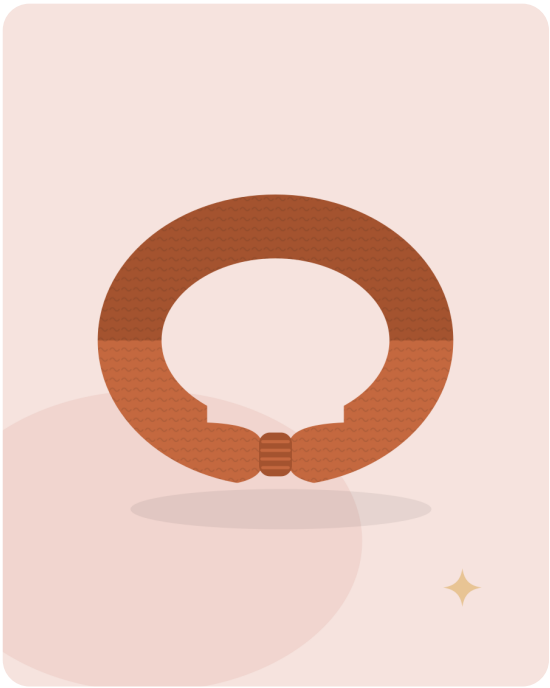


FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Half Double Crochet Ear Warmer

A cozy ear warmer headband worked in simple rows of half double crochet, then seamed and cinched at the front. Learn a new stitch and finish it in an evening.



SKILL LEVEL Beginner	FINISHED SIZE About 3.75 in (9.5 cm) wide × 19 in (48 cm) around, for an adult head of 21–22 in (53–56 cm)	YARN WEIGHT Medium / Worsted
HOOK 5.5 mm (US I-9)	TIME About 2 hours	TERMS US terms

Gauge: 13 hdc and 10 rows = 4 in (10 cm). Gauge isn’t critical because you measure the length as you go, but it changes the width of the band.

Materials

- ☐ Worsted-weight (medium — About 80–100 yd (73–91 m) (Estimated. A soft yarn with a little stretch is most comfortable.)
- ☐ 5.5 mm (US I-9) crochet hook
- ☐ Tapestry needle, scissors and a tape measure

Abbreviations

ch — chain

st(s) — stitch(es)

hdc — half double crochet

rep — repeat

Notes before you start

- The chain 2 at the start of each row does not count as a stitch.
- Measure around the head across the forehead and just above the ears. The finished band should be about 2 in (5 cm) smaller than this measurement, so it stays in place.
- Leave a long tail when you fasten off. You will use it to sew the seam and cinch the front.

The pattern

Foundation chain

- ☐ **Start:** Make a slip knot, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and ch 14.

Band

- ☐ **Row 1:** Hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn. **(12)**
- ☐ **Row 2:** Ch 2 (does not count as a st). Hdc in the first st and in each st across. Turn. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rows 3–48:** Rep Row 2 until the band measures about 2 in (5 cm) less than the head measurement — about 19 in (48 cm), or 48 rows, for an average adult. Measure with the band lying flat and relaxed, not stretched. **(12)**

Tip: Before you fasten off, wrap the band around the head. It should feel snug but comfortable, with the short ends just meeting.

Assembly

- ☐ **Fasten off:** Cut the yarn, leaving a tail of about 24 in (60 cm), and pull it through the loop on your hook.
- ☐ **Sew the seam:** Bring the two short ends together, making sure the band isn't twisted. Thread the long tail onto a tapestry needle and whipstitch the ends together through both layers, making one stitch in each of the 12 stitches across. Pull just firmly enough to close the seam.
- ☐ **Cinch the front:** With the seam facing you, wrap the remaining tail tightly around the band at the seam 6 to 8 times, gathering it into a narrow waist. Pass the needle under the wraps on the inside of the band to secure them.

Finishing

- ☐ **Weave in ends:** Weave both tails in on the inside of the band, in two directions, and trim.

Tip: Wear the cinched seam at the center front, or turn it to one side for a different look.

Tips

- Half double crochet edges are easy to lose track of. Mark the first and last stitch of each row.
- If the band feels stiff, try a hook half a size larger; if it is floppy, go down half a size.
- Measure with the band lying flat. Stretching it while you measure makes you stop too early, and the band ends up too tight.

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