Lace newborn headband

Newborn · US terms



Finished size
About 12½ in (32 cm) around, not stretched, by 1¼ in (3 cm) wide with both edgings
To fit a head of 13 to 14½ in (33 to 37 cm)

Skill
Easy
V-stitches in rounds, and small picots

Yarn
Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
24 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In V-stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: shell pink, main color **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, the cord **about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 5 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and a stitch marker and a small safety pin.

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
Newborn (this file)	**a head of 13 to 14½ in (33 to 37 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm) around, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide**	**about 26 yd (24 m)**
3 to 6 months	a head of 14½ to 16 in (37 to 41 cm)	14 in (36 cm) around, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide	about 32 yd (29 m)
6 to 12 months	a head of 16 to 17½ in (41 to 44 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) around, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide	about 32 yd (29 m)
Toddler	a head of 17½ to 19 in (44 to 48 cm)	17 in (43 cm) around, 1¼ in (3 cm) wide	about 32 yd (29 m)

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Gauge

24 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in V-stitch.

24 chains to 4 in (10 cm) along the foundation, and 14 rounds of V-stitch to 4 in (10 cm). Check it on the lace itself, laid flat and not stretched, when round 3 is done: 8 V-stitches are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and the 3 rounds are about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) deep. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- For a baby who is awake and watched: take the headband off for sleep.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Measure the head and choose the size whose range it falls in. If it falls between two sizes, or in two of them, make the larger. The lace is smaller around than the heads it is for, and it stretches; the cord is left loose in it.
- A foundation chain does not stretch by itself: work it loosely, or with a 3.5 mm (US E-4) hook, and change to the 3.25 mm hook for round 1.
- V-stitch: (dc, ch 1, dc) in one place.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Newborn. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sk skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 25 times: work what is inside 25 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(50 dc, 25 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Lace

Yarn A, shell pink.

The first V of round 1 goes into the chain that holds the joining sl st. In rounds 2 to 4 the sl st takes you from the joined stitch into the ch-1 space of the first V, just beside it. The right side is the side that faces you.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 75, join with sl st in first ch to make a loop, without twisting the chain.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch, sk next 2 chs**] 25 times**; join with sl st in first dc (50 dc, 25 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, (dc, ch 1, dc) in same ch-1 sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first dc (50 dc, 25 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (sc, picot, sc) in same ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**(sc, picot, sc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first sc (50 sc, 25 picots, 25 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Lower edging

Yarn A, shell pink.

Turn the lace upside down, right side facing, so that the foundation chain is at the top. The first ch is the one that holds the two dc of the first V of round 1. Put a marker in it and join the yarn there: the first (sc, picot, sc) goes into this same chain, and the last 2 chs you skip are the two at its right, just before it. Work each group into the free side of a chain that holds a V.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the foundation chain of the lace, right side facing: 75 chs.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first ch, ch 1, **[**(sc, picot, sc) in next ch, ch 1, sk next 2 chs**] 25 times** (50 sc, 25 picots, 25 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the first sc of this row, which closes the ring. Fasten off.

Cord

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 160.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (159 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The cord is about 26½ in (67 cm) long. If it is shorter than 25½ in (65 cm), work it again with a larger hook.

Assembly

1. Weave in every end, also those of the cord.

2. Cord: put the safety pin through one end of the cord to lead it. Use round 2 of the lace, the middle one of its three rounds of V-stitches, right side facing, lower edging at the bottom, and begin at the first V of the round. Lead the cord down through the ch-1 space of this V to the wrong side and up again through the gap between this V and the next V to the left, and draw it through until about 5½ in (14 cm) of its other end are left hanging on the right side. At every V after it, going to the left, lead it down through the ch-1 space and up through the gap after that V: 25 times down and 25 times up in all. It comes up last in the gap just before the first V, close beside its own beginning.

3. Take the safety pin out. The cord is to stay loose, so that the lace can stretch to the head: pull the lace out until it is 14½ in (37 cm) around, and draw the cord until it lies flat in the stretched lace and its two ends are of one length, about 5½ in (14 cm). Let the lace go: it draws in again to about 12½ in (32 cm), and the cord lies in it in small soft waves.

4. Tie the two ends in a bow on the right side, close to the lace, without drawing the waves out of the cord. The loops are about 1¼ in (3 cm) long. Tie a knot in each end close to its tip.

5. Cut a length of B about 14 in (36 cm) long and thread it on the needle. Sew through the knot of the bow and the lace behind it 6 times, so that the bow cannot come open, and weave in its ends. Pull the lace out once more to 14½ in (37 cm) around: it must reach that before the cord is tight. If it does not, undo the sewing and the bow and tie it again with more cord inside the lace.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 2 pieces.

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