Shell headband on elastic

Girl · US terms



Finished size

About 17½ in (44 cm) around, not stretched: the strip about 11½ in (29 cm) long and the elastic at the back 6 in (15 cm); the strip about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide from edge to edge across two shells

To fit a head of 18½ to 20½ in (47 to 52 cm)

Skill

Easy

Shells in rows, and an elastic to sew on

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

17 stitches and 19½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: coral, main color — **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: white, the upper half, row 3 and the lower half, row 3 — **about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 10 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: soft flat white elastic about ½ in (12 mm) wide, of a kind that pulls out to twice its length: Girl 7 in (18 cm); Baby 6¼ in (16 cm); Toddler 6½ in (17 cm); Woman 7½ in (19 cm) and a sewing needle and white thread, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Baby	a head of 15 to 16½ in (38 to 42 cm)	14 in (36 cm) around, 8¾ in (22 cm) long	about 22 yd (20 m)
Toddler	a head of 16½ to 18½ in (42 to 47 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) around, 10 in (26 cm) long	about 22 yd (20 m)
Girl (this file)	**a head of 18½ to 20½ in (47 to 52 cm)**	**17½ in (44 cm) around, 11½ in (29 cm) long**	**about 23 yd (21 m)**
Woman	a head of 20½ to 23 in (52 to 58 cm)	19½ in (50 cm) around, 13 in (33 cm) long	about 30 yd (27 m)

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Gauge

17 stitches and 19½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the strip itself, laid flat, when row 1 of the upper half is done: 34 stitches of it are about 8 in (20 cm) long. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. When row 3 is done, the upper half measures about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) from the foundation chain to the top of a shell; a little more or less changes only the width of the strip.

Notes

- "5 dc in next st" puts all 5 stitches in that one place.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn at the end of its stripe, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Measure the head and choose the size whose range it falls in. If it falls between two sizes, or in two of them, make the larger. Each headband is smaller around than the heads it is for: the elastic at the back stretches.
- For a baby who is awake and watched: take the headband off for sleep.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Girl. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch.
sk skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
5 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(49 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Upper half

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

The 5 dc in one st are a shell. In row 3 the 3 sc in one st go into the third dc of a shell, its middle.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 50.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(49 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(9 sc, 40 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	(65 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Lower half

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

Turn the piece upside down, right side facing, so that the foundation chain is at the top and the shells of the upper half hang down. Work into the free side of each chain that holds a sc of row 1 of the upper half; the chain skipped at the start of that row is not worked. The first ch is the one at the right-hand end. Each shell of the lower half comes opposite a shell of the upper half.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the foundation chain of the upper half, right side facing: 49 chs.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first ch, ch 1, sc in each ch across	(49 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(9 sc, 40 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	(65 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends on the wrong side, along the stitches of their own color.

2. Cut the elastic 7 in (18 cm) long. Lay the strip with its wrong side up. Lay one end of the elastic over one end of the strip, so that ½ in (1.3 cm) of it lies on the strip and the rest lies beyond it, in line with the strip, its middle line on the foundation chain. With the sewing needle and thread, sew it down along both edges and across the cut edge, 4 small stitches along each edge and 6 across the cut edge, and then 6 more across the elastic where it leaves the strip. Take up only the back of the stitches, so that nothing shows on the right side.

3. Bring the other end of the elastic round to the other end of the strip without a twist, and sew it on in the same way. 6 in (15 cm) of the elastic lie free between the two ends of the strip.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 326 stitches (163 in the upper half, 163 in the lower half).

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