Waffle stitch baby hat

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



Finished size
About 14½ in (37 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep with the brim folded up (about 7 in (18 cm) before it is folded)
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Easy
Front and back post stitches in joined rounds

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (eucalyptus in the picture), light (3) **about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

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
Newborn	13½ in (34 cm)	12¾ in (32 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 70 yd (64 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**14½ in (37 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep**	**about 90 yd (82 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	15¼ in (39 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 105 yd (96 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	16¾ in (43 cm) round, 7½ in (19 cm) deep	about 140 yd (128 m)

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Gauge

15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double 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 depths given are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 8 rounds of double crochet or 8 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 6, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 14½ in (37 cm) round.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 4.

Notes

- 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 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 chain that begins a round is not a stitch. The first stitch goes in the same place as the slip stitch.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post 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.
- To wear the hat, fold the brim up to the outside along the middle of its ribbing, so that the last 2 rounds lie on the outside.
- 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.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 14½ in (37 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep with the brim folded up (about 7 in (18 cm) before it is folded).

Instructions

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

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 12 times: work what is inside 12 times in all.
(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you.

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BPdc (back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Crown

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 12 dc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first dc to join	(12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(48 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 4.** The crown, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3, **[**dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first dc to join	(54 dc)

Sides

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	(54 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** Put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 14½ in (37 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(18 FPdc, 36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(18 FPdc, 36 BPdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(18 FPdc, 36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around each of next 2 sts**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(18 FPdc, 36 BPdc)

Brim

☐ **Rnds 11 to 14**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around each of next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	(36 FPdc, 18 BPdc)

11 12 13 14

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- 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.
- Weave in every end on the inside of the hat, except the one at the lower edge of the brim: that edge is folded up to the outside, so weave its end on the right side of the brim, which the fold hides.

In all: 14 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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