



bear ears headband

Wear this headband when you need extra help with active listening. Because the ears are crocheted with a combination of yarn and thin craft wire, they'll keep their shape and won't flop down—unless you fold them down on purpose!

What You'll Need

- Basic Crochet Tool Kit, page 7
- Stitch. Rock. Love. Sheep(ish) (70% acrylic/30% wool; 3oz/85g = 167yds/153m): (A) less than 1 ball, 0011 taupe(ish) 
- Headband: fabric-covered plastic, $\frac{5}{8}$ inch (1.6cm) wide
- Black craft wire: (B) 28-gauge, 10 yards (9m)
- Crochet hook: US I-9 (5.5mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge: Use finished measurements for gauge.

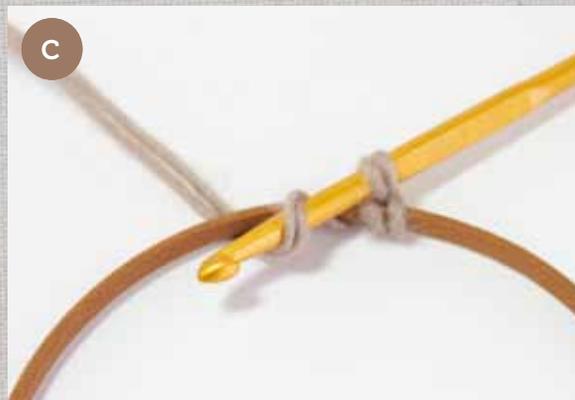
Always take time to check the gauge or the finished measurement of the project as provided.

Abbreviations: See page 11.

Finished measurements

- Each ear: $2\frac{3}{4}$ x 2 inches (7 x 5.1cm)





Instructions

Headband

- 1 Draw out enough of A to fold in half so that the folded double strand of yarn measures approximately 120 inches (305cm). Place the folded yarn at the back of the headband (**fig. A**).
- 2 Beginning about 1½ inches (3.8cm) from one end of headband, bring the hook from front to back, under the headband. Place folded yarn on hook and draw the fold to the front. Bring hook over headband. Holding both strands of folded yarn together, yarn over with the double strand as shown and draw the double strand through the loop on the hook (**fig. B**).
- 3 Bring the hook under the headband. Yarn over with double strand and draw loops to front (**fig. C**).
- 4 Bring hook over headband, yarn over with double strand and draw through loops on hook (**fig. D**).
- 5 Repeat steps 3 and 4 until 35 stitches have been worked to cover the headband (**fig. E**).

Fasten off. With tapestry needle, weave in the ends.

Make the First Ear

Draw out enough of A to fold in half so that the folded double strand of yarn measures approximately 60 inches (152.4cm).

To begin: With right side of work facing you and with the folded double strand of A and single strand of B held together, insert the hook in the ninth stitch from the right end of the headband, yarn over and draw loops of yarn and wire through. Continue working with all strands held together for the first ear.

- Row 1:** Ch 1, sc in same st as join (ninth st), sc in the next 4 sts, turn (you now have 5 sc) (**fig. F**).

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in next 5 sc, turn (5 sc).

Row 3: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next sc, sc2tog, turn (3 sc) (**fig. G**).

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in next 3 sc (3 sc).

Fasten off.

Make the Second Ear:

With right side of the work facing you and one strand each of yarn and craft wire held together, insert hook in thirteenth stitch from the left end of the headband, yarn over and draw loops of yarn and wire through. Continue working with all strands held together (**fig. H**).

Repeat rows 1–4 of the first ear.

Fasten off. With tapestry needle, weave in the ends.

Finishing

Note: To finish, use a single strand of A.

With right side of the work facing you and starting from the outer base of the first ear, draw up a loop of A, ch 1.

Work 12 sc evenly spaced around outer edge of the first ear.

Sc in each st of upper portion of headband to the second ear.

Work 12 sc evenly spaced around outer edge of the second ear.

Fasten off. With a tapestry needle, weave in the ends.

