Crochet Headband Pattern: Free Striped Ear Warmer

One rectangle, 5 stripes, a wooden button, 3 sizes · US terms



The flat striped headband in Cranberry, Cream, Gold and Blush pink. The picture shows a shorter, wider band than the real sizes; yours follows the size you choose. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

Finished size: about 20 x 4 in flat, 18 in closed (S), about 22 x 4 in flat, 20 in closed (M) or about 24 x 4 in flat, 22 in closed (L)

Stitches: Chain and single crochet only; one flat rectangle, a 1-row buttonhole, no seam

Time: About 2.5 to 4 hours (S), 3 to 4.5 (M) or 3 to 5 (L), estimated, not timed

Counts were checked by software. This pattern has not been crocheted and swatched by a person before publication.

Free pattern online:
https://www.amgroyal.com/crochet-headband/?utm_source=pdf&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=crochet-headband

Materials, sizes and terms

Materials

Cranberry: 40 yd (S) / 50 yd (M) / 50 yd (L)
Cream: 20 yd (S) / 20 yd (M) / 20 yd (L)
Gold: 20 yd (S) / 20 yd (M) / 20 yd (L)
Blush pink: 20 yd (S) / 20 yd (M) / 20 yd (L)
You need four colors of DK weight (#3) yarn. The amounts are estimates with a 15 % margin, and each color is rounded up to the next 10 yd. Size S takes about 100 yd in all: Cranberry 40 yd, Cream 20 yd, Gold 20 yd and Blush pink 20 yd. Size M takes about 110 yd: Cranberry 50 yd and 20 yd of each other color. Size L also lists about 110 yd: Cranberry 50 yd and 20 yd of each other color. M and L match only because each color is rounded up. You also need one flat wooden button, 3/4 in (20 mm), and a yarn needle. Small amounts of each color make this a good project for leftover DK yarn.
Use one brand and one dye-lot family per color if you can.
Yarn needle, scissors, sewing needle and thread (or a strand of yarn) for the button.
10 ends to weave in.

Sizes

S: head 20 in

Yarn needed: About 100 yd in all (estimated, with a 15 % margin)
Finished size: about 20 x 4 in flat (51 x 10 cm), about 18 in when closed.
Counts: Foundation ch 19; 18 sc per row; 100 rows (about 1,800 sc). About 2.5 to 4 hours in all, estimated.

M: head 22 in

Yarn needed: About 110 yd in all (estimated, with a 15 % margin)
Finished size: about 22 x 4 in flat (56 x 10 cm), about 20 in when closed.
Counts: Foundation ch 19; 18 sc per row; 110 rows (about 1,980 sc). About 3 to 4.5 hours in all, estimated.

L: head 24 in

Yarn needed: About 110 yd in all (estimated, with a 15 % margin)
Finished size: about 24 x 4 in flat (61 x 10 cm), about 22 in when closed.
Counts: Foundation ch 19; 18 sc per row; 120 rows (about 2,160 sc). About 3 to 5 hours in all, estimated.

Size table

Measure	S	M	L
Head circumference	20 in (51 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	24 in (61 cm)
Worn band (closed)	18 in (46 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	22 in (56 cm)
Negative ease	10.0 %	9.1 %	8.3 %
Flat length	20 in (51 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	24 in (61 cm)
Width / stitches per row	4 in / 18	4 in / 18	4 in / 18
Rows	100	110	120

Foundation ch	19	19	19
Stripes (rows)	22 / 19 / 18 / 19 / 22	24 / 21 / 20 / 21 / 24	26 / 23 / 22 / 23 / 26
Button row	96	106	116
Yarn, all colors (yd)	100	110	110
Cranberry (yd)	40	50	50
Cream (yd)	20	20	20
Gold (yd)	20	20	20
Blush pink (yd)	20	20	20
Time, est. (h)	2.5 to 4	3 to 4.5	3 to 5

Inches. Approximate, from our suggested gauge: check them against your swatch.

Abbreviations (US)

ch = chain
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
st(s) = stitch(es)
RS = right side
WS = wrong side
tch = turning chain (ch 1 here: never counted, never worked into)

Gauge

Suggested only, not swatched: 18 sts and 20 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet with DK (#3) yarn and a US G-6 (4 mm) hook. Measure your swatch and adjust.

Notes

- US terms. ch = chain. sc = single crochet. st = stitch. RS = right side. WS = wrong side. The turning ch is ch 1. It does not count as a st and you never work into it. The first sc of a row goes in the very first sc and the last sc goes in the last sc. Odd rows are the wrong side and even rows are the right side. The last row is a right-side row. Cut the old yarn at every color change and do not carry it up the side.

Changing Color Between Stripes, With No Yarn Carried

Changing color: on the last sc of the last row of a stripe, work it until 2 loops are on the hook, drop the old color (leave a 4 in tail), and pull the new color through both loops. Ch 1 and turn as usual. Cut the old yarn at every change; do not carry it up the side. Weave in the 4 in tails on the wrong side.

The Button: Where to Sew It and How to Adjust the Fit

Sew the button on the right side of the band, on the row that is 4 rows before the last one: Row 96 (S), Row 106 (M) or Row 116 (L). Center it between the 9th and 10th sc. Use sewing thread or a strand of Cranberry yarn. Wrap the band around your head with the buttonhole end on top, pin the ends together, then sew. One row is 0.2 in. To loosen the band, sew the button 1 or 2 rows closer to the end, which is 0.2 to 0.4 in at most. On Row (last - 2) only 0.125 in of fabric is left after the button, and on Row (last - 4) there is 0.525 in. Any closer and the button has no fabric around it. To tighten the band, sew it as many rows away from the end as you like. If the band is still too tight, make the next size up.



