Monkey hat

Toddler, head 18 in (46 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 17 in (43 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep
To fit a head of 18 in (46 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

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

You will need

Yarn A: brown, the hat and the ears	**about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tan, the inner ears, the eye patches and the muzzle	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the eyes, the nostrils and the smile	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins and a little toy stuffing for the muzzle.

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)	12½ in (32 cm) round, 4¾ in (12 cm) deep	about 95 yd (87 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 110 yd (101 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Toddler (this file)	**18 in (46 cm)**	**17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep**	**about 165 yd (151 m)**
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 180 yd (165 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

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

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 depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 14 rounds of single crochet or 10 rounds of half double crochet.

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 17 in (43 cm) round. The pattern also stops you to measure after round 6.

Before you start

- On a baby: sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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 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.
- A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch. Unless the line says otherwise, the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that slip stitch.
- The ear fronts, the ear backs, the muzzle, the eye patches and the eyes 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.
- Where a piece worked in a spiral changes yarn at the start of a round, make the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn; then cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Back loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies farther from you as you work.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Back stitch, as it is used for the embroidery: thread the needle and fasten the yarn on the wrong side, behind the place where the line begins. First stitch: come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at the beginning. Every stitch after it: come up one stitch length farther along the line than the end of the stitch just worked, and go down in the hole at that end, so that the stitches touch.

Instructions

Chosen: Toddler, head 18 in (46 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, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Hat

Yarn A, brown.

☐ **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. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	**(55 hdc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(55 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. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 17 in (43 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 11 to 16**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(55 hdc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 16: tick them off as you go.

11 12 13 14 15 16

Band

☐ **Rnds 17 to 19**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(55 sc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 19: tick them off as you go.

17 18 19

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

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Ear front: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, tan; A, brown.

☐ **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**	With A, **[**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 6 in (15 cm) of yarn A.	

Ear back: make 2

Yarn A, brown.

☐ **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 35 in (89 cm) for sewing.	

Muzzle

Yarn B, tan.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Eye patch: make 2

Yarn B, tan.

☐ **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)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

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Eye: make 2

Yarn C, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 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. Small pieces: before a piece is sewn on, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side. Sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. Ears: weave in the ends of the fronts and the starting tails of the backs. Lay an ear front on an ear back, the wrong sides together, so that the stitches of their last rounds lie one on the other, and sew the two together with whip stitch through the top loops of both, all round (24 stitches), with the long tail of the back; keep what is left of it for sewing the ear on. The face with the tan middle is the front of the ear.

4. The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined; fold the hat in half there to find it. Mark with pins the straight line that runs from there up to the center of the top. Where a place is given by a round and a number of stitches from the middle of the front, count the rounds from the center of the top and the stitches along that round from the marked line; left and right are meant as you look at the front. Eye patches: sew them flat to the front side by side, each by the stitches of its last round, the centers of both on round 10 of the hat, one on each side of the middle of the front, 2½ stitches from it, so that they just lie over each other at the middle.

5. Muzzle: embroider it before it goes on the hat. Shape its open edge to an oval about 3¼ in (8 cm) wide and 2½ in (6 cm) tall. Smile: with a strand of yarn C 40 in (102 cm) long, held double in the needle, work in back stitch a curve like a smile on the lower half, about 2 in (5 cm) wide from end to end: its lowest point lies ½ in (1.5 cm) below the center of the muzzle, at the middle, and its two ends lie level with the center. Make each back stitch about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long. Nostrils: work two straight stitches of yarn C, held double, each about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, upright, ½ in (1.5 cm) above the center and ½ in (1.5 cm) apart.

6. Sew the muzzle to the front, the nostrils uppermost, its center on round 14 of the hat at the middle of the front, over the lower edges of the eye patches, all round by the stitches of its last round; before the last third is closed, fill it lightly with stuffing, so that it stands out about ¾ in (2 cm).

7. Eyes: sew one eye to each eye patch, its center on round 10 of the hat, 2½ stitches from the middle of the front. With a strand of yarn B 12 in (30 cm) long for each, work one French knot on each eye, on the upper right as you look at it, about halfway between its center and its edge. French knot: bring the needle up from below, wrap the yarn 2 times round it close to the cloth, hold the wraps snug and go down again one thread away from where it came up.

8. Lay the hat flat with the line where its rounds are joined at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. An ear stands out at each side, its front toward the front of the hat. Lay 6 stitches of its edge along the fold, the middle of them on round 11 of the hat, counted from the center of the top, and sew them to the hat along the front of the ear and then again along its back.

9. Tuft: cut 6 strands of yarn A, each 6 in (15 cm) long. With the hook pull each strand halfway under one stitch of round 1 at the center of the top, each under a stitch of its own, knot its two ends together close to the hat with one overhand knot, and trim the ends to about 1 in (2.5 cm).

Finishing

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

In all: 10 pieces; 1,331 stitches (883 in the hat, 60 in each ear front, 60 in each ear back, 120 in the muzzle, 36 in each eye patch, 8 in each eye).

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