Unicorn baby hat

Baby, 3 to 6 months, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5¾ in (15 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in a spiral, small pieces sewn on

Yarn
Light (3), 6 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, the hat and the ears	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale yellow, the horn	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pink, the mane	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lilac, the mane	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: aqua, the mane	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: charcoal, the eyes	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, pins and a little toy stuffing for the horn.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarns C, D, E and F: 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
Newborn	13½ in (34 cm)	12½ in (32 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 125 yd (115 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 5¾ in (15 cm) deep**	**about 145 yd (134 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15½ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 160 yd (147 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 180 yd (166 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)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Gauge

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

The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the hat with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the hat measures more round than its round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right round and the crown measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, it will come out shallower.

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, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. Each size is made about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole repeats of its stitches allow, so that it stays on.
- The pattern is written in United States terms; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.
- 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 right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- The rounds of the hat are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The horn and the ears are begun with a magic ring like the hat and worked in a spiral: no chain at the start of a round and no slip stitch at its end; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round. The right side faces you.
- Back loop only: of the two loops at the top of a stitch work under the one that lies farther from you as you work.
- 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.

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- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together and sew them over and over, the needle always going in from the same side, through one stitch of each edge at a time.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 5¾ in (15 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby, 3 to 6 months, 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.

Hat

Yarn A, white.

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

Sides

☐ **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 21**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 21: tick them off as you go.

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

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Band

☐ **Rnds 22 to 23**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

22 23

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Horn

Yarn B, pale yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in each st around	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the hat closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Pull the ring at the tip of the horn closed once more and run its tail down inside the horn. Stuff the horn firmly. Winding: cut a strand of its yarn 30 in (75 cm) long and thread it in the needle. Sew its first end twice through the stitches at the tip and run that end down inside the horn. Wind the strand round the horn in a spiral of about 5 turns from the tip to the base, pulling it in a little, then sew it twice through the last round and run what is left inside the horn. The horn stands at the middle of the front, which is opposite the place at the lower edge where the last round of the hat begins (the ears, the mane and the eyes are placed from that same place). Counting rounds from the center of the top down the front, put the edge of the horn that is nearest the top just below round 6, so that 6 rounds are free between the horn and the center of the top, and sew its open edge to the hat all round.

3. Before an ear is closed, pull the ring at its tip tight once more and weave in its ends on the inside of the ear, all but the long sewing tail. Then flatten each ear and close it across the open edge with whip stitch.

4. Lay the hat flat with the place at its lower edge where its last round begins at the middle of the back, the center of the top at the middle of the upper fold: the fold on each side is then the side of the hat. Pin the ears along the line that runs from side to side over the center of the top, one on each side of the center of the top, their inner ends about 1 in (2.5 cm) apart, each with one of its flat faces to the front (an ear is double and both its faces are its right side, so either may be the front), and sew both sides of the closed edge of each ear to the hat, along its front and then along its back, so that it stands up.

5. Mane: it lies along a straight line from the horn over the center of the top and down the middle of the back, toward the place where the last round begins, to the last round above the band. Cut 54 strands of each mane yarn, each 6 in (15 cm) long. For one knot fold 3 strands of one yarn in half, pull the fold under the top of a stitch with the hook, put the ends through the fold and pull the knot tight. Make 2 knots in every round that the line crosses, in the two stitches on either side of the line: in rounds 6 to 1, on the front of the crown, then in rounds 1 to 21, behind the center. That is 54 knots; take the yarns in turn, a knot of each. Part the ends to the two sides of the line. Trim those of the front knots to about 1¾ in (4 cm), so that the eyes stay free, and trim the others level.

6. Eyes: with yarn F embroider two closed eyes on the front in back stitch. The middle of the front is opposite the place where the last round of the hat begins; fold the hat in half there to find it. Each eye is a shallow curve like a smile, 4 stitches of the hat wide, and begins 3 stitches to one side of the middle of the front, so that 6 stitches lie between the two eyes: both ends of the curve lie on round 15 and its lowest point, half way along it, lies on round 17. Add 3 lashes to the half of each curve that is farther from the middle: straight stitches about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long, from the curve outward and down. Back stitch: with the needle threaded and fastened on the inside, come up one stitch length to the left of the right-hand end of the line and go down at that end; then each time come up one stitch length farther to the left than the place where the needle last came up, and go down in the place where it last came up, so that the stitches touch.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces; 1,202 stitches (996 in the hat, 98 in the horn, 54 in each ear); 18 ends to weave in.

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