Star hooded baby wrap

Newborn · US terms



Finished size
About 29¼ × 27¾ in (74 × 70 cm)
About 29¼ in (74.5 cm) from the tip of one side point to the tip of the other and 27¾ in (70.5 cm) from the tip of the hood to the lower tips, with a hood 8¾ in (22 cm) wide. To fit a baby up to 20¼ in (51.5 cm) long

Skill
Easy
It is half double crochet in joined rounds with two rounds repeated, and one small triangle in rows.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 4 colors

Hook
8 mm (US L-11)

Gauge
11 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: gold, the center, the hood and the edge	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: honey, the second band	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: butter, the third band	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the outer band and the pompom	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**

Fiber: soft acrylic or wool blend

Hook: 8 mm (US L-11), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, pins, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 3 in (7.5 cm) wide, for the pompom.

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	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn (this file)	**a baby up to 20¼ in (51.5 cm) long**	**29¼ × 27¾ in (74 × 70 cm)**	**about 495 yd (453 m)**
3 to 6 months	a baby up to 29¾ in (75.5 cm) long	42¾ × 40¾ in (109 × 104 cm)	about 965 yd (882 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)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

11 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

When the star lies flat, 5 rounds are about 2½ in (6.5 cm) measured straight across them, at a right angle to the edge.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 11 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 18.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(16 hdc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 12	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(16 hdc)**

Before you start

- 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. The rounds are joined in the middle of a valley, the place where two points meet.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain of 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. In every round one stitch is skipped in each of the five valleys. In the rounds with an even number it is the first stitch of each of the five repeats, so the round begins with sk next st: the stitch that the round before was joined in is skipped, and the first half double crochet goes into the stitch after it. In the rounds with an odd number it is the last stitch of each repeat; the first half double crochet goes into the stitch that the round before was joined in.
- In each point the group (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) goes into the chain 1 space of the round before. The right side faces you all the way; it is the inside of the wrap when the wrap is used. In the next round work into every stitch of the group too.
- In the edge round the chain of 1 at the start does not count as a stitch and the first single crochet goes into the stitch the round before was joined in. What stands in the inner brackets is worked as often as it says along one half of a point, then comes the group at the tip, then the other half, and all of it five times.
- The hood is worked in rows from its tip, turned at every row. In row 1 the two chains that are skipped do not count as a stitch, and the chain of 2 at the start of a row does not either.

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- 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).
- Measure the baby from the top of the head to the heel with the legs held straight. The wrap is a good deal longer than the baby: the lower points must reach up over the legs again.
- Colors of the star, round by round. Rounds 1 to 5: A. Rounds 6 to 9: B. Rounds 10 to 13: C. Rounds 14 to 17: D. Round 18: A. Hood: A. Pompom: D.

Instructions

Chosen: Newborn. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and sk is miss.

Star

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, honey; C, butter; D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, **[**(2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in MR**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(20 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, hdc in next st, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(35 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 3 sts, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(50 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 4 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(65 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 6 sts, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(80 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, ch 2, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 7 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 8 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(95 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 9 sts, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(110 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 10 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 11 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(125 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 12 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 12 sts, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(140 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	With C, ch 2, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 13 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 14 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(155 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 15 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 15 sts, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(170 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 16 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 17 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(185 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 18 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 18 sts, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(200 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With D, ch 2, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 19 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 20 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(215 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 21 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 21 sts, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(230 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 22 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 23 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(245 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 24 sts, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 24 sts, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(260 hdc, 5 ch-1 sps)**

Edge

☐ **Rnd 18**	With A, ch 1, **[[**sc in next st, sk next st, 3 dc in next st, sk next st**] 6 times**, sc in next st, sk next st, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**sk next st, 3 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 6 times] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc, 200 dc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Hood

Yarn A, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	2 hdc in 3rd ch from hook	**(2 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each st across	**(4 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(6 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(10 hdc)**

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(20 hdc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(22 hdc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, each under stitches of its own color, but leave the tail at the start of the hood. The tail of the magic ring goes round the middle of the star.

2. The hood. Lay the star down with the right side up: this is the inside of the wrap, where the baby lies. Lay the hood, its right side up too, on one of the five points, the top point, so that row 1 lies at the chain space of round 17 at the tip and its two slanted edges lie along round 17, just inside the edge round. Pin it. From the tip outward, 12 rows lie on 20 stitches of round 17 along each side, about 5 stitches to every 3 rows.

3. Cut a length of A about 56 in (142 cm) long. Begin at one end of row 12, with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) left between the two layers, and sew along the first slanted edge to the tip and along the second to the other end of row 12: bring the needle up through the star beside the edge of the hood and down through the end of a row, one stitch for each stitch of the star; where two of them come to the end of one row, both go through it. Row 12 is the opening of the hood and stays free. Fasten off and weave the ends in between the two layers. Weave in the tail at the start of the hood there too.

4. The pompom. Wind D 100 times round a card 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and slip the loops off it. Tie a 12 in (30 cm) length of D tightly round their middle, cut the loops at both ends and trim the pompom to about 2½ in (6.5 cm) across. With the two ends of the tie sew it to the tip of the top point, through the chain space of round 18 and the stitches beside it, four or five times. Knot the two ends on the wrong side and weave them in.

5. To use the wrap, lay it down with the right side up and the hood at the top. Lay the baby in the middle with the head in the hood. Fold the two lower points up over the legs, then one side point over the front and the other over it, and tuck its tip in. The points lie well below the chin.

Finishing

- Pin the star out with its ten edges straight, cover it with a damp cloth and let it dry, so that it lies flat. The pompom is a small part: see that it sits fast before every use, and use the wrap only while a grown-up holds or watches the baby.

In all: 2 pieces; 2,806 stitches (2,650 in the star, 156 in the hood).

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