Clownfish newborn cocoon and hat

Newborn · US terms



Finished size

About 18¾ in (47.5 cm) round and 17 in (43 cm) long without the tail, which is about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) long, for a baby up to 16¾ in (42.5 cm) round over the arms, with a hat about 12 in (30.5 cm) round and 5½ in (14 cm) deep

Skill

Easy

The cocoon and the hat are plain rounds with stripes; the tail and the fins are ribbed strips, drawn in along one edge and sewn on.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: orange, the cocoon, the fins and the hat	**about 350 yd (320 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the bands	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the edges of the bands and the fins	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 240 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: soft acrylic or cotton blend

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 2 stitch markers, pins, 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, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn (this file)	**18¾ in (47.5 cm) round, 17 in (43 cm) long**	**about 485 yd (443 m)**
Up to 3 months	20½ in (52 cm) round, 19¾ in (50 cm) long	about 595 yd (544 m)

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Gauge

14 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 14 the sides should measure about 18¾ in (47.5 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Notes

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Put the marker in the first stitch of each round, where the round is joined.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The cocoon and the hat are worked with the right side, the outside, facing you all the way.
- The closed end is worked with 6 increases a round, so that it does not lie flat but tapers like the body of a fish.
- FPhdc and BPhdc, front and back post half double crochet: work a half double crochet round the post of the stitch below instead of into its top. For FPhdc put the hook in from the front, behind the post, and out to the front again. For BPhdc put it in from the back, in front of the post, and out to the back again. In the first round of ribbing the posts are those of half double crochet; from then on a front post goes over a front post and a back post over a back post.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The tail and the fins are worked in rows, turned at every row, and look the same on both sides. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loops left free make ridges on both sides.
- The edge of the tail and of each fin is one row of black, one single crochet in the end of each row of the piece, with no turn.
- Measure the baby round the body over the arms, at the widest place, and from the shoulders to the feet with the knees drawn up. The cocoon is 2 in (5 cm) more round than the widest baby it is for, and it should be at least as long as the second measure. Measure the head too; the hat is to be about 1 in (2.5 cm) less round.
- Colors, round by round. Cocoon. Rounds 1 to 14: A. Round 15: C. Rounds 16 to 17: B. Round 18: C. Rounds 19 to 24: A. Round 25: C. Rounds 26 to 28: B. Round 29: C. Rounds 30 to 35: A. Round 36: C. Rounds 37 to 39: B. Round 40: C. Rounds 41 to 46: A. Hat. Rounds 1 to 8: A. Round 9: C. Rounds 10 to 11: B. Round 12: C. Rounds 13 to 15: A. Tail and fins: A, and C along the edge.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

FPhdc round the stitch below, from the front, **BPhdc** round the stitch below, from the back. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.

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(6 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Cocoon

Yarns in order of use: A, orange; C, black; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 6 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 5 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)

Sides

☐ **Rnds 12 to 14**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

12 13 **14**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 14.** The sides should measure about 18¾ in (47.5 cm) around.

First band

☐ **Rnd 15**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 20 to 24**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)

20 21 22 23 24

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Second band

☐ **Rnd 25**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 27 to 28**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
27 28		
☐ **Rnd 29**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 30**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 31 to 35**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
31 32 33 34 35		

Third band

☐ **Rnd 36**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)
☐ **Rnd 37**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 38 to 39**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
38 39		
☐ **Rnd 40**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(66 sc)

Sides

☐ **Rnd 41**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 42 to 43**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)
42 43		

Ribbed edge

☐ **Rnds 44 to 46**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 33 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	(33 FPhdc, 33 BPhdc)
44 45 46		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Tail

Yarn A, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(12 sc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

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Tail edge

Yarn C, black.

Work it with either side of the tail facing you, from right to left, one stitch in the end of each row.

☐ **Foundation**	One long edge of the tail, the ends of its 24 rows, the one where row 1 ends and the starting tail hangs; 24 places.	
☐ **Row 1**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 23 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Fin: make 2

Yarn A, orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(11 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(11 sc)

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

Fin edge: make 2

Yarn C, black.

Work it with either side of the fin facing you, from right to left, one stitch in the end of each row.

☐ **Foundation**	One long edge of the fin, the ends of its 18 rows, the one where row 1 ends and the starting tail hangs; 18 places.	
☐ **Row 1**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 17 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, orange; C, black; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 6 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)

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Band

☐ **Rnd 9**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(42 sc)

Edge

☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)

Ribbed edge

☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 21 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	(21 FPhdc, 21 BPhdc)

14 15

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

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the cocoon and of the hat on the wrong side, the tail of each magic ring round the middle of the closed end. On the tail and the fins weave in all the tails but the long one of each.

2. Drawing in. The tail and the fins are gathered along the long edge that has no black. The long tail hangs at one end of that edge. Run it in and out through the ends of all the rows along the plain edge, one small stitch through each, 24 for the tail and 18 for a fin, and draw it up until that edge measures 2 in (5 cm) on the tail and 1½ in (4 cm) on a fin. Make two small stitches in one place to hold it and leave the rest of the yarn hanging for sewing.

3. The tail. The join of round 46, the last round, is at the middle of the back. Lay the cocoon flat, right side out, with that join in the middle of the lower layer. Lay the gathered edge of the tail across the middle of the closed end, over the magic ring, from side to side, so that the tail stands on in the line of the cocoon and spreads level with the two side folds. With the yarn that hangs sew the gathered edge to the cocoon with two lines of small stitches, one along its upper side and one along its lower side, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart, 10 stitches in each, through the stitches of rounds 1 to 3. Fasten off inside.

4. The fins. They are sewn to the two side folds, between the second and the third band. Put a marker in each side fold on round 32. Lay the gathered edge of a fin along the side fold, its middle at the marker, so that it reaches from about round 31 to round 34, and the fin stands out from the side, flat with the floor. Sew it down along the upper side of its gathered edge and back along the lower side with the yarn that hangs, 8 stitches each way. Fasten off inside. Sew the other fin to the other side fold in the same place. Both fins are alike; there is no left or right one.

5. Weave in all the tails that are left on the wrong side.

Finishing

- Wash both pieces in the way the yarn bands say and dry them flat, the tail and the fins spread out.

In all: 5 pieces; 3,954 stitches (2,706 in the cocoon, 288 in the tail, 24 in the tail edge, 198 in each fin, 18 in each fin edge, 504 in the hat).

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