Lamb baby hat

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



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

Skill
Intermediate
Popcorns worked into a spiral of single crochet, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, the popcorns counted as stitches.

You will need

Yarn A: ivory, the fleece	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: mushroom, the face, the ears and the band	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the eyes and the nose	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

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

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

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn	13½ in (34 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep**	**about 190 yd (174 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 230 yd (210 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 290 yd (266 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

pc (popcorn): Work 5 double crochet (UK treble) in the place named. Take the hook out of the loop, insert it from front to back under the top of the first of the 5, pick up the dropped loop and pull it through, then pull it snug so that the stitches stand out on the right side, and chain 1 to close them. That chain is the top of the popcorn: in the next round the stitch over the popcorn goes into it. It leaves 1 popcorn for the next row.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together): Pull up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops: 1 stitch decreased. It leaves 1 single crochet for the next row.

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, the popcorns counted as stitches.

The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the hat with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the hat measures more round than its round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right round and the crown measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, it will come out shallower.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 8.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 12, 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, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. Each size is made about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole repeats of its stitches allow, so that it stays on.
- The pattern is written in United States terms, the directions of the special stitches too; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- 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 right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The rounds of the hat are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn. Where a yarn rests for 4 rounds or fewer before it is used again, carry it up the inside; where it rests for more, or is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The ears and the face are begun with a magic ring like the hat and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.

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- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5¾ in (15 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby, 3 to 6 months, 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 sc is double crochet.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, ivory; B, mushroom.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next st, pc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc, 6 pc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next st, pc in next st, sc in next st, pc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc, 12 pc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next st, pc in next st, sc in next st, pc in next st, sc in next st, pc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc, 18 pc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 8. After round 8 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(52 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Pc in next st, sc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 pc, 26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**Sc in next st, pc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 pc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 12. After round 12, 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.

☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 21**	Repeat rnds 10 to 13 in order, over and over. The last rnd, rnd 21, is worked as rnd 13.	

A box for each round, 14 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21

Band

☐ **Rnd 22**	With B, sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, mushroom.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

A box for each round, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Face

Yarn B, mushroom.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

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

2. Before an ear is closed, pull the ring at its tip tight once more and weave in its ends on the inside of the ear, all but the long sewing tail. Then flatten each ear and close it across the open end with whip stitch.

3. Fold the hat flat with the place at its lower edge where its last round begins at the middle of the back: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. Pin one ear to the fold on each side, its closed end about 2½ in (6 cm) down from the center of the top, hanging down, and sew its closed end to the hat.

4. The middle of the front is opposite the place where the last round of the hat begins; fold the hat in half there to find it. Pin the face there, its lower edge just above the band, and sew it down all round.

5. With yarn C embroider the features on the face. Eyes: for each eye 4 upright stitches side by side, each about ¼ in (0.5 cm) tall, the two eyes about 1 in (2.5 cm) apart and a little above the middle of the face. Nose: two slanting stitches in the shape of a V, about ½ in (1.5 cm) across, below the eyes, and one straight stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long down from its point.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces; 12 ends to weave in.

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