Shell lace headband

Woman, head 22 in (56 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 20¾ in (53 cm) round and about 2¼ in (6 cm) wide
To fit a head of 22 in (56 cm)

Skill
Easy
Shells in joined rounds, worked out from the middle to both edges

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: seafoam, light (3) **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. 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
Child	19½ in (50 cm)	17½ in (44 cm) round, 2¼ in (6 cm) wide	about 50 yd (46 m)
Teen	21 in (53 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm) round, 2¼ in (6 cm) wide	about 50 yd (46 m)
Woman (this file)	**22 in (56 cm)**	**20¾ in (53 cm) round, 2¼ in (6 cm) wide**	**about 55 yd (50 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

The gauge is measured on the headband itself, at the round named: put a soft tape round its outside along the round just worked, without pulling it in. If it measures more than the round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. A round of half double crochet is counted at 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). The depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 8 rounds of double crochet, and the two rounds of shells together are counted at ¾ in (2 cm), because the second lies in the hollows of the first.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1, put a soft tape round the outside of the headband along that round, without pulling it in: the headband should measure about 20¾ in (53 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 smaller round than the head it is for, so that it stays on; by how much differs a little from size to size, because the stitches come in whole repeats. The table of sizes gives both measures of each.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- The headband begins with a ring of chains: leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) before the first chain, see that the chain is not twisted, and slip stitch in the first chain. Round 1 is worked into each chain, one stitch in each, the first of them into the chain that was joined. At the end sew the little gap at the foot of round 1 closed with the beginning tail.
- The right side of the headband 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.
- 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.
- A shell is 5 double crochet in one stitch. In round 2 each shell stands between two single crochet; in round 3 a shell is worked into each single crochet and a single crochet into the third, the middle one, of the 5 double crochet of each shell.

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Instructions

Chosen: Woman, head 22 in (56 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Headband

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 78, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in each ch around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(78 hdc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the headband along that round, without pulling it in: the headband should measure about 20¾ in (53 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 13 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(13 sc, 65 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 13 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(65 dc, 13 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Second side

In round 1 of the second side "each st" means each of the chains; a stitch goes into each of the chains: the first into the chain with the first stitch of round 1 of the band, which is the chain where you joined the yarn, then one after another to the left.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the band upside down, its right side toward you, so that the beginning chain, which is the middle of the finished band, is uppermost. Each chain already holds a stitch of round 1; work now into the same 78 chains once more, from their free side: these are the 78 stitches at the middle of the band. Insert the hook in the chain that holds the first stitch of round 1, under the strands that are free, draw up a loop of the yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and begin.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(78 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 13 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(13 sc, 65 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 13 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(65 dc, 13 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Putting it together

Both sides are alike and mirror each other: a shell of one side lies straight across from a shell of the other. Sew the little gap at the foot of round 1, where the beginning chain was joined, closed with the beginning tail. Weave in the other ends along the round of half double crochet. Lay the band on a towel, damp it, pull each shell of both edges flat and round with your fingers and let it dry.

Finishing

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

In all: 468 stitches (234 in the headband, 234 in the second side).

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