Puppy hat with floppy ears

Toddler, head 18 in (46 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 17 in (43 cm) round and about 7¼ in (18 cm) deep
To fit a head of 18 in (46 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in a spiral, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, the hat and the muzzle	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cinnamon, the ears and the eye patch	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, the eyes, the nose and the mouth	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: coral, the tongue	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins and a little toy stuffing for the muzzle and the nose.

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
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep	about 120 yd (110 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 145 yd (133 m)
Toddler (this file)	**18 in (46 cm)**	**17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep**	**about 170 yd (155 m)**
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	18½ in (47 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 180 yd (165 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)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

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

13 stitches and 14 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 13, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 17 in (43 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 9.

Before you start

- On a baby: 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.
- 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.
- The rounds of the hat are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The muzzle, the nose, the eye patch, the eyes and the ears 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.

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- 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.
- The tongue is worked in rows: the chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch after the turn goes into the last stitch of the row before.
- Back stitch, as it is used for the embroidery: thread the needle and fasten the yarn on the wrong side, behind the place where the line begins. First stitch: come up one stitch length along the line from its beginning and go down at the beginning. Every stitch after it: come up one stitch length farther along the line than the end of the stitch just worked, and go down in the hole at that end, so that the stitches touch.

Instructions

Chosen: Toddler, head 18 in (46 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 hdc is half treble.

Hat

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **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**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 9.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 5¼ in (13 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 53 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(55 sc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnds 11 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(55 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 13: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

11 12 **13**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 13.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 17 in (43 cm) round.

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☐ **Rnds 14 to 22**	Sc in each st around	**(55 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 22: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

Band

☐ **Rnds 23 to 25**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(55 sc)**

A box for each round, 23 to 25: tick them off as you go.

23 24 25

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Muzzle

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	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**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn C, black.

☐ **Foundation**	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**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Eye patch

Yarn B, cinnamon.

☐ **Foundation**	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**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 25 in (64 cm) for sewing.	

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Eye: make 2

Yarn C, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn B, cinnamon.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 13**	Sc in each st around	**(16 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Tongue

Yarn D, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next st, 3 hdc in next st, sl st in next st	**(3 hdc)**
☐ **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. Small pieces: before a piece is sewn on, pull its ring tight once more and weave in its starting tail on its wrong side. Sew it on with its own long tail, its right side outward.

3. Ears: weave in the starting tail of each ear on the inside of the ear. Then flatten each ear and close it across the open end with whip stitch: the closed end is the narrow one, and the wide rounded end hangs down.

4. The middle of the front is opposite the place where the last round of the hat begins; fold the hat in half there to find it.

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Mark with pins the straight line that runs from there up to the center of the top. Where a place is given by a round and a number of stitches from the middle of the front, count the rounds from the center of the top and the stitches along that round from the marked line; left and right are meant as you look at the front. Pin an ear on each side: its closed end lies level along round 7 of the hat, with the middle of the closed end 9 stitches from the middle of the front, and the ear hangs down over the side of the hat, its tip about ½ in (1.5 cm) above the lower edge. (An ear is double and both its faces are its right side.) Sew the closed end to the hat along its outer face and then along its inner face. The rest of the ear swings free.

5. Eye patch: it goes round the eye on the right, as you look at the front. Sew it down flat, its center on round 12 of the hat, 4 stitches to the right of the middle of the front, by the stitches of its last round.

6. Muzzle: before it goes on the hat, sew the nose to it. Shape the open edge of the nose to an oval about 1¼ in (3 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) tall, put a little stuffing in it, and sew it to the muzzle all round, its upper edge on round 4 of the muzzle and its lower edge at the center of the muzzle, so that the nose lies on the upper half; the place where it lies is now the top of the muzzle.

7. Mouth: with a strand of yarn C 24 in (61 cm) long, held double in the needle, work in back stitch on the muzzle a straight line from the middle of the lower edge of the nose down for about ½ in (1.5 cm), and from its lower end one curve to the left and one to the right, each about ¾ in (2 cm) long, sagging a little and ending about ¼ in (0.5 cm) higher than the place where the two meet. Make each back stitch about ¼ in (0.6 cm) long: each curve takes 3 of them.

8. Pin the muzzle to the front, but do not sew it yet: the nose uppermost, its open edge shaped to an oval about 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) tall, its center on round 18 of the hat at the middle of the front. On one side it covers the edge of the eye patch.

9. Tongue: it is sewn on before the muzzle. Weave in on its back the tail at its rounded lower end, where it was fastened off. Take out the pins at the lower edge of the muzzle, lift that edge and lay the upper end of the tongue, the beginning chain, under it, its right side outward: the chain lies level, about ¼ in (0.5 cm) above the place where the edge of the muzzle will lie, and its middle is 1 stitch of the hat to the right of the middle of the front. Sew the chain to the hat with the beginning tail. The rest of the tongue is not sewn; it hangs free over the band.

10. Now lay the edge of the muzzle down over the upper end of the tongue, pin it again and sew the muzzle to the hat all round by the stitches of its last round, through the tongue too where it crosses it. Before the last third is closed, fill the muzzle lightly with stuffing, so that it stands out about ½ in (1.5 cm).

11. Eyes: sew one eye on each side of the middle of the front, its center on round 13 of the hat, 4 stitches from the middle: the one on the right lies on the eye patch. With a strand of yarn A 12 in (30 cm) long for each, work one French knot on each eye, on the upper right as you look at it, about halfway between its center and its edge. French knot: bring the needle up from below, wrap the yarn 2 times round it close to the cloth, hold the wraps snug and go down again one thread away from where it came up.

Finishing

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

In all: 9 pieces; 1,825 stitches (1,150 in the hat, 84 in the muzzle, 30 in the nose, 60 in the eye patch, 18 in each eye, 228 in each ear, 9 in the tongue).

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