Fox ears headband

Child · US terms



Finished size
Band about 17¾ in (45 cm) around by 2 in (5 cm) wide; ears about 3 in (7.5 cm) tall and 2¼ in (5.8 cm) wide
To fit a head of 18¾ to 20½ in (48 to 52 cm)

Skill
Easy
Chain spaces, cones in rounds, taller stitches and pieces to sew

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In moss stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: copper, main color	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the inner ear	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: charcoal, the outer ear, rounds 1 to 3	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 30 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 2 stitch markers.

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
Toddler	a head of 17 to 18¾ in (43 to 48 cm)	16¼ in (41 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) wide	about 55 yd (50 m)
Child (this file)	**a head of 18¾ to 20½ in (48 to 52 cm)**	**17¾ in (45 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) wide**	**about 60 yd (55 m)**
Adult	a head of 20½ to 22½ in (52 to 57 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) wide	about 70 yd (64 m)

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Gauge

14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Check it on the band itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 12 rows are done: the 7 stitches and spaces of a row are about 2 in (5 cm) wide, and the 12 rows are about 3 in (7.5 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 or a round 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.
- The band is copper (A). Each outer ear begins in charcoal (C) at its tip and goes on in copper. The inner ears are cream (B). The outer ears are worked through both loops in plain single crochet.
- Each outer ear is worked in rounds from its tip and is not stuffed: pressed flat, it has two layers and two smooth sides. Its right side is the outside.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- 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. The long edge of the band is made of row ends, and each row has a single crochet at its end: there, pass the needle under the two outermost strands of that single crochet. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- A band is smaller around than the head it is for, because it stretches a little. Measure the head round over the ears and the forehead, where the band will sit; a head that is right between two sizes takes the larger.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

Child. 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), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.

sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

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

Band

Yarn A, copper.

☐ **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)
☐ **Rows 4 to 73**	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

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

Outer ear: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, charcoal; A, copper.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(4 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(16 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc2tog	(12 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

The inner ear is one row, worked along both sides of the chain. After "4 tr in last ch" do not turn the piece over: turn it end for end, with the same side facing you, and go on along the bottom of the chain. In the row, "3 tr in same ch" means the chain that already holds the 4 tr: put them into its other side, so that 7 tr fan out round the end. The last sc goes into the chain that holds the first sc. The two sc are the point of the ear, the fan of 7 tr its round end.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next ch, 4 tr in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 tr in same ch, tr in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	(2 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 9 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends that are not for sewing, and pull each magic ring closed before its end is woven in.

2. Band: lay the band flat with its right side down. Bring the last row round to the foundation chain without twisting the band and, with the long tail, whip stitch them: 7 stitches, where a chain between two stitches of the last row is sewn as a stitch. The right side is on the outside. The seam is the middle of the back; either long edge can be the top edge.

3. Ears: press each outer ear flat with the joins of its rounds up the middle of the back. Its open edge is the foot, 7 stitches wide in each of the 2 layers. Lay an inner ear, right side up, on the middle of the front of each outer ear, its pointed end up and its round end down: the middle one of the fan of 7 tr (the last of the 4 tr), which is the lowest, comes to the line between rounds 11 and 12, so that the whole of round 12 is seen below it, and the point comes to round 4, below the charcoal. The long tail hangs at the point. With it sew the inner ear to the front layer only, along the tops of its stitches from the last sc round to the first sc, one small stitch to each: 15 stitches. Take one more small stitch at the point, so that both sides of it meet.

4. Places of the ears: row 37 is the middle row of the front. Along the top edge put one marker in the end of row 31 and one in the end of row 43. One ear goes over the row ends 24 to 31 and the other over the row ends 43 to 50: 8 row ends each.

5. For each of the two ears cut a length of A about 20 in (51 cm) long. Stand the ear on the top edge of the band, the cream side to the front, with one corner of its foot at the marker. The 14 stitches of the foot make 7 pairs, a stitch of the front layer and the stitch of the back layer behind it. Whip stitch the 7 pairs to the 8 row ends with 8 stitches, each time through both stitches of a pair and under the two outermost strands of the single crochet at the row end. Begin at the marker: the first two row ends both to the first pair, then one row end to each pair. Then sew back to the marker along the back of the ear with 8 more stitches, one beside each of the first 8: each goes through both stitches of the same pair and under the same strands of the same row end, so that the ear stands up. Take out the markers.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 5 pieces; 626 stitches (328 in the band, 134 in each outer ear, 15 in each inner ear).

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