

Crochet Bear Ears Hat

PATTERN

A sage green bear-ear beanie with a soft cream ribbed brim - two sizes, for babies and toddlers.



The finished Bear Ears Hat, shown in the baby size.

Sizes	Baby (0-12 months) and Toddler (1-3 years)	Skill level	Confident beginner
Time	About 2 to 2.5 hours	Terms	US crochet terms

This one-piece hat is worked top-down in half double crochet: a flat increasing crown, a straight body, and a cream post-stitch brim worked directly onto the hat - no separate band to sew on. Two small flat ears finish the bear look. Instructions are given for the baby size first, with the toddler size in brackets: Baby (Toddler). Mark the first stitch of every joined round and check your counts as you go.

Materials

- Worsted weight (#4) yarn in **sage green** - soft acrylic or cotton blend, approx. 120 (160) yds
- Worsted weight (#4) yarn in **cream** for the brim - approx. 40 yds
- 5.0 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- Yarn needle with a large eye
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Flexible tape measure

Abbreviations (US Terms)

MR	magic ring	ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch	sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet	FPhdc	front post half double crochet
BPhdc	back post half double crochet	inc	increase - 2 sts in one stitch
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	Fits head	Crown ends at	Finished circumference	Finished height
Baby	14-16 in (35.5-40.5 cm)	Rnd 5 [50 sts]	13 in (33 cm)	6 in (15 cm)
Toddler	16-18 in (40.5-46 cm)	Rnd 6 [60 sts]	15 in (38 cm)	7 in (18 cm)

Measure the head around the forehead and choose the size by head circumference, not by age. After the final increase round, the flat crown circle should measure about 4 (4.75) in across.

The Crown



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]**

Baby: 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]**

Toddler: your crown is complete at 60 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)]**

Repeat until the hat measures about 5 (6) in from the centre of the crown, measuring down the side of the dome. Do not fasten off - the brim is worked straight onto the hat next.

The Cream Ribbed Brim



Step 3 - working the cream post-stitch brim onto the hat.

Join the cream yarn with a sl st at the back of the hat. The brim uses post stitches, which push the fabric into deep, stretchy ribs.

Rnds 1-4: Ch 2, (FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st) repeated around, join with a sl st to the first hdc. **[50 (60)]**

Fasten off and weave in the end. Fold the brim up once for the classic cuffed look, or leave it down for a longer fit.



Step 4 - the finished hat and the two round ears, ready to assemble.

The Ears (make 2)

The ears are small flat single-crochet circles in sage green - the same for both 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]**

Fasten off, leaving a long tail (at least 12 in) for sewing. Make a second ear in exactly the same way. Do not stuff the ears - flat ears sit neatly and keep their shape.

Assembly



Step 5 - 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 - 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. For a very

active toddler, sew around the full circle.

4. Weave in all remaining ends and fold the brim up - your bear ears hat is finished!



Step 6 - the finished bear ears hat, ready to wear.

Finishing & Care

- Give the hat a gentle steam or smooth the stitches with your hands, keeping the brim folded.
- Wash according to the yarn label - most worsted acrylic and cotton blends machine wash on a gentle cycle and dry flat.
- Check the fit: the hat should sit above the eyebrows with one finger of room between hat and head.
- 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 Bear Ears Hat

1. Measure the head, not the calendar. Ages are only a guide. Two minutes with a tape measure chooses the right size far better than a birthday does - and the stretchy brim forgives the rest.

2. Check the crown circle before you build the body. After the final increase round it should measure about 4 (4.75) in across. A quick check here saves frogging later.

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 baby size for a newborn photo session and the toddler size for a first autumn walk in the park.