Pea pod newborn cocoon and hat

Newborn · US terms



Finished size

About 18¾ in (47.5 cm) round and 18½ in (47 cm) long with the edging, with peas about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across, for a baby up to 16¾ in (42.5 cm) round over the arms, with a hat about 12 in (30.5 cm) round and 6¼ in (16 cm) deep

Skill

Intermediate

It is half double crochet, first in joined rounds and then in rows; an edging is worked round the opening, and three stuffed peas are sewn in.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: leaf green, the pod, the hat, the leaf and the tendril	**about 425 yd (389 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale green, the edging	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pea green, the peas	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 280 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: soft acrylic or cotton blend

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 6 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle, scissors and a handful of toy stuffing.

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 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn (this file)	**18¾ in (47.5 cm) round, 18½ in (47 cm) long**	**about 550 yd (503 m)**
Up to 3 months	20½ in (52 cm) round, 20¼ in (51.5 cm) long	about 630 yd (576 m)

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Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 13 the pod should measure about 18¾ in (47.5 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Notes

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Where round 1 does not begin with a chain, chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Put the marker in the first stitch of each round, where the round is joined.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The chain of 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The pod and the hat are worked with the right side, the outside, facing you; the open front is worked in rows, turned at every row, and its first row has the right side facing. The joins of the rounds run up the middle of the front, so that the opening stands above them.
- The peas are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. A pea keeps its right side outward. sc2tog, single crochet 2 stitches together: [insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop] 2 times, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook.
- FPhdc and BPhdc, front and back post half double crochet: work a half double crochet round the post of the stitch below instead of into its top. For FPhdc put the hook in from the front, behind the post, and out to the front again. For BPhdc put it in from the back, in front of the post, and out to the back again. In the first round of ribbing the posts are those of half double crochet; from then on a front post goes over a front post and a back post over a back post.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The leaf is one round along both sides of its chain. The tendril is one row.
- Measure the baby round the body over the arms, at the widest place, and from the shoulders to the feet with the knees drawn up. The pod, with its opening drawn together, is 2 in (5 cm) more round than the widest baby it is for, and it should be at least as long as the second measure. Measure the head too; the hat is to be about 1 in (2.5 cm) less round.
- Colors. Pod and open front: A. Edging: B. Peas: C. Leaf and tendril: A. Hat: Rounds 1 to 13: A. Rounds 14 to 17: B.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **FPhdc** round the stitch below, from the front, **BPhdc** round the stitch below, from the back, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(6 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Pod

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 6 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)

Sides

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 13.** The pod should measure about 18¾ in (47.5 cm) around.

☐ **Rnds 14 to 22**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(66 hdc)

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

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

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Open front

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Round 22 of the pod, RS facing: 66 stitches, from the first stitch of the round to the last.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in each st across	(66 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(66 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Edging

Yarn B, pale green.

The first front edge is the one at your left as the pod lies before you with the opening up and its tip toward you. Along a front edge work 3 stitches for every 2 rows: 1 in the end of a row, 2 in the end of the next. Going down, work 2 in the end of a row and 1 in the end of the next. That is 36 on each side, and each counts as a stitch in round 1.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of the opening, RS facing, 138 places: from the bottom of the slit 36 up the first front edge, then the 66 stitches of the top, then 36 down the second front edge.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 34 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 66 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(142 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(142 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(142 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Pea: make 3

Yarn C, pea green.

Stuff the pea firmly after round 10, then work the last round.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(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)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Sc in each st around	(24 sc)
	5 6 7 8	
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Sc2tog**] 6 times**	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing. Run the tail through the front loops of the 6 stitches, draw the hole closed and make one small stitch in place.	

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, leaf green; B, pale green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 6 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(9 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next st, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 13**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)

9 10 11 12 13

Ribbed edge

☐ **Rnd 14**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 17**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 21 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	(21 FPhdc, 21 BPhdc)

15 16 17

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

Leaf

Yarn A, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 11.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(7 sc, 6 hdc, 8 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) for sewing.	

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Tendril

Yarn A, leaf green.

Three stitches in every chain make it curl by itself; twist it round a finger to help it.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 31.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(90 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the pod and the edging on the wrong side, the tail of the magic ring down inside the tip. On the hat weave in all the tails but that of the magic ring in the same way; the starting tails of the peas stay inside them. Weave in the starting tails of the leaf and of the tendril on their backs.

2. The peas. The magic ring is the front of a pea, the closed end its back. Lay the pod with the opening up and its tip toward you. The peas lie in the lower part of the opening, one above the other, magic rings up, each touching the next, and fill it from edge to edge. Put a marker on both sides in the 5th, the 13th and the 21st stitch of the last round of the edging, counted up from the bottom of the slit: these are the places of the middles of the three peas.

3. Sew each pea in with its long tail, on the inside, at both sides: bring the tail out at the side of the pea, halfway between its front and its back. Lay the edge of the opening on the pea there, the middle of the pea at the marker. Take one stitch through the pea and one through the back of the edging, from below, by turns, over 5 stitches of the edging, two on each side of the marked one. Run the yarn through the pea to its other side and sew that side to the other edge in the same way. Fasten off inside the pea. The edging lies a little over each pea, and the pod stays open above the third.

4. The leaf and the tendril. The joined end of the leaf is its foot, the other end its point. Sew the foot of the leaf to the tip of the hat with its long tail and 5 small stitches, right side up, so that the leaf points away from the tip to one side. Sew the end of the tendril with the long tail to the tip beside the foot of the leaf with 5 small stitches, so that it goes out to the other side. Stroke the leaf flat. Draw all the ends inside, with the tail of the magic ring, and weave them in.

Finishing

- Weave in the tails that are left on the inside. Wash both pieces by hand in the way the yarn bands say and dry them flat. The peas are stuffed and sewn on: pull at each one before every use, and use the set only while a grown-up holds or watches the baby.

In all: 7 pieces; 4,317 stitches (1,065 in the pod, 1,584 in the open front, 426 in the edging, 192 in each pea, 555 in the hat, 21 in the leaf, 90 in the tendril).

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