Curved horns for a costume headband

Adult · US terms



Finished size

About 21½ in (54.5 cm) round the head, buttoned at the first buttonhole and about 23 in (58.5 cm) at the around the head, buttoned at the third buttonhole

Skill

Intermediate

Rows of stitches of different heights, slip stitch ridges, stuffing and sewing

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: taupe **about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 95 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, polyester stuffing, a strip of polyester quilt batting, 1 button, 5/8 in (15 mm) across, pins, stitch markers and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

Sizes

Size	Yarn, an estimate	Around the head, buttoned at the first b	Around the head, buttoned at the third b	Band from ear to ear	Band wide	Each horn along its outer curve	Each horn around its base
Child	about 145 yd (133 m)	19¼ in (49 cm)	20¾ in (52.5 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)
Adult (this file)	**about 185 yd (169 m)**	**21½ in (54.5 cm)**	**23 in (58.5 cm)**	**14 in (35.5 cm)**	**1¾ in (4.5 cm)**	**14¼ in (36 cm)**	**5½ in (14 cm)**

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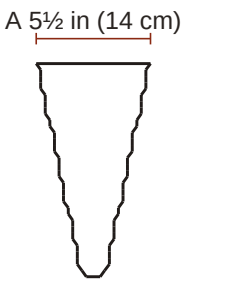
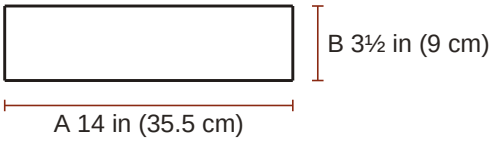
Schematic



Horn, before it is sewn
A each horn around its base



Band, before it is folded
A the band from ear to ear
B from top to bottom

Gauge

18 stitches and 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 28; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 32 rows of single crochet on 27 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. All the pieces have this gauge. Half double crochet (UK: half treble): 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm); double crochet (UK: treble): 9.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm), in this yarn and with this hook. The stitches must be close enough that the stuffing does not show. If it shows, take a smaller hook.

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **st** stitch.

ch-2 sp: the hole under two chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.

(25 sc): the row now has 25; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: RS right side, sp space.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)): Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Horn: make 2

Yarn A, taupe.

☐ **Start**	With yarn A, ch 26.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(25 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(12 sc, 6 hdc, 5 dc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 6 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 3 sts, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 3 sts, sc in back loop only of next 6 sts	(12 sc, 6 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts	(12 sc, 6 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 6 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 3 sts, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 3 sts, sc in back loop only of next 6 sts	(12 sc, 6 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc, 6 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 3 sts, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 3 sts, sc in back loop only of next 5 sts	(10 sc, 6 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts	(10 sc, 6 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 3 sts, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 3 sts, sc in back loop only of next 5 sts	(10 sc, 6 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc, 4 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, sc in back loop only of next 5 sts	(10 sc, 4 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc, 4 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 4 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, sc in back loop only of next 4 sts	(8 sc, 4 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc, 4 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 4 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, sc in back loop only of next 4 sts	(8 sc, 4 hdc, 5 dc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc, 4 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 4 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, sc in back loop only of next 4 sts	(8 sc, 4 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc, 4 hdc, 3 dc)

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☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 4 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, sc in back loop only of next 4 sts	(8 sc, 4 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc, 4 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, sc in back loop only of next 3 sts	(6 sc, 4 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts	(6 sc, 4 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next 2 sts, sc in back loop only of next 3 sts	(6 sc, 4 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 3 sts	(6 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 2 sts, hdc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 2 sts	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 2 sts, hdc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, hdc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 2 sts	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 3 dc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 2 sts, hdc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next st, hdc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 2 sts	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 2 sts, hdc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next st, hdc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 2 sts	(4 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc2tog	(2 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc)

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☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 48 in (120 cm) for sewing. Ridges: work them now, while the horn is flat. Rows 3 to 33 with odd numbers were worked in the back loops, so the front loops of rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 lie free on the right side. Hold the horn with the right side facing and the last row uppermost. Join yarn B with a sl st in the free front loop at the right-hand end of row 2 (this is the first sl st), then sl st loosely in each of the other free front loops of row 2, to its left-hand end (23 sl sts); fasten off. Do the same along each of the other rows named, each time from right to left: 23 sl sts along row 4, 21 sl sts along row 6, 21 sl sts along row 8, 19 sl sts along row 10, 17 sl sts along row 12, 17 sl sts along row 14, 15 sl sts along row 16, 15 sl sts along row 18, 13 sl sts along row 20, 13 sl sts along row 22, 11 sl sts along row 24, 9 sl sts along row 26, 9 sl sts along row 28, 7 sl sts along row 30, 7 sl sts along row 32. Leave ends of about 4 in (10 cm): they stay inside the horn, so there is no need to weave them in. Then fold the horn lengthwise with the right side outward, so that its two side edges meet: they are the inner line of the curl. Thread the long end, run it through the tops of the 3 sts of row 35 and draw them together. With the same end sew the two side edges together with mattress stitch from the tip to the base, row end to row end, 35 row ends to 35, and draw the yarn up firmly every few rows. Stuff the horn as you sew, after every 4 rows, firmly, with the blunt end of the hook. It curls by itself, because the edges are shorter than the middle. The seam ends at the foundation chain, which stays open as a ring of 25 chs; leave the rest of the yarn for sewing the horn on.	

