Pineapple baby hat

Baby, 6 to 12 months, head 16½ in (42 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 16 in (41 cm) round and about 6¾ in (17 cm) deep
To fit a head of 16½ in (42 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Two colors carried in the round, popcorns, 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.

You will need

Yarn A: amber gold, the hat	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sunny yellow, the popcorns	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: grass green, the fronds	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. 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)	12¾ in (32 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 150 yd (137 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 175 yd (160 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months (this file)	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**16 in (41 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 230 yd (210 m)**
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) deep	about 245 yd (224 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)
BLO	back loop only
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 round.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together; UK dc2tog): 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 round.

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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 16 in (41 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 10.

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.
- 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.

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- The tall fronds and the low fronds 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 one round has two yarns, carry the yarn not in use along the top of the round before and work over it, and change yarn in the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color. Pull the carried yarn neither tight nor loose, so that the round keeps its size. The chain at the start of such a round is made in the yarn of its first stitch: finish the joining slip stitch before it with that yarn. A line that names no yarn goes on in the yarn the line before it ended with.
- 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.
- 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.
- Yarn B is used for the popcorns only. Join it in the first round that names it and leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm). In the rounds with popcorns carry it all the way round, from the chain that begins the round to the slip stitch that joins it, and work over it in every stitch; carry yarn A in the same way behind each popcorn. In the plain round between two rounds with popcorns yarn B rests at the inside, where the rounds are joined; draw it up loosely for the next round with popcorns and work over it from the first stitch.
- The chain that closes a popcorn is its last yarn over, so it is made with yarn A, also in a popcorn that ends a round; the slip stitch that joins that round is made with yarn A too. The first stitch over a popcorn goes into that chain.
- Round 22 is the last round with popcorns: when its joining slip stitch is made, cut yarn B at the inside, where the rounds are joined, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Yarn A goes on alone to the end of the hat.
- Baby, 6 to 12 months: for a head of 16½ in (42 cm). The finished hat is about 16 in (41 cm) round and about 6¾ in (17 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby, 6 to 12 months, head 16½ in (42 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 and sc is double crochet.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, amber gold; B, sunny yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Crown		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5 in (13 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 11. Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 16 in (41 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next st, with B, pc in next st, with A, sc in next 2 sts**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(45 sc, 15 pc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, pc in next st**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(45 sc, 15 pc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 23**	Repeat rnds 12 to 15 in order, over and over. The last rnd, rnd 23, is worked as rnd 15.	

A box for each round, 16 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

Band

☐ **Rnds 24 to 27**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 24 to 27: tick them off as you go.

☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27

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

Tall frond: make 4

Yarn C, grass green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**

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

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Low frond: make 6

Yarn C, grass green.

☐ **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 each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

7 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 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. Fronds: pull the ring at the tip of each frond tight once more and weave in its ends on the inside of the frond, all but the long sewing tail. Then flatten each frond, so that its increases lie at the two folds, and close it across the open end with whip stitch. A frond is double and both its faces are its right side.

3. 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. Pin the 4 tall fronds round the center of the top, their closed ends lying along round 3 of the crown like the sides of a square, end to end, one at the middle of the front, one at the middle of the back and one at each side. Sew both edges of each closed end to the hat, along its outer side and then along its inner side, so that the fronds stand up close together, their tips bending a little outward. Pin the 6 low fronds round them, their closed ends lying along round 5 of the crown, end to end, two of them meeting at the middle of the front. Sew them on in the same way and bend them outward with your fingers.

Finishing

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

In all: 11 pieces.

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