Single stitch ridged-band baby hat

Baby, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) deep

To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill

Easy

Single crochet worked in a spiral with increases, a band worked in the back loop only

Yarn

Light (3)

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, worked in the round.

You will need

Yarn: ivory, light (3) **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, 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 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, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) deep	about 35 yd (32 m)
Preemie	12 in (30.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm) round, 4 in (10 cm) deep	about 40 yd (37 m)
Newborn	13½ in (34.5 cm)	12½ in (31.5 cm) round, 5 in (12.5 cm) deep	about 60 yd (55 m)
Baby (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) deep**	**about 75 yd (69 m)**
Head 16½ in (42 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm) round, 6½ in (16.5 cm) deep	about 90 yd (82 m)
Toddler	18 in (45.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) deep	about 110 yd (101 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
BLO	back loop, or back loop only
MR	magic ring

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single 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 8.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 12, 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.
- The rounds are worked in a spiral and are not joined: put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The number at the end of each round is the number of stitches the round has.
- The band is worked in the back loop only, which leaves the front loops as lines round the hat.
- 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 5¾ in (14.5 cm) deep.

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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 sc is double crochet.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 8. After round 8 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 4 times**	**(52 sc)**

Sides

From here every round has 52 stitches.

☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

10 11 **12**

Stop and measure now, after round 12. After round 12, 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.

☐ **Rnds 13 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 19: tick them off as you go.

13 14 15 16 17 18 19

Band

☐ **Rnds 20 to 23**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 23: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22 23

☐ **End**	After the last round, slip stitch under both loops of the next stitch, which is the first stitch of that round, to level the edge. 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: 23 rounds; 996 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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