Shamrock baby hat

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



Finished size
About 14¼ in (36 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Joined rounds of one stitch, a ribbed brim, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook
3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge
18 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: white, the hat **about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: green, the brim, the shamrock and the pom-pom **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 40 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a soft tape measure, a yarn needle, scissors, pins and a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide for the pom-pom.

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
Preemie	12 in (30 cm)	10¾ in (27 cm) round, 4½ in (11 cm) deep	about 85 yd (78 m)
Newborn	13½ in (34 cm)	12½ in (32 cm) round, 5¼ in (13 cm) deep	about 105 yd (96 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**14¼ in (36 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep**	**about 140 yd (128 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15 in (38 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm) deep	about 160 yd (146 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 190 yd (174 m)

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Gauge

18 stitches and 15 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 depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 15 rounds of half double crochet or 10 rounds of double crochet or 10 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

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 14¼ in (36 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 8.

Notes

- On a baby: leave off the pom-poms for a newborn, 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 about ¾ to 1½ in (2 to 4 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs from size to size. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- 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 chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the 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.
- 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).
- 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 shamrock leaves are begun with a magic ring like the hat, with 1 chain to hold the loop, and 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.
- Sew the leaves, the stem and the pom-pom on firmly: a small piece that comes loose can be swallowed by a baby.
- A shamrock leaf grows from its inner point outward: row 1 is worked into the ring, the ring is pulled closed, and the piece is turned. Row 5 makes the two lobes of a heart: each group of 5 stitches in one stitch is a lobe, and the slip stitch between the two groups, in the middle stitch of the row below, draws in the notch.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 14¼ in (36 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): 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.

BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): 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.

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, white; B, green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, 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**	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**	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**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

9 10 **11**

> **Stop and measure now, 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 14¼ in (36 cm) round.

☐ **Rnds 12 to 18**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

Brim

☐ **Rnd 19**	With B, ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(64 dc)

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☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(32 FPdc, 32 BPdc)

20 21

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

Shamrock leaf: make 3

Yarn B, green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm).	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st, sk next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next st	(4 hdc, 6 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 cm) for sewing.	

Shamrock stem

Yarn B, green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 15 in (38 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. Shamrock: pull the sewing tail of each leaf to its wrong side. The ring, where the beginning tail of a leaf hangs, is its point; the notch is at its outer end. Pull the ring closed once more; leave the tail long. The middle of the front is opposite the line where the rounds of the hat are joined; fold the hat in half there to find it. 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. The center of the shamrock lies on round 11 of the hat, at the middle of the front. Pin the three leaves with their right sides up and their three points touching at that center: the first straight up, its point and its notch both on the marked line; the second to the left and the third to the right, turned a little downward, so that the notch of each lies 1 round of the hat lower than the center. With its beginning tail sew the point of each leaf down at the center; with its long tail sew the leaf down all round with small stitches close inside its edge.

3. Stem: pin it with its right side up, its upper end on the points of the leaves at the center of the shamrock, straight down along the marked line for its upper half; the lower half curves gently to the right as you look at it, so that the middle of its lower end lies about ½ in (1.5 cm) to the right of the line. It is about 1¾ in (4 cm) long; its lower end reaches about to round 18, the last round of white. Sew it down along both long edges and across both ends with its long tail.

4. Pom-pom: wrap yarn B 120 times round a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off and tie them very

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tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand of the same yarn 16 in (41 cm) long. Leave both ends of this tie hanging long and hold them out of the way of the scissors: they sew the pom-pom on. Cut the loops at both ends of the bundle, shake the pom-pom out and trim the cut strands, not the two ends of the tie, to a ball about 1¾ in (4 cm) across. Sew it firmly to the center of the top with the two ends of its tie, through the hat and back, several times, and fasten them on the inside.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces.

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