Half double baby hat

Baby, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Half double crochet worked in joined rounds with increases

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet, worked in the round.

You will need

Yarn: butter, light (3) **about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Preemie, small	10 in (25.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm) round, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) deep	about 40 yd (37 m)
Preemie	12 in (30.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm) round, 4 in (10 cm) deep	about 50 yd (46 m)
Newborn	13½ in (34.5 cm)	12½ in (31.5 cm) round, 5 in (12.5 cm) deep	about 70 yd (64 m)
Baby (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) deep**	**about 85 yd (78 m)**
Head 16½ in (42 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) deep	about 110 yd (101 m)
Toddler	18 in (45.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet, worked in the round.

The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at two rounds that each size names; no separate piece is worked. The first measure is across the crown and checks the rounds; the second is round the outside of the hat, along the round just worked, and checks the stitches, which set how far round the hat is. If the hat measures more round than its size says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right round and the crown measures more than its size says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, your rounds are shorter and the hat will come out shallower. The hat is worked by its counts either way.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 6.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 10, 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.

Before you start

- 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. Choose the size whose head measurement is nearest the one you measured. Each size is made smaller round than the head it is for, by about 1 in (2.5 cm): it has the nearest whole number of stitches to that, and the nearest even number where the brim is ribbed. Its own measure is given with each size.
- The pattern is written in United States terms.
- 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 outside of the hat always faces you; the work is never turned.
- Each round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in the first stitch of the round. In a joined round that begins with a chain that does not count, the first stitch goes into the stitch the round was joined in, unless the line skips it in words.
- The number at the end of each round is the number of stitches the round has.
- The last round of the sides is the edge of the hat; no edging is worked.
- The yarn is given by its weight and a length, not by balls: a ball's length differs from one yarn to another, so read the length on its label.
- Baby: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) deep.

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Instructions

Chosen: Baby, 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 sl st is slip stitch and hdc is half treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 6. After round 6 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(52 hdc)**

Sides

From here every round has 52 stitches.

☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(52 hdc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

8 9 **10**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. After round 10, 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 11 to 17**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(52 hdc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 17: tick them off as you go.

11 12 13 14 15 16 17

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

Finishing

- Weave the tail of the ring through the stitches of round 1 on the inside and fasten it there.
- Weave in every tail that is left, on the inside of the hat.

In all: 17 rounds; 740 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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