Tunisian ear warmer

Adult, head 21 to 22½ in (53.5 to 57 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 20 in (51 cm) round (70 stitches), unstretched; the stripes are about 3 in (7.5 cm) deep (10 rows of the ear warmer), and with both edgings the band is about 4¼ in (11 cm) deep. At the wrap it is gathered to about 2¾ in (7 cm). The wrap, before it is sewn, is about 6¼ in (16 cm) long (20 rows of the wrap) and about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide (8 stitches)

Skill

Intermediate

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

6 mm (US J-10)

Gauge

14 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In Tunisian simple stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: teal, the outer stripes and the edgings	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: natural, the second stripes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, the middle stripe and the wrap	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Hook: 6 mm (US J-10), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a Tunisian hook with a cable, of the size given, 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 of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child, 5 to 10 years, head 19½ to 21 in (49.5 to 53.5 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm) round, 3 in (7.5 cm) deep	about 110 yd (101 m)
Adult, head 21 to 22½ in (53.5 to 57 cm) (this file)	**20 in (51 cm) round, 3 in (7.5 cm) deep**	**about 120 yd (110 m)**
Adult large, head 22½ to 24 in (57 to 61 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm) round, 3 in (7.5 cm) deep	about 130 yd (119 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

tss: Tunisian simple stitch, the forward pass: insert the hook from right to left behind the upright bar that stands at the front of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, and leave it on the hook. The loop that is on the hook at the start of a row is the first tss of the row. For the last st of a row insert the hook under both strands of the last bar, so that the edge is firm. UK terms call it by the same name. It leaves 1 tss for the next row or round.

return: The return pass, which ends every Tunisian row: yarn over and draw through 1 loop, then [yarn over and draw through 2 loops] until 1 loop is left on the hook. Do not turn. It leaves 1 return for the next row or round.

Gauge

14 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in Tunisian simple stitch.

14 stitches and 13 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in Tunisian simple stitch. After Row 4 of the ear warmer, the piece is about 1¼ in (3 cm) deep (rows 1 to 4 of the ear warmer).

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Measure round the head over the ears and choose the size whose range holds that measure. The finished band is smaller than the head, and the fabric stretches to it.
- A Tunisian row has two passes: the forward pass, which brings loops onto the hook, and the return pass, which works them off. The right side always faces you and the work is not turned. Use a Tunisian hook with a cable that holds 80 loops, two sizes larger than the hook you would take for single crochet (UK double crochet) in the same yarn. The fabric curls at first; the edgings flatten it.
- To change color, work the return pass until 2 loops are left on the hook, then draw the new color through both: it makes the loop that is the first tss of the next row. B waits at that edge while the two rows of C are worked; carry it up loosely. Cut A after Row 2 and join a new length of it for Row 9, leaving tails of 6 in (15 cm); cut C after Row 6, B after Row 8 and A after Row 10 in the same way.
- The edgings are worked in joined rounds. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count; the first stitch goes into the stitch that holds the joining sl st.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

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Instructions

Chosen: Adult, head 21 to 22½ in (53.5 to 57 cm). 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 and sc is double crochet.

Ear warmer

Yarns in order of use: A, teal; B, natural; C, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 70.	
	Row 1 is worked into the foundation ch: the loop on the hook is the first tss and belongs to the ch next to the hook; for every other tss of this row insert the hook in the next ch, under its upper loop, instead of behind a bar. In every later row, too, the loop that is on the hook is the first tss.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Tss in next 70 chs, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **Row 2**	Tss in next 70 sts, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **Row 3**	With B, tss in next 70 sts, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **Row 4**	Tss in next 70 sts, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **Row 5**	With C, tss in next 70 sts, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **Row 6**	Tss in next 70 sts, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **Row 7**	With B, tss in next 70 sts, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **Row 8**	Tss in next 70 sts, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **Row 9**	With A, tss in next 70 sts, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **Row 10**	Tss in next 70 sts, return	**(70 tss)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Seam: bend the piece into a ring with the right side outward, so that its two short ends meet and the stripes run on. With a new length of A, 14 in (35.5 cm) long, sew the ends edge to edge from the lower edge up, 10 row ends to 10 row ends: take the needle under both strands of the edge stitch of a row on one side, then under those of the same row on the other side, and draw the yarn just so tight that the edges touch. Fasten off.	

Upper edging

Yarn A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 70 places, beginning at the first stitch to the left of the seam: 70 stitches of the ear warmer. In Rnd 1 insert the hook behind the upright bar of each st, as for a tss.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 69 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Lower edging

Yarn A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the ear warmer upside down. With the right side facing, join A with a sl st in the first of 70 places, beginning at the first chain to the left of the seam: 70 chains of the ear warmer. Work into the free side of the foundation ch.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in same st as the join, sc in next 69 chs, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(70 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Wrap

Yarn C, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 8.	

Row 1 is worked into the foundation ch as in the ear warmer.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Tss in next 8 chs, return	**(8 tss)**
☐ **Row 2**	Tss in next 8 sts, return	**(8 tss)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 20**	Repeat row 2. (8 tss)	

A box for each row, 3 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 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 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Finishing

- Weave in every tail of the ear warmer on the inside.
- Wrap: lay the strip round the band over the seam, right side outward, with the same number of its stitches on each side of the seam, 4 and 4. Its two short ends meet on the inside of the band, in the middle of its depth. Draw them together, so that the band is gathered into two or three folds under the strip, and with the tail sew the last row to the foundation ch, edge to edge, 8 stitches to 8 chains: the needle goes behind the upright bar of a stitch and under one whole chain. With the rest of the tail sew the strip to the inside of the band at both ends of this seam, 2 stitches each, so that it does not slide. Weave in the tails under the strip.

In all: 2 pieces.

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