Lace baby bonnet with ribbon

Baby, 3 to 6 months, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 12¼ in (31 cm) along the front edge, from corner to corner, and about 6½ in (17 cm) from the middle of the back to the tips of the shells at the front edge

To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

A circle in rounds, then shells in rows, and a row of spaces for the ribbon

Yarn

Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook

3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge

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

In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: soft white, the bonnet **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: blush, the ribbon **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. 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
Newborn	13½ in (34 cm)	11 in (28 cm), 6 in (15 cm)	about 75 yd (69 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**12¼ in (31 cm), 6½ in (17 cm)**	**about 95 yd (87 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	13½ in (34 cm), 6¾ in (17 cm)	about 105 yd (96 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	15 in (38 cm), 7½ in (19 cm)	about 125 yd (114 m)

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Gauge

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

The gauge is measured on the bonnet itself, at the two places the lines name: across the circle of the back, which checks the height of the rounds, and along the front edge laid straight, before the shells are worked, which checks the stitches. If the front edge measures more than it says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right and the circle measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the bonnet will come out deeper than stated; if the circle measures less, it will come out shallower. The depths given are worked out from the rounds and rows: to 4 in (10 cm) go 20 rows of single crochet or 10 rounds or rows of double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The front edge, laid straight, should now measure about 12¼ in (31 cm) from corner to corner.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 5.

Notes

- 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, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. A bonnet does not go round the whole head: it covers the top, the sides and the back, and its finished measures are those of its front edge and of its depth.
- The bonnet 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 number at the end of each line is the number of stitches it has when it is finished; chains and slip stitches that are not named there are not counted.
- The chain at the start of a round or a row never counts as a stitch. In the rounds of the back, and in the first row of the sides, the first stitch goes into the same place as the slip stitch that closed the round before. In a row that begins with a turn, the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before, at the foot of the chain, and the last into the first stitch of that row, not into its chain.
- The rounds of the back and the first row of the sides are worked with the right side facing. Every later row begins with a chain and a turn, as its line says; nothing is turned at the end of a row.
- A shell of the sides is "(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc)", all in one place: in the first row in one stitch, in every later row in the chain-1 space in the middle of the shell below. Put the hook under that chain, into the gap. Between two shells one double crochet stands on the double crochet below.
- A shell of the front edge is "5 dc", all in one stitch. In the last row each shell stands in a single crochet of the row before, and each single crochet goes in the middle one of 5 double crochet.
- The stitches that the first row of the sides leaves unworked are the back of the neck.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished bonnet is about 12¼ in (31 cm) along the front edge, from corner to corner, and about 6½ in (17 cm) from the middle of the back to the tips of the shells at the front edge.

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Instructions

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

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 12 times: work what is inside 12 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

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

Bonnet

Yarn A, soft white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Back

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 12 dc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first dc to join	(12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(48 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(60 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** The circle, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(66 dc)

Sides

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 3, dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 9 times**, leave remaining 11 sts unworked	(46 dc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 8 to 12**	Ch 3, turn; dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 9 times**	(46 dc, 9 ch-1 sps)

8 9 10 11 12

Front edge

☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts**] 9 times**	(55 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 3, turn; dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 27 times**	(28 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 27 times**	(55 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 15.** The front edge, laid straight, should now measure about 12¼ in (31 cm) from corner to corner.

☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 9 times**	(10 sc, 45 dc)

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☐ **Row 17**	Ch 3, turn; 3 dc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 8 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in next st	(46 dc, 9 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Ribbon

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 136.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(135 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the bonnet closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Neck edge, in yarn A, worked once along the neck. Hold the bonnet with the right side toward you and the neck at the top. The neck runs from the front corner along the ends of the rows to the round back, along the 11 stitches that row 7 left unworked, and along the ends of the rows to the other front corner; the two rows of shells are left out. Join the yarn with a slip stitch in the right-hand end of row 15, the second row of single crochet of the front edge, ch 1, and beginning in the same place work 1 single crochet in the end of that row, 2 in the end of row 14 and 1 in the end of row 13 (4 sc); 2 single crochet in the end of each of the 6 rows of the sides (12 sc); 1 in each of the 11 unworked stitches (11 sc); along the other side 2 in the end of each of the 6 rows of the sides (12 sc), 1 in the end of row 13, 2 in the end of row 14 and 1 in the end of row 15 (4 sc): 43 single crochet in all. "In the end of a row" means: round the stitch or the turning chain that stands at the edge of that row. Fasten off.

3. Ribbon: with the right side of the bonnet toward you, weave the ribbon through the 27 chain spaces of row 14: take one end down through the space at one corner, up through the next space, and so on, down and up in turn, so that it lies over every second double crochet, and down through the last space; then bring that end round the edge to the right side. Draw the ribbon through until both ends are equally long, about 9 in (23 cm). They tie in a bow under the chin. The tails of the ribbon are woven in along the ribbon itself.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the bonnet.

In all: 2 pieces; 905 stitches (770 in the bonnet, 135 in the ribbon).

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