

Crochet Baby Bear Hat

PATTERN

A caramel tan baby beanie with two round bear ears and a folded ribbed brim - three sizes, from newborn to 12 months.



The finished Baby Bear Hat, shown in the 3-6 month size.

Sizes	0-3 months, 3-6 months and 6-12 months	Skill level	Confident beginner
Time	About 2 hours	Terms	US crochet terms

This sweet little hat is worked top-down in half double crochet: a flat increasing crown, a straight body, and a separate ribbed band that is sewn on and folded up into a soft, stretchy brim. Two flat round ears finish the bear look. Instructions are given for the smallest size first, with the larger sizes in brackets: 0-3 (3-6, 6-12) months. Mark the first stitch of every joined round and check your counts as you go.

Materials

- Soft baby DK / light worsted (#3) yarn in **caramel tan** - acrylic or cotton blend, approx. 120 (150, 180) yds in total
- 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook
- Yarn needle with a large eye
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Tape measure

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch	sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet	inc	increase - 2 sts in one stitch
BLO	back loop only	FO	fasten off
st(s)	stitch(es)	rnd	round

Gauge: 16 hdc x 12 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. Gauge matters for a hat - check it before you start, and go up or down a hook size if your stitches measure differently.

Sizes & Finished Measurements

Size	Crown ends at	Finished circumference	Finished height	Brim band rows
0-3 months	Rnd 5 [50 sts]	12 in (30.5 cm)	5.5 in (14 cm)	50 rows
3-6 months	Rnd 6 [60 sts]	14 in (35.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	60 rows
6-12 months	Rnd 7 [70 sts]	16 in (40.5 cm)	6.5 in (16.5 cm)	70 rows

After the final increase round, the flat crown circle should measure about 3.8 (4.5, 5.1) in across. Babies grow fast - if you are between sizes, or making a gift ahead, choose the larger size.

The Crown (all sizes)



Step 1 - the flat crown circle, worked from a magic ring.

The hat is worked in joined rounds from the top down. The starting chain-2 never counts as a stitch, so every round ends with exactly the bracketed stitch count.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (does not count as a stitch), 10 hdc into a magic ring. Join with a sl st to the first hdc. **[10]**

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around. Join. **[20]**

Rnd 3: Ch 2, (hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times. Join. **[30]**

Rnd 4: Ch 2, (hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times. Join. **[40]**

Rnd 5: Ch 2, (hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times. Join. **[50]**

0-3 months: your crown is complete at 50 stitches - skip straight to The Body below.

Rnd 6: Ch 2, (hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times. Join. **[60]**

3-6 months: your crown is complete at 60 stitches.

Rnd 7: Ch 2, (hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st) 10 times. Join. **[70]**

6-12 months: your crown is complete at 70 stitches.

The Body



Step 2 - the dome-shaped body, worked even with no increases.

Every round: Ch 2, hdc in each st around, join with a sl st to the first hdc. **[50 (60, 70)]**

Repeat until the hat measures 4.5 (5, 5.5) in from the centre of the crown, measuring down the side of the dome. Fasten off. The bottom edge stays open - the brim band is sewn to it next.

The Ribbed Brim Band



Step 3 - the flat ribbed band, worked in back-loop rows.

The band is worked flat, in rows, and creates the deep stretchy ribs of the folded brim.

Set-up: Ch 9.

Row 1: Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across, ch 1, turn. **[8 sc]**

Row 2: Sc in the BACK LOOP ONLY of each st across, ch 1, turn. **[8 sc]**

Repeat Row 2 until you have worked 50 (60, 70) rows in total - one row of band for every stitch around the hat body. Fasten off, leaving a long tail (about 24 in) for seaming and sewing on.

Attach & Fold the Brim



Step 4 - the band sewn on and folded up into the finished brim.

- **Seam the band:** bring the two short ends together and whipstitch them closed with the long tail to form a ring.
- **Sew it on:** with the hat inside out, pin the band around the hat's bottom edge so each row of the band meets one body stitch. Whipstitch all the way around, stitch-for-stitch.
- **Fold:** turn the hat right side out and fold the band up. The fold covers the seaming, gives a double layer over baby's ears, and sets the finished height: 5.5 (6, 6.5) in.

The Ears (make 2)



Step 5 - two flat round ears, ready to sew on.

The ears are flat single-crochet circles - the same for all three sizes. Work in a spiral or joined rounds, as you prefer.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. **[6]**

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. **[12]**

Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) 6 times. **[18]**

Rnd 4: (Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) 6 times. **[24]**

Fasten off, leaving a long tail (at least 12 in) for sewing. Make a second ear in exactly the same way.

Assembly



Step 6 - pinning and sewing an ear onto the crown.

- 1. Position:** pin the first ear to one side of the crown, centred over roughly rounds 3 to 5 of the crown. Pin the second ear as its mirror image on the other side - the pair should sit at about the 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock positions.
- 2. Check:** hold the hat up and look at it from the front. Adjust until both ears sit at the same height and tilt slightly outward.
- 3. Sew:** whipstitch each ear securely through the ear's edge and the crown stitches, working around the bottom two-thirds of the circle so the top of the ear stays free and rounded.
- 4.** Weave in all remaining ends and fold the brim up - your bear hat is finished!

Finishing & Care

- Give the hat a gentle steam or a light press with your hands to even out the stitches, keeping the brim folded.
- Wash according to the yarn label - most baby acrylic and cotton blends machine wash on a gentle cycle and dry flat.
- Store flat with the brim folded so the ears stay perky.
- Safety note: this hat is designed for supervised wear and photo sessions; remove it for sleep, as with any baby hat.

3 Tips for a Perfect Baby Bear Hat

- 1. Check the crown circle before you build the body.** After the final increase round, the flat circle should measure about 3.8 (4.5, 5.1) in across. Two minutes with a ruler here saves frogging later.
- 2. Count brim rows against hat stitches.** The band needs one row per body stitch - 50, 60 or 70. Clip a stitch marker into the band every 10 rows so you never have to recount the whole strip.
- 3. Pin both ears before sewing either one.** Ears drift as you stitch. Pin the pair, check the symmetry at arm's length, and only then pick up your needle.

Happy crocheting! Make the tiny size for a newborn photo shoot, the biggest for a first-birthday gift - and keep this pattern in your project bag for the next baby shower.