Rainbow earflap hat for kids

Child, head 19½ in (50 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep, the edging included and the earflaps not; the earflaps hang about 2¾ in (7 cm) below that edge

To fit a head of 19½ in (50 cm)

Skill

Easy

Joined rounds, color changes, flaps worked in rows

Yarn

Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: red, the red stripes	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange, the orange stripes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, the yellow stripes	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, the green stripes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: blue, the blue stripes	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: purple, the purple stripes, the edging and the ties	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors and 4 stitch markers (for the flaps).

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
Baby, 3 to 6 months	15 in (38 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep	about 110 yd (100 m)
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 130 yd (118 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 155 yd (140 m)
Child (this file)	**19½ in (50 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm) round, 8 in (20 cm) deep**	**about 185 yd (169 m)**
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	20 in (51 cm) round, 8¼ in (21 cm) deep	about 195 yd (178 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)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 together): 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.

Gauge

13 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half 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 edging and the rows of the earflaps are single crochet, counted at 14 to 4 in (10 cm).

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Child: for a head of 19½ in (50 cm). The finished hat is about 18½ in (47 cm) round and about 8 in (20 cm) deep, the edging included and the earflaps not; the earflaps hang about 2¾ in (7 cm) below that edge.

Instructions

Chosen: Child, head 19½ in (50 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

Yarns in order of use: A, red; B, orange; C, yellow; D, green; E, blue; F, purple.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With D, ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(56 hdc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 7. After round 7 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**

Sides

☐ **Rnd 9**	With E, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With F, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 11. After round 11, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 18½ in (47 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With C, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 19**	With D, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Earflap: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, green; E, blue; F, purple; A, red; B, orange; C, yellow.

Mark the edge for the flaps. Number the 60 stitches of the last round in the order they were worked; the middle of the back lies between stitch 60 and stitch 1. Leave stitches 1 to 6 for the back, mark the first and the last stitch of one flap, which takes stitches 7 to 18, leave stitches 19 to 42 for the front, mark the first and the last stitch of the other flap, which takes stitches 43 to 54, and leave stitches 55 to 60 for the back.

The stripes of the hat go on down the flap. To change yarn at the start of a row, pull the new yarn through in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before. Cut each yarn when its stripe of the flap is done, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the hat facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn D with a slip stitch in the first of the 12 stitches marked for this flap (stitch 7 for the first flap, stitch 43 for the second); the first single crochet of row 1 goes into that same stitch.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	With E, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With F, ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(4 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 once round the whole hat and both flaps: with the right side facing you and the crown at the bottom, join yarn F 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 2, 2 in the last (6); back along the other side to the hat, 1 in the end of each row (10); 1 in each stitch of the front (24); round the second flap like the first (26); 1 in each stitch that is left of the back (6). Slip stitch in the first single crochet to join: 88 single crochet. Fasten off.

3. Braided ties: for each flap cut 6 strands of yarn F 21 in (53 cm) long. With the hook pull them halfway through the edging at the middle of the flap's lower end, so that 12 ends hang level; part them in 3 groups of 4, braid for about 7 in (18 cm), knot and trim the ends.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces; 1,120 stitches (944 in the hat, 88 in each earflap); 16 ends to weave in.

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