Puff stitch baby earflap hat

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



Finished size

About 15½ in (39 cm) round and about 6½ in (17 cm) deep, without the edging, which adds about ½ in (1.5 cm) all round; the earflaps hang about 2½ in (6 cm) below the edge of the hat, the edging not counted, and the cords about 2 in (5 cm) below the flaps

To fit a head of 16½ in (42 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Puff stitches in joined rounds, flaps in rows

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

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

In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: powder blue, the hat and the earflaps **about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, the puffs, the edging, the cords and the pom-poms **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**

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 1½ in (4 cm) wide for the small pom-poms.

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)	12¼ in (31 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 125 yd (114 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 150 yd (137 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months (this file)	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep**	**about 175 yd (160 m)**
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¾ in (20 cm) deep	about 210 yd (192 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
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 or 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 row or round.

Gauge

15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double 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. A round of puffs is as tall as a round of half double crochet (UK half treble) and is counted at 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 16 rounds of single crochet or 8 rounds of double crochet. The edging and the rows of the earflaps are single 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 9, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 15½ in (39 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 4.

Before you start

- On a baby: leave off the cords and pom-poms for a newborn, sew every part on firmly all round, and take the hat off for sleep.
- 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.

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- 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.
- To change yarn at the start of a round, finish the joining slip stitch of the round before with the new yarn. Where a yarn rests for 4 rounds or fewer before it is used again, carry it up the inside; where it rests for more, or is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Only the rounds of the hat count in this: the earflaps and the edging are begun by joining a yarn anew, so cut every yarn when its last round of the hat is done.
- 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 the first stitch goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- The top of a puff is the pair of loops that lies on the gathered loops of the puff, just before its ch 1 in the order the stitches were worked. The slip stitch that joins a round of puffs goes under both loops of the top of the first puff. In the round after it, a single crochet in a st goes under both loops of the top of a puff, and a single crochet in a ch-1 sp goes into the gap under the ch 1, so that the chain is enclosed. The ch 2 at the start of a round of puffs is not worked into.
- In a round of puffs the first puff goes into the joined stitch. Each puff takes 1 stitch and the stitch after it is skipped, so that every puff stands over a puff and every ch-1 sp over a ch-1 sp.
- Baby, 6 to 12 months: for a head of 16½ in (42 cm). The finished hat is about 15½ in (39 cm) round and about 6½ in (17 cm) deep, without the edging, which adds about ½ in (1.5 cm) all round; the earflaps hang about 2½ in (6 cm) below the edge of the hat, the edging not counted, and the cords about 2 in (5 cm) below the flaps.

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, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, powder blue; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **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)**

Stop and measure now, after round 4. The crown, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(58 dc)**

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Sides

☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 29 times**, sl st in first puff to join	**(29 puffs, 29 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 29 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 29 times**, sl st in first puff to join	**(29 puffs, 29 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 29 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(58 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 15½ in (39 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 10 to 19**	Repeat rnds 6 and 7 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 6, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 7.	

A box for each round, 10 to 19: tick them off as you go.

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

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

Earflap: make 2

Yarn A, powder blue.

Mark the edge for the flaps. Number the 58 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the middle of the back lies between stitch 58 and stitch 1. Leave stitches 1 to 6 for the back, mark the first and the last stitch of the first flap, which takes stitches 7 to 20, leave stitches 21 to 38 for the front, mark the first and the last stitch of the second flap, which takes stitches 39 to 52, and leave stitches 53 to 58 for the back.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn A with a slip stitch in the first of the 14 stitches marked for this flap (stitch 7 for the first flap, stitch 39 for the second); the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch, and the row runs on in the order of the numbers.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 13 sts	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(14 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **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, worked twice round the whole hat and both flaps. Round 1: with the right side facing you and the crown at the

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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 in each stitch of the back to the flap (6); along the side of the flap to its last row, 1 single crochet in the end of each row (10); across the last row 2 single crochet in the first stitch, 1 in each of the next 4, 2 in the last (8); along the other side back to the hat, 1 in the end of each row (10); 1 in each stitch of the front (18); round the second flap like the first (28); 1 in each stitch that is left of the back (6). Slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 86 single crochet.

3. Round 2: ch 1; the first stitch goes into the same place as the slip stitch. Work 1 single crochet in each single crochet of round 1, with two changes. Where the edge of the hat meets a flap, at 4 places, work the last stitch before the corner and the first stitch after it together (single crochet 2 together: pull up a loop in each of the two stitches, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops). At the lower end of each flap work 2 single crochet in the first and 2 in the last of the 8 stitches that lie across its last row. That takes away 4 stitches and adds 4: 86 single crochet. Slip stitch in the first single crochet to join and fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

4. Cords (make 2, one on each flap): cut 2 strands of yarn B 20 in (51 cm) long. With the hook pull them halfway through the edging at the middle of the lower end of the flap, so that 4 ends hang level. Hold 2 ends in each hand, twist both pairs to the right until they begin to kink, then lay the pairs together and let them wind round each other to the left. Knot all 4 ends together about 2 in (5 cm) from the flap.

5. Small pom-poms (make 2): wrap yarn B 90 times round a piece of card 1½ in (4 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off and tie them very tightly round the middle with a strand 12 in (30 cm) long. Cut the loops at both ends of the bundle, shake the pom-pom out and trim it to a ball about 1¼ in (3 cm) across. With the two ends of its tie sew the pom-pom firmly to the knot of a cord, thread the four ends of the cord into the pom-pom and trim them with it.

Finishing

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

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