



CROCHETROOMS

Vintage Baby Bonnet

Finished Size & Skill Level

One size, fits babies 0 to 6 months. Finished bonnet measures approximately 12 in (30.5 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) deep, to fit a head circumference of 13 to 16 in (33 to 40.5 cm).

Skill level: Easy. You should be comfortable with chains, single crochet, and double crochet, and working in rounds and rows.

Materials

- #3 DK / light worsted weight yarn, approximately 90 to 110 g (200 to 250 yd / 180 to 230 m). Choose a soft, machine-washable yarn.
- 5.5 mm (I-9) crochet hook, or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Tapestry needle, scissors, and 2 stitch markers.

Gauge

16 half double crochet stitches and 10 rows = 4 in (10 cm). Take time to check your gauge: a bonnet that is too tight will not fit comfortably, and one that is too loose will slip over the baby's eyes. If your swatch is smaller, try a larger hook; if larger, try a smaller hook.

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- rep = repeat

Pattern Notes

The chain 2 at the start of a round or row does not count as a stitch. Join each round with a slip stitch to the first double crochet of the round. The back of the head is worked in rounds; the sides are then worked in rows without joining.

Back of the Head (worked in rounds)

Make a magic ring.

- **Round 1:** Ch 2, 10 dc into the ring. Join with a sl st to the first dc. (10 dc)
- **Round 2:** Ch 2, 2 dc in each st around. Join. (20 dc)
- **Round 3:** Ch 2, *dc in next st, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around. Join. (30 dc)
- **Round 4:** Ch 2, *dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around. Join. (40 dc)
- **Round 5:** Ch 2, *dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st; rep from * around. Join. (50 dc)

Do not fasten off. From here you will work in rows, leaving the last 4 stitches of the round unworked to form the neck opening.

Sides (worked in rows)

- **Row 1:** Ch 2, dc in each of the next 46 sts. Leave the remaining 4 sts unworked. Turn. (46 dc)
- **Rows 2 to 10:** Ch 2, dc in each st across. Turn. (46 dc)

The piece should now measure about 5.5 in (14 cm) from the top of the crown to the last row. Do not fasten off.

Vintage Scallop Edging

With the right side facing you, you will now work around the whole face and neck opening to neaten it and add the vintage scalloped brim.

- **Edging Round 1:** Ch 1, sc in each st across the last row, then work sc evenly down the side edge (about 2 sc per row end), across the 4 unworked back stitches, and up the other side edge. Join with a sl st to the first sc.
- **Edging Round 2:** Ch 1, *sc in next st, skip next st, 5 dc in next st, skip next st; rep from * around the opening. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Fasten off.

Ties

Cut 6 strands of yarn, each 24 in (61 cm) long. At one bottom front corner of the bonnet, fold 3 strands in half and pull the folded loop through the corner stitch from front to back. Pull the loose ends through the loop and tighten firmly. Braid the strands and knot the end. Repeat at the other bottom front corner.

Finishing

Weave in all yarn ends with the tapestry needle. Gently shape the bonnet with your hands so the scalloped brim lies flat. If you like, lightly steam the brim from a short distance to set the scallops.