Pumpkin baby hat

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



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Front and back post stitches, small pieces sewn on

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: pumpkin, the hat **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: olive, the stem and the leaves **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, 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)	12¾ in (32 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 70 yd (64 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep**	**about 85 yd (78 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 105 yd (96 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 125 yd (114 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next row.

BPdc (back post double crochet): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next row.

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. The depths below are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 16 rounds of single crochet or 8 rounds of double crochet or 8 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 4.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 6, 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 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.

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- 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.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post stitch.
- The stem is 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.
- 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.
- 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 6 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Hat

Yarn A, pumpkin.

☐ **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. After round 4 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(52 dc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(52 dc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 6. After round 6, 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 7 to 11**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 13 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(26 FPdc, 26 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 11: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11

Band

☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13

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

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Stem

Yarn B, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **End** Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.

Leaf: make 2

Yarn B, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch	**(4 sc, 3 hdc, 3 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Do not turn; working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch	**(3 hdc, 3 dc, 1 sc)**
☐ **End**	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. Stuff the stem lightly with its starting tail and a few short scraps of the same yarn. With the long tail at its end sew the open edge of the stem to the center of the top.

3. The inner end of a leaf is the pointed end where its sewing tail hangs; the rounded end, with 3 single crochet in one chain, is its outer end. Lay one leaf on each side of the stem, their right sides up and their inner ends touching its foot, and sew each down along its middle, through the foundation chain, from the inner end over about half its length. The outer halves stay free.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces; 10 ends to weave in.

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