Newborn pixie hat

Newborn, head 13½ in (34 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 12¾ in (32 cm) round and about 8½ in (22 cm) deep, measured from the tip to the lower edge, the edging included, the tassel and the earflaps not; the earflaps hang about 1¼ in (3 cm) below that edge

To fit a head of 13½ in (34 cm)

Skill

Easy

Joined rounds in the back loop, small flaps in rows, one edging

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: cream, the hat and the earflaps **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: old mustard, the edging, the ties and the tassel **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors, 4 stitch markers (for the flaps) and a piece of card 3 in (8 cm) long for the tassel.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: 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 (this file)	**13½ in (34 cm)**	**12¾ in (32 cm) round, 8½ in (22 cm) deep**	**about 120 yd (110 m)**
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14½ in (37 cm) round, 9¼ in (23 cm) deep	about 140 yd (128 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 10 in (25 cm) deep	about 160 yd (146 m)

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Gauge

15 stitches and 12 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: along the point, from its tip to the edge of a round, 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 point is longer than its round says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the point is shorter, it will come out shallower. The rows of the earflaps are half double crochet too, 12 to 4 in (10 cm); the edging is one round of single crochet (UK double crochet), counted at 16 to 4 in (10 cm).

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 20, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 12¾ in (32 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 17.

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. Each size is made between ½ in (1.5 cm) and ¾ in (2 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on.
- 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 chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the slip stitch.
- 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.
- The earflaps are worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and after the turn the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- From round 2 on every half double crochet of the hat is worked in the back loop only, the two of an increase too; the free front loops make the ridges. The slip stitch that joins a round goes under both loops of the first stitch. In the earflaps the hdc2tog at the ends of a row go under both loops as well.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

BLO: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.

[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.

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

Special stitches

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 together; UK htr2tog): [Yarn over, pull up a loop in the next stitch] twice, yarn over and pull through all 5 loops: 1 stitch decreased.

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Hat

Yarn A, cream.

After round 17 the point, laid flat, should measure about 5¾ in (15 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Point

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 4 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(4 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next st, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(15 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(21 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 7 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(27 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 8 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 9 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(33 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 10 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 11 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(39 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 12 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 13 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(45 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in BLO of next 14 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)

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> **Stop and measure now, after round 17.** The point, laid flat, should measure about 5¾ in (15 cm) from its tip straight to the edge of that round.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 18 to 20**	Ch 2, hdc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

18 19 **20**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 20.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 12¾ in (32 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 21 to 25**	Ch 2, hdc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)

21 22 23 24 25

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

Earflap: make 2

Yarn A, cream.

Mark the edge for the flaps. Number the 48 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the middle of the back lies between stitch 48 and stitch 1. Leave stitches 1 to 5 for the back, mark the first and the last stitch of one flap, which takes stitches 6 to 15, leave stitches 16 to 33 for the front, mark the first and the last stitch of the other flap, which takes stitches 34 to 43, and leave stitches 44 to 48 for the back.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the hat facing you and the point toward you, at the bottom, join yarn A with a slip stitch in the first of the 10 stitches marked for this flap (stitch 6 for the first flap, stitch 34 for the second), under both loops; the first half double crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch, and the row runs on in the order of the numbers.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in BLO of first st, hdc in BLO of next 9 sts	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog over next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog over next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts	(6 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog over next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, hdc2tog over next 2 sts	(4 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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. Edging and ties, in yarn B, one round round the whole hat and both flaps. With the right side facing you and the point at the bottom, join yarn B with a slip stitch in stitch 1, at the middle of the back, and ch 1. Beginning in stitch 1 itself, single crochet (UK double crochet) in each stitch of the back to the flap (5); along the side of the flap to its last row, 2 single crochet in the end of each row (8); across the last row 2 single crochet in the first stitch and 1 in the next (3). Now the first tie: ch 41, slip stitch in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain back to the hat (40 slip stitches). Go on across the last row of the flap with 1 single crochet in the third of its 4 stitches and 2 in the last (3); back along the other side of the flap to the hat, 2 in the end of each row (8); 1 in each stitch of the front (18); round the second flap and its tie exactly like the first (8 and 3, the tie, 3 and 8); 1 in each stitch that is left of the back (5).

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Slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 72 single crochet. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Each tie is about 10¾ in (27 cm) long. "In the end of a row" means: round the stitch or the turning chain that stands at the edge of that row.

3. Tassel: cut a strand of yarn B 16 in (41 cm) long and another 20 in (51 cm) long. Wrap yarn B 34 times round the length of a piece of card 3 in (8 cm) long. Pass the shorter strand under all the wraps at one edge of the card and tie it very tightly at its middle; leave both its ends hanging, they sew the tassel on. Cut the wraps at the opposite edge. Wind the longer strand 8 times tightly round the bundle about ¾ in (2 cm) below the tied end, knot its two ends together and hide them inside the tassel. Trim the cut ends level. Sew it firmly to the tip of the point with the two ends of its tie, through round 1 and back, and fasten them on the inside.

4. On a baby: leave off the ties for a small baby and work the edging without them, sew the tassel on very firmly, and take the hat off for sleep.

Finishing

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

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