Rainbow striped baby hat

Baby, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5½ in (14 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Double crochet worked in joined rounds with increases, changes of yarn at the end of a round

Yarn
Light (3), 6 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet, worked in the round.

You will need

Yarn A: red, the red stripes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange, the orange stripes	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, the yellow stripes	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, the green stripes	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: blue, the blue stripes	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: purple, the purple stripes	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, 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
Preemie, small	10 in (25.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm) round, 3½ in (9 cm) deep	about 35 yd (34 m)
Preemie	12 in (30.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm) round, 4 in (10 cm) deep	about 55 yd (50 m)
Newborn	13½ in (34.5 cm)	12½ in (31.5 cm) round, 5 in (12.5 cm) deep	about 70 yd (64 m)
Baby (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5½ in (14 cm) deep**	**about 80 yd (74 m)**

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Head 16½ in (42 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm) round, 6½ in (16.5 cm) deep	about 105 yd (96 m)
Toddler	18 in (45.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm) deep	about 110 yd (100 m)

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round.

The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at two rounds that each size names; no separate piece is worked. The first measure is across the crown and checks the rounds; the second is round the outside of the hat, along the round just worked, and checks the stitches, which set how far round the hat is. If the hat measures more round than its size says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right round and the crown measures more than its size says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, your rounds are shorter and the hat will come out shallower. The hat is worked by its counts either way.

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 8, 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. Choose the size whose head measurement is nearest the one you measured. Each size is made smaller round than the head it is for, by about 1 in (2.5 cm): it has the nearest whole number of stitches to that, and the nearest even number where the brim is ribbed. Its own measure is given with each size.
- The pattern is written in United States terms.
- 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 outside of the hat always faces you; the work is never turned.
- Each round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in the first stitch of the round. In a joined round that begins with a chain that does not count, the first stitch goes into the stitch the round was joined in, unless the line skips it in words.
- The number at the end of each round is the number of stitches the round has.

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- At each change cut the yarn you leave, with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail as long on the yarn you take up. Make the slip stitch that joins the round, and the chain after it, with the new yarn.
- The last round of the sides is the edge of the hat; no edging is worked.
- The yarn is given by its weight and a length, not by balls: a ball's length differs from one yarn to another, so read the length on its label.
- Baby: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5½ in (14 cm) deep.
- Round 1: yarn A. Round 2: yarn B. Round 3: yarn C. Round 4: yarn D. Round 5: yarn E. Round 6: yarn F. Round 7: yarn A. Round 8: yarn B. Round 9: yarn C. Round 10: yarn D. Round 11: yarn E.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby, 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 and dc is treble.

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

☐ **Foundation** Make a magic ring.

Crown

In the last stitch of round 1, change to yarn B: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn B.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** With A, ch 3, 12 dc in MR, sl st in first dc to join **(12 dc)**

In the last stitch of round 2, change to yarn C: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn C.

☐ **Rnd 2** With B, ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join **(24 dc)**

In the last stitch of round 3, change to yarn D: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn D.

☐ **Rnd 3** With C, ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join **(36 dc)**

In the last stitch of round 4, change to yarn E: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn E.

☐ **Rnd 4** With D, 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.

In the last stitch of round 5, change to yarn F: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn F.

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

Sides

From here every round has 52 stitches.

In the last stitch of round 6, change to yarn A: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn A.

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

In the last stitch of round 7, change to yarn B: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn B.

☐ **Rnd 7** With A, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join **(52 dc)**

In the last stitch of round 8, change to yarn C: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn C.

☐ **Rnd 8** With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join **(52 dc)**

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> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** After round 8, 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.

In the last stitch of round 9, change to yarn D: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn D.

☐	**Rnd 9**	With C, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(52 dc)**

In the last stitch of round 10, change to yarn E: make that stitch's last yarn over with yarn E.

☐	**Rnd 10**	With D, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(52 dc)**
☐	**Rnd 11**	With E, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(52 dc)**
☐	**End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Weave the tail of the ring through the stitches of round 1 on the inside and fasten it there.
- Weave in every tail that is left, on the inside of the hat.

In all: 11 rounds; 484 stitches; 22 ends to weave in.

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