Fall leaf baby headband

6 to 12 months · US terms



Finished size
About 15 in (38 cm) around by 1 5/8 in (4.2 cm) wide; the rust and the cranberry leaf each about 2½ in (6.5 cm) long, from the end of the stem to the end of the picot at the tip (the fourth of the seven picots)
To fit a head of 16 to 17½ in (41 to 44 cm)

Skill
Easy
Two stitches in turn, and small leaves to sew on

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In seed stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: oatmeal, main color	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, the rust leaf	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, the mustard leaf	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cranberry, the cranberry leaf	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and a stitch marker.

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 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
3 to 6 months	a head of 14½ to 16 in (37 to 41 cm)	13½ in (34 cm) around, 1 5/8 in (4.2 cm) wide	about 34 yd (31 m)
6 to 12 months (this file)	**a head of 16 to 17½ in (41 to 44 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm) around, 1 5/8 in (4.2 cm) wide**	**about 34 yd (31 m)**
Toddler	a head of 17½ to 19 in (44 to 48 cm)	16¼ in (41 cm) around, 1 5/8 in (4.2 cm) wide	about 39 yd (36 m)
Child	a head of 19 to 20½ in (48 to 52 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm) around, 1 5/8 in (4.2 cm) wide	about 39 yd (36 m)

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Gauge

17 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in seed stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Count each sc and each ch-1 space as one stitch. Check it on the band itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 20 rows are done: the 7 stitches of a row are about 1 5/8 in (4.2 cm) wide, and the 20 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Every row has the same number of places: each single crochet is one and each chain space is one.
- For a baby who is awake and watched: take the headband off for sleep.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the strands of each chain that lie below row 1, whether or not a stitch was worked into that chain. The chain skipped at the start of row 1 is not sewn. A chain between two stitches of the last row is sewn as a stitch: pass the needle under the whole chain.
- Measure the head and choose the size whose range it falls in. If it falls between two sizes, or in two of them, make the larger. Each baby headband is smaller around than the heads it is for, because it stretches.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

6 to 12 months. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sk skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(4 sc, 3 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Band

Yarn A, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 3 times**	(4 sc, 3 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, sc in last st	(5 sc, 2 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	(4 sc, 3 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rows 4 to 75**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 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 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59
60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.

Rust leaf

Yarn B, rust.

The 2 sl sts are the stem, and the next 8 chains hold the leaf. The fourth picot is its tip: the sc after it goes into the same chain as the sc before it, on the other side of that chain. The last sc goes into the chain that holds the first sc, on its other side, and the 2 chains of the stem, the remaining 2 sts, are left as they are.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 11.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, picot, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, leave remaining 2 sts unworked (2 sl sts, 4 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc, 7 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.

Mustard leaf

Yarn C, mustard.

The 2 sl sts are the stem, and the next 6 chains hold the leaf. The third picot is its tip: the sc after it goes into the same chain as the sc before it, on the other side of that chain. The last sc goes into the chain that holds the first sc, on its other side, and the 2 chains of the stem, the remaining 2 sts, are left as they are.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 9.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, picot, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, leave remaining 2 sts unworked (2 sl sts, 4 sc, 4 hdc, 4 dc, 5 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.

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Cranberry leaf

Yarn D, cranberry.

The 2 sl sts are the stem, and the next 8 chains hold the leaf. The fourth picot is its tip: the sc after it goes into the same chain as the sc before it, on the other side of that chain. The last sc goes into the chain that holds the first sc, on its other side, and the 2 chains of the stem, the remaining 2 sts, are left as they are.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 11.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, picot, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, dc in next 2 chs, picot, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, leave remaining 2 sts unworked (2 sl sts, 4 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc, 7 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm) to sew with.

Assembly

1. Weave in every end but the long tails.

2. Mark the place of the leaves: lay the band flat in front of you, right side up, with the foundation chain at the right and the last row at the left. The long edge at the top is the upper edge. Count from right to left to row 38, the middle one of the 75 rows, and put a marker in the 3rd place of that row, counted from the lower edge (each stitch and each chain is a place).

3. Lay the band flat with its right side down. Bring the last row round to the foundation chain, without twisting the band: the right side is on the outside of the ring. With the long tail, whip stitch the last row to the foundation chain, place to place (a chain counts as a stitch): 7 stitches.

4. Cranberry leaf: hold the band with the marker in front of you and the upper edge at the top. The foot of a leaf is where it meets its stem. Lay the leaf on the band, right side up, its foot 2 rows to the left of the marker and in the same place of the row, its tip pointing to the left. The outer end of its middle line, which is the end of the last of its 8 chains, lies 9 rows beyond the foot and 2 places nearer to the upper edge; the picot at the tip stands out beyond it. Its stem points to the marker. With its tail, which hangs at the foot, sew the stem to the band with 2 stitches. Then sew the leaf down along its middle line, from the foot outward: 8 stitches, one in each of the 8 chains. Fasten off on the wrong side.

5. Rust leaf: lay it on the band in the same way at the right of the marker, its foot 2 rows from the marker, its tip pointing to the right, the outer end of its middle line 9 rows beyond the foot and 2 places nearer to the upper edge. The stems of the two leaves meet at the marker. Sew it in the same way: 2 stitches for the stem, then 8 along its middle line.

6. Mustard leaf: lay it over the stems of the other two, right side up, its tip pointing straight up. The chain that holds its first sc and its last sc, the chain next to its stem, lies on the marked place, the 3rd from the lower edge. The 2 chains of its stem lie on the 2nd and the 1st place, so that the stem ends at the lower edge, and the next 4 chains of its middle line lie on the 4th to the 7th place, up to the upper edge. Its last chain and the picot at its tip stand free above the upper edge. Take the marker out. With its tail, sew the stem down with 2 stitches, and then the middle line, through the stems under it and the band, with 5 stitches, one in each of the 5 chains from the 3rd place to the 7th. Fasten off on the wrong side. The edges of all three leaves stay free. Sew firmly: a baby pulls at things.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 4 pieces.

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