Band

Yarn A, taupe.

☐ **Start**	With yarn A, ch 64.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(63 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(63 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

☐	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 48 in (120 cm) for sewing. Padding: cut a strip of batting 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide and 13½ in (34.5 cm) long and fold it in half lengthwise. Lay the band with the wrong side up, put the strip on it along the upper half, rows 11 to 19, and fold the lower half over it, so that row 10 lies in the fold and the right side is outward. With the long end sew the 63 sts of row 19 to the 63 chs of the foundation chain, st to ch, with whip stitch, beginning at the end of row 19, where the long end hangs. When you come to the other short end, go on with the same yarn and close it from the seam to the fold: row end 19 to row end 1, row end 18 to row end 2, and so on, to row end 11 and row end 9, 9 row ends to 9; fasten off. Close the short end where you began in the same order, 9 row ends to 9, with a new length of yarn A of about 14 in (35 cm). The fold is the front edge of the band and the long seam is the back edge; either face may be the upper one.	

Strap

Yarn A, taupe.

☐ **Start**	Leave an end of about 14 in (35 cm) before the first chain, for sewing. With yarn A, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 47**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 50 to 57**	Repeat Rows 46 to 49, 2 more times	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 58 to 60**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off. Rows 48, 52 and 56 hold the three buttonholes.	

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 46 47

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

58 59 60

Assembly

1. The middle of the band is st 32 of its 63 sts, at the top of the head; the horns stand one on each side of it. On the upper face of the band, count 7 sts from the middle st, to the right and to the left, not counting the middle st itself, and place a marker in the last st counted. The base of a horn will cover the marked st and the 7 sts beyond it, and 13 sts are free between the two bases.

2. Horns: the two horns are alike. Open the foundation chain of a horn to a round, about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across, and set it on the band with its seam toward the back edge of the band, halfway between the two edges. The horn rises from the band, curls back and down, and its tip comes forward again beside the head. Pin it, push in a little more stuffing so that the base is full, and sew the 25 chs of the foundation chain to the upper layer of the band all the way around with the rest of the end; go around a second time, so that the horn stands firmly. If the end is used up, go on with a new length of yarn A. Sew the other horn on at the other marker in the same way.

3. Strap: it goes behind the head, under the hair. Right and left are as worn, with the fold of the band to the front. Lay the foundation end of the strap under the left end of the band, so that rows 1 to 4 of the strap lie on the under face of the band, halfway between its two edges, and the rest of the strap goes on beyond the end of the band. Sew these rows down with the end left at the beginning: along the foundation chain, along both sides, and along the end of the band.

4. Button: sew the button to the outside of the right end of the band, halfway between its two edges and ¾ in (2 cm) from the end, with sewing thread. Buttoned at the first, the second and the third buttonhole, counted from the sewn end, the ring of the band and the strap is 21½ in (54.5 cm), 22¼ in (56.5 cm) and 23 in (58.5 cm) around. Try the band on before you sew the button: for every ½ in (1.5 cm) that the button lies farther from the end of the band, the ring is ½ in (1.5 cm) smaller.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. To clean the horns, wipe them with a damp cloth and let them dry in the air.

In all: 3 pieces; 2,581 stitches (513 in each horn, 1,197 in the band, 358 in the strap).

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.

Notes

- Two sizes, by the head. Measure around the head where the piece will lie: over the top, behind the ears and under the back of the head.

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- Choose the size whose buttonholes take in your measure. A measure between two buttonholes takes the larger one, and a measure between the two sizes, from 20¾ to 21½ in (52.5 to 54.5 cm), takes the adult size at its first buttonhole; the button can be moved in to make the ring smaller (see step 4 of the finishing). No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain is ch 1 in all the rows and never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- Every row of the horn begins and ends with single crochet, so ch 1 is high enough. The stitches of a row have different heights: that is what makes the horn curl.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Mattress stitch: lay the two edges side by side with the right side up; with the yarn needle go under two strands at the side of a row end of one edge, then under two strands of the row end across from it, and so on, and draw the yarn up until the edges meet.
- Whip stitch: put the needle in through both edges from the back to the front, take the yarn over the edge, and do the same again a short step farther on.
- Horns on a child: the child is watched while they are worn, and they come off for rough play. The strap lies behind the head; it is no chin strap.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.
- To fit head 21½ to 23 in (54.5 to 58.5 cm).

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