hold the hat with its right side toward you and the crown at the bottom, as it was held for its rounds. Leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) and join yarn A with a slip stitch in the front loop of the first stitch of round 20; the first slip stitch of round 1 goes into that same front loop, and every stitch of the line goes into a free front loop, in the direction in which the hat was worked.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sl st in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 10 times**, sl st in first sl st to join **(50 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Take both tails through to the inside. The shells lie down over the top of the wrapper.

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Cherry

Yarn C, cherry red.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(15 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5

Stuff the cherry firmly with toy stuffing now, after round 5, its starting tail inside it; round 6 draws it in.

☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 5 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Cherry stem

Yarn F, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 8, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	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. Cherry: the beginning tail of the stem and its sewing tail hang at one end, its foot. Take both down through the center of round 1 of the cherry, which is its top, and out at its side, pull the foot of the stem snugly to the cherry and fasten the tails; run what is left through the cherry. With the long tail of the cherry sew its open edge to the center of the top of the hat all round.

3. Sprinkles: each is a French knot, worked with the yarn single and 3 wraps. Bring the needle up from the inside, wrap the yarn 3 times round it close to the cloth, hold the wraps snug and go down again one thread away from where it came up, so that the knot sits between two ridges. The line from the center of the top down to the first stitch of round 20 is where every round begins for this count: the stitch of a round that lies on that line is its stitch 1, and the numbers go on in the direction in which the hat was worked. Work on round 5, 6 knots, the first over stitch 2 and then one over every 4th stitch after it, the last over stitch 22; on round 8, 6 knots, the first over stitch 4 and then one over every 6th stitch after it, the last over stitch 34; on round 11, 7 knots, the first over stitch 6 and then one over every 6th stitch after it, the last over stitch 42; on round 14, 10 knots, the first over stitch 2 and then one over every 6th stitch after it, the last over stitch 56; on round 17, 11 knots, the first over stitch 4 and then one over every 6th stitch after it, the last over stitch 64. That is 40 knots. Take the yarns in turn along the rounds, a knot of D, a knot of E, a knot of B, and so on. On the inside run each yarn from knot to knot through the backs of the stitches, so that no loops hang there, and fasten every knot well.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces.

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