# Stretchy ribbed baby headband

Newborn · US terms



Finished size

**About 12 in (30 cm) around by 2 in (5 cm) wide, drawn in at the front to about ¾ in (2 cm) under the wrap**

To fit a head of 13 to 14½ in (33 to 37 cm)

Skill

**Easy**

One stitch in the back loop, and two short seams

Yarn

**Light (3)**

Hook

**4.5 mm (US 7)**

Gauge

**18 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**

In slip stitch rib.

## You will need

Yarn: sage, light (3) **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 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 |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Preemie** | a head of 11½ to 13 in (29 to 33 cm) | 10½ in (27 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) wide | about 30 yd (27 m) |
| **Newborn (this file)** | **a head of 13 to 14½ in (33 to 37 cm)** | **12 in (30 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) wide** | **about 35 yd (32 m)** |
| **3 to 6 months** | a head of 14½ to 16 in (37 to 41 cm) | 13½ in (34 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) wide | about 35 yd (32 m) |
| **6 to 12 months** | a head of 16 to 17½ in (41 to 44 cm) | 15 in (38 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) wide | about 40 yd (37 m) |
| **Toddler** | a head of 17½ to 19 in (44 to 48 cm) | 16½ in (42 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) wide | about 40 yd (37 m) |


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## Abbreviations

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

| | |
|---|---|
| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sl st** | slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **BLO** | back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you |
| **RS** | right side |
| **st** | stitch |
| **yo** | yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook) |

## Gauge

**18 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in slip stitch rib.

Check it on the band itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 36 rows are done: the 9 stitches of a row are about 2 in (5 cm) wide, and the 36 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

## Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Work loosely. Every slip stitch from row 2 on goes into the back loop only, the loop of the top that lies farther from you: the loop left free makes the rib.
- For a baby who is awake and watched: take the headband off for sleep.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1.
- 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 baby headband is smaller around than the heads it is for, because it stretches.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- One yarn is used throughout: a variegated, self-striping or cake yarn of the same weight and length can take its place, and its colors fall where the yarn has them.


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# Instructions

Chosen: Newborn. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch.

## Band

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | **Foundation** | Ch 10. | |
| ☐ | **Row 1 (RS)** | Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(9 sl sts)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 2 to 108** | Ch 1, turn; sl st in BLO of each st across | **(9 sl sts)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 108: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59
60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88
89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew and gather with.

## Wrap

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | **Foundation** | Ch 6. | |
| ☐ | **Row 1 (RS)** | Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(5 sl sts)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 2 to 20** | Ch 1, turn; sl st in BLO of each st across | **(5 sl sts)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 20: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.

### Assembly

**1.** Weave in the beginning tail of the band and of the wrap.

**2.** Lay the band flat with its right side down. Bring the last row round to the foundation chain, without twisting the band: the right side is on the outside of the ring. With the long tail, whip stitch the last row to the foundation chain, stitch to stitch: 9 stitches.

**3.** Gather the front: the seam is the middle of the front. With the same tail, sew in and out through the band close beside the seam, from one long edge to the other, about 9 stitches. Draw the tail up until the band is about ¾ in (2 cm) wide there, wind it 2 times tightly round the gathers, and fasten it on the wrong side.

**4.** Lay the wrap round the gathers, right side out, so that it covers the seam and its ribs run the same way as the long edges of the band. Its last row and its foundation chain meet on the wrong side of the band. With its tail, whip stitch them together there, stitch to stitch: 5 stitches. Then sew through the wrap and the gathers behind it 3 times, so that it cannot slide, and fasten off.

# Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 1,072 stitches (972 in the band, 100 in the wrap).

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