Puff stitch baby bonnet

Baby, 3 to 6 months, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 12½ in (32 cm) along the front edge, from corner to corner, and about 7¾ in (20 cm) from the middle of the back to the front edge
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
A circle in rounds, then rows of puffs

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: eucalyptus, light (3) **about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle and scissors.

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)	11 in (28 cm), 7¼ in (18 cm)	about 100 yd (91 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm), 7¾ in (20 cm)**	**about 125 yd (114 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	12½ in (32 cm), 9 in (23 cm)	about 145 yd (133 m)

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)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st stitch
sp space

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sk	skip
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

puff (puff stitch): Yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, pull up a loop to the height of a half double crochet (UK half treble); do this 4 times in the same place (9 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 9 loops. The next stitch or chain closes the puff. A ch 1 after a puff is that closing chain and is also the chain space: no further chain is made. It leaves 1 puff for the next row.

Gauge

15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the bonnet itself, at the two places the lines name: across the circle of the back, which checks the height of the rounds, and along the front edge laid straight, which checks the stitches. If the front edge measures more than it says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right and the circle measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the bonnet will come out deeper than stated; if the circle measures less, it will come out shallower. The depths below are worked out from the rounds and rows: to 4 in (10 cm) go 16 rows of single crochet or 12 rows of puffs or 8 rounds or rows of double crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 5.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The front edge, laid straight, should measure about 12½ in (32 cm) from corner to corner.

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. The bonnet does not go round the whole head: it covers the top, the sides and the back, and its finished measures are those of its front edge and of its depth.
- 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 bonnet 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 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 chain at the start of a round or a row never counts as a stitch. In the rounds of the back, and in the first row of the sides, the first stitch goes into the same place as the slip stitch that closed the round before. In a row that begins with a turn, the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before, at the foot of the chain.
- The rounds of the back and the first row of the sides are worked with the right side facing. Every later row begins with a chain and a turn, as its line says; nothing is turned at the end of a row.
- The stitches that the first row of the sides leaves unworked are the back of the neck. They stay as they are.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished bonnet is about 12½ in (32 cm) along the front edge, from corner to corner, and about 7¾ in (20 cm) from the middle of the back to the front edge.

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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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Back

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 12 dc in MR, sl st in first dc to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(60 dc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 5.** After round 5 the circle, laid flat, should measure about 5 in (13 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Row 6**	Ch 3, dc in next 47 sts, leave remaining 13 sts unworked	**(47 dc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 47 sts	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; **[**puff in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 23 times**, puff in next st	**(24 puffs, 23 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 23 times**, sc in next st	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Rows 10 to 21**	Repeat rows 8 and 9 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 8, every odd-numbered row as row 9.	

A box for each round, 10 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21

Front edge

☐ **Rows 22 to 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(47 sc)**

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

☐ 22 ☐ 23

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

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the bonnet closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Ties (make 2, one at each front corner): the corners are the two ends of the front edge. For each tie cut 3 strands of yarn 27 in (69 cm) long. With the hook pull them halfway through the edge at the corner, so that 6 ends hang level; part them in 3 pairs, braid for about 9 in (23 cm), knot and trim the ends.

Finishing

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

In all: 23 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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