Elephant baby hat

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



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5¾ in (15 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in a spiral, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Light (3), 3 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: silver gray, the hat, the ears and the trunk	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, the inner ears and the cheeks	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, the eyes	**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, pins and a little toy stuffing for the trunk.

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 and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: 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)	12½ in (32 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 95 yd (87 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep**	**about 125 yd (114 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 175 yd (160 m)

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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: 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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 12, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 13¾ in (35 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 8.

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.
- The ears, the inner ears, the trunk and 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: thread the needle and fasten the yarn on the wrong side, behind the place where the line begins. First stitch: come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at the beginning. Every stitch after it: come up one stitch length farther along the line than the end of the stitch just worked, and go down in the hole at that end, so that the stitches touch.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5¾ in (15 cm) deep.

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

Yarn A, silver gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **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**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(52 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

10 11 **12**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 13¾ in (35 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 13 to 20**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 20: tick them off as you go.

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Band

☐ **Rnds 21 to 23**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 21 to 23: tick them off as you go.

21 22 23

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

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Ear: make 2

Yarn A, silver gray.

☐ **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 st, 2 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 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **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 st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Trunk

Yarn A, silver gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

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Cheek: make 2

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 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. Small pieces: before a piece is sewn on, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side. Sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. Ears: lay an inner ear on an ear, both right sides up, the center of the one on the center of the other, and sew it down all round by the stitches of its last round through the ear, so that a rim of gray two rounds wide shows all round it. That face is the front of the ear; the inner ear makes it firm.

4. Lay the hat flat with the place at its lower edge where its last round begins at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. An ear stands out at each side, its front toward the front of the hat. Lay 10 stitches of its edge, next to its sewing tail, along a straight up and down line 2 stitches in front of the fold, from round 7 to round 17 of the hat, counted from the center of the top, and sew them to the hat along the front of the ear and then again along its back.

5. Trunk: run the tail of its ring down inside the trunk. Stuff the trunk lightly up to its last 2 rounds. To make it curl, thread a strand of yarn A 24 in (61 cm) long double, fasten it inside the open edge, and run a line of small stitches from the open edge to the tip along one side, over one round and under the next. Draw the strand in until the trunk bends to that side like the letter J, fasten it at the tip and run its ends inside.

6. 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. Mark with pins the straight line that runs from there up to the center of the top. Where a place is given by a round and a number of stitches from the middle of the front, count the rounds from the center of the top and the stitches along that round from the marked line; left and right are meant as you look at the front. Open the edge of the trunk to a ring and sew it to the middle of the front all round, the center of the ring on round 12 of the hat, the drawn-in side of the trunk to the right as you look at the front: the trunk hangs down and its tip curls up to the right. With what is left of the tail catch the back of round 6 of the trunk to the hat below it with two stitches, so that the trunk lies close to the hat.

7. Eyes: with a strand of yarn C 25 in (64 cm) long for each, held double in the needle, embroider two closed eyes on the front in back stitch, one on each side of the middle. Each is a shallow curve like a smile, 4 stitches of the hat wide, and begins 4 stitches from the middle of the front, so that 8 stitches lie between the two eyes: both ends of the curve lie on round 12 and its lowest point, halfway along it, lies on round 13. Make each back stitch about one stitch of the hat long. Then add 3 lashes to the half of each curve that is farther from the middle: straight stitches about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, from the curve outward and down.

8. Cheeks: sew one to the front on each side of the middle, its center on round 16 of the hat, 7 stitches from the middle of the front.

Finishing

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

In all: 8 pieces; 1,510 stitches (996 in the hat, 126 in each ear, 60 in each inner ear, 126 in the trunk, 8 in each cheek).

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