Owl 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
Easy
Single crochet in a spiral, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: camel, the hat and the ear tufts	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the eyes	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pumpkin, the beak	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chocolate, the pupils	**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. 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, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 85 yd (78 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep**	**about 105 yd (97 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 125 yd (115 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 145 yd (134 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)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single 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 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 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.
- The ear tufts, the eyes, the pupils and the beak 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.
- 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.
- 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

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **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 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**

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

☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

10 11 **12**

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.

☐ **Rnds 13 to 21**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 21: tick them off as you go.

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

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Band

☐ **Rnds 22 to 23**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Ear tuft: make 2

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Eye: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **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.	

Pupil: make 2

Yarn D, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Beak

Yarn C, pumpkin.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 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 tuft is closed, pull the ring at its tip tight once more and weave in its ends on the inside of the ear tuft, all but the long sewing tail. Then flatten each ear tuft and close it across the open edge with whip stitch.

3. Lay the hat flat with the place at its lower edge where its last round begins 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. Pin the ear tufts along the line that runs from side to side over the center of the top, one on each side of the center of the top, their inner ends about 1½ in (4 cm) apart, each with one of its flat faces to the front (an ear tuft is double and both its faces are its right side, so either may be the front), and sew both sides of the closed edge of each ear tuft to the hat, along its front and then along its back, so that it stands up.

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. Sew the eyes to the front side by side, their edges touching at the middle of the front, the center of each on round 13 of the hat.

5. Sew a pupil to the middle of each eye.

6. With yarn B work one French knot near the top of each pupil. French knot: bring the needle up from the inside, 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.

7. Flatten the beak with its sewing tail at one end of the open edge. Lay it on the middle of the front, its point down, so that the middle of its open edge lies on the line between the two eyes, level with round 15 of the hat, which is 2 rounds below the place where the eyes touch. Its two upper corners lie on the inner edges of the eyes and its point lies on the hat, just below them. Pin it there and sew it down all round, through the eyes where it lies on them.

Finishing

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

In all: 8 pieces; 1,260 stitches (996 in the hat, 40 in each ear tuft, 60 in each eye, 18 in each pupil, 28 in the beak); 22 ends to weave in.

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