Kids' puppy ear warmer

Child, 4 to 7 years, head 19½ to 20½ in (49.5 to 52 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 17¼ in (44 cm) round (54 rows of the ear warmer), unstretched. The ribbing is about 2¾ in (7 cm) deep (10 stitches), and each edge adds about ¼ in (0.5 cm); the ears hang about 3 in (7.5 cm)

Skill
Easy

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 12½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: camel, the ribbing and the linings of the ears	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: chestnut, the two edges, the fronts of the ears and their edging	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the patch and the muzzle	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the nose and the eyes	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Toddler, 1 to 3 years, head 18 to 19½ in (45.5 to 49.5 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm) round, 2½ in (6.5 cm) deep	about 100 yd (91 m)
Child, 4 to 7 years, head 19½ to 20½ in (49.5 to 52 cm) (this file)	**17¼ in (44 cm) round, 2¾ in (7 cm) deep**	**about 115 yd (105 m)**
Big kid, 8 to 12 years, head 20½ to 22 in (52 to 56 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 3¼ in (8.5 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.

BLO	back loop only: of the two loops at the top of the stitch, work under the one farther from you
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

sc2tog (Single crochet 2 together (UK dc2tog)): Insert the hook in the next st, yarn over and draw up a loop, insert the hook in the st after it, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes 1 st of 2.

straight stitch: With the yarn needle, bring the yarn up at one end of the line and take it down at the other.

Gauge

14 stitches and 12½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

14 stitches and 12½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. After Row 8, the piece is about 2½ in (6.5 cm) long (rows 1 to 8 of the ear warmer) and 2¾ in (7 cm) wide (10 stitches).

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Measure round the head over the ears and choose the size whose range holds that measure. The finished band is smaller than the head, and the fabric stretches to it.
- The ribbing is worked sideways: each row runs from one edge of the band to the other. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch goes into the first stitch of the row below. After Row 1 the stitches of the ribbing go into the back loops only.
- The patch, the muzzle and the nose are worked in a spiral: the rounds are not joined, and each begins in the first stitch of the round before. Put a marker in the first stitch of each round. The lower and the upper edge are joined rounds. In them, and in the ear edging, one sc goes into the end of each row: insert the hook under the two strands that lie along the edge there.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers to make a loop, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.

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Instructions

Chosen: Child, 4 to 7 years, head 19½ to 20½ in (49.5 to 52 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 row is done. In UK terms hdc is half treble, sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Ear warmer

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each ch across	**(10 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in BLO of each st across	**(10 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 54**	Repeat row 2. (10 hdc)	

A box for each row, 3 to 54: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) to sew with. Back seam: bend the piece into a ring with the right side outward, so that Row 54 lies beside the foundation ch. With the tail, sew them edge to edge, one stitch to one chain, 10 of each: the needle goes under both loops of a stitch and under one whole chain. Fasten off.	

Lower edge

Yarn B, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and either edge upward (this is now the lower edge), join B with a sl st in the first of 54 places, beginning at the row end just to the left of the back seam: 54 row ends of the ear warmer.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in end of each of next 53 rows, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Upper edge

Yarn B, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the other edge upward, join B with a sl st in the first of 54 places, beginning at the row end just to the left of the back seam: 54 row ends of the ear warmer.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in end of each of next 53 rows, sl st in first sc to join	**(54 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ear front: make 2

Yarn B, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ear lining: make 2

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Ear edging: make 2

Yarn B, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	Lay an ear front on an ear lining with the wrong sides together, every row on its like and the foundation chs at the top. The edging is worked through both layers at once, from the top down the left side, along the narrow end and up the right side. With the ear front facing, join B with a sl st in the first of 26 places, beginning at the end of Row 1 on the left side: 11 row ends of the ear front, then 4 stitches of the ear front, then 11 row ends of the ear front.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in end of each of next 10 rows, sc in next 4 sts, sc in end of each of next 11 rows	**(26 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) to sew with. The foundation chs at the top are not edged.	

Patch

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] around**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40.5 cm) to sew with.	

Muzzle

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 2 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45.5 cm) to sew with.	

Nose

Yarn D, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) to sew with.	

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Finishing

- The middle of the front is the line between Rows 27 and 28 of the ear warmer, opposite the back seam; Row 1 lies beside the seam. Hold it with the right side toward you and the lower edge at the bottom; left and right below are as you see them. Parts are sewn on through the top of their last round, with small stitches, and lie flat with their right side outward. Weave in the other tails on the inside.
- Ears: at the left, count 8 rows from the middle line to the left. The next 6 rows hold the ear: lay it with the ear front outward and the narrow end hanging down, its top edge just under the upper edge of the ear warmer, and with the tail sew the two foundation chs together to the ribbing, 6 chains to 6 rows. Sew the other ear at the right in the same way. The ears hang free below.
- Patch: lay it to the right of the middle line, so that its left edge touches the line and its top edge touches the upper edge (the round of B). Sew it on all round.
- Muzzle: lay it with its long way across the ear warmer, its middle on the middle line and its lower edge against the lower edge of the ear warmer (the round of B). It covers the lowest part of the patch. Sew it on all round.
- Nose: sew it to the upper part of the muzzle, its middle on the middle line and its top edge level with the top edge of the muzzle. With D, work 2 straight stitches in the same two holes, straight down from the middle of its lower edge, as long as 2 rounds of the muzzle.
- Eyes: each is 3 straight stitches end to end in a shallow bow that hangs down like a closed eye, worked twice over with D. The left eye lies on the ribbing: it begins 4 rows to the left of the middle line and ends 2 rows to the left of it, both ends 3 stitches below the upper end of the rows; its middle stitch lies half a stitch lower. The right eye lies on the patch, as far to the right of the middle line and at the same height.

In all: 8 pieces; 1,150 stitches.

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