Closed with the button, shown around a mug for scale. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

Crochet Ear Warmer Pattern: The Rows

Work the rows in order. The color of each stripe is in the stripe plan above.

Foundation

Ch 19 (S), 19 (M) or 19 (L).

Stitch count: 19 ch (S), 19 ch (M) or 19 ch (L)

Row 1 (WS)

Sc in the back bump of the 2nd ch from the hook (the ch you skip is the turning ch, not a st), then sc in the back bump of each of the next 17 (S), 17 (M) or 17 (L) ch.

Stitch count: 18 sc

Rows 2 to 5

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn. Sc in each st across. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 18 sc

Row 6 (RS, buttonhole)

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn. Sc in each of the next 7 sc, ch 4, skip the next 4 sc (this is the buttonhole), sc in each of the last 7 sc. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 14 sc, 4 ch

Row 7 (WS)

Ch 1 (does not count as a st), turn. Sc in each of the next 7 sc, sc in each of the 4 ch of the buttonhole, sc in each of the last 7 sc. Do not work in the turning ch.

Stitch count: 18 sc

Rows 8 to last

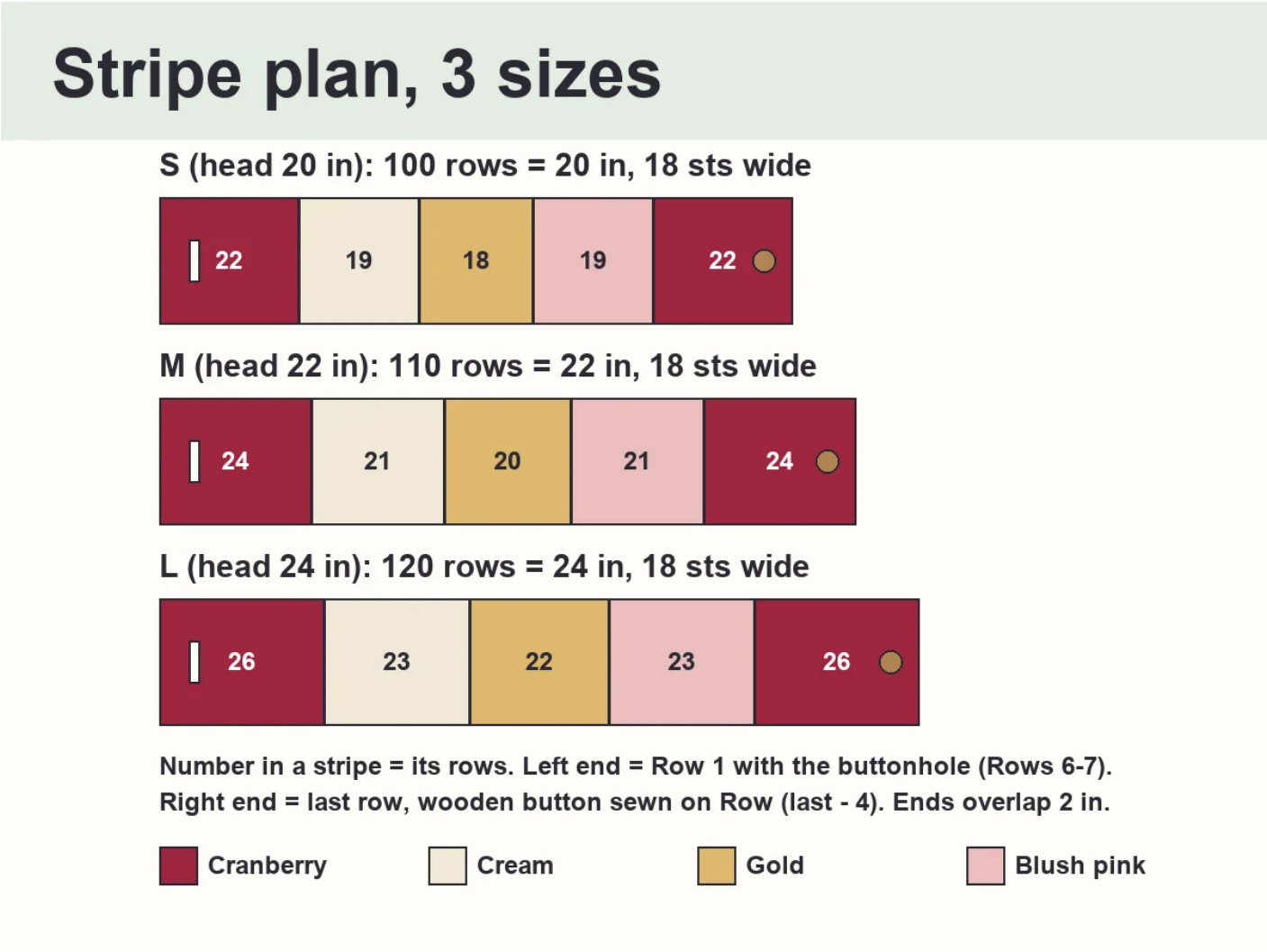
Repeat Row 2, changing color at the start of each stripe (see the stripe plan). The last row is Row 100 (S), Row 110 (M) or Row 120 (L).

Stitch count: 100 rows in all (S), 110 rows in all (M) or 120 rows in all (L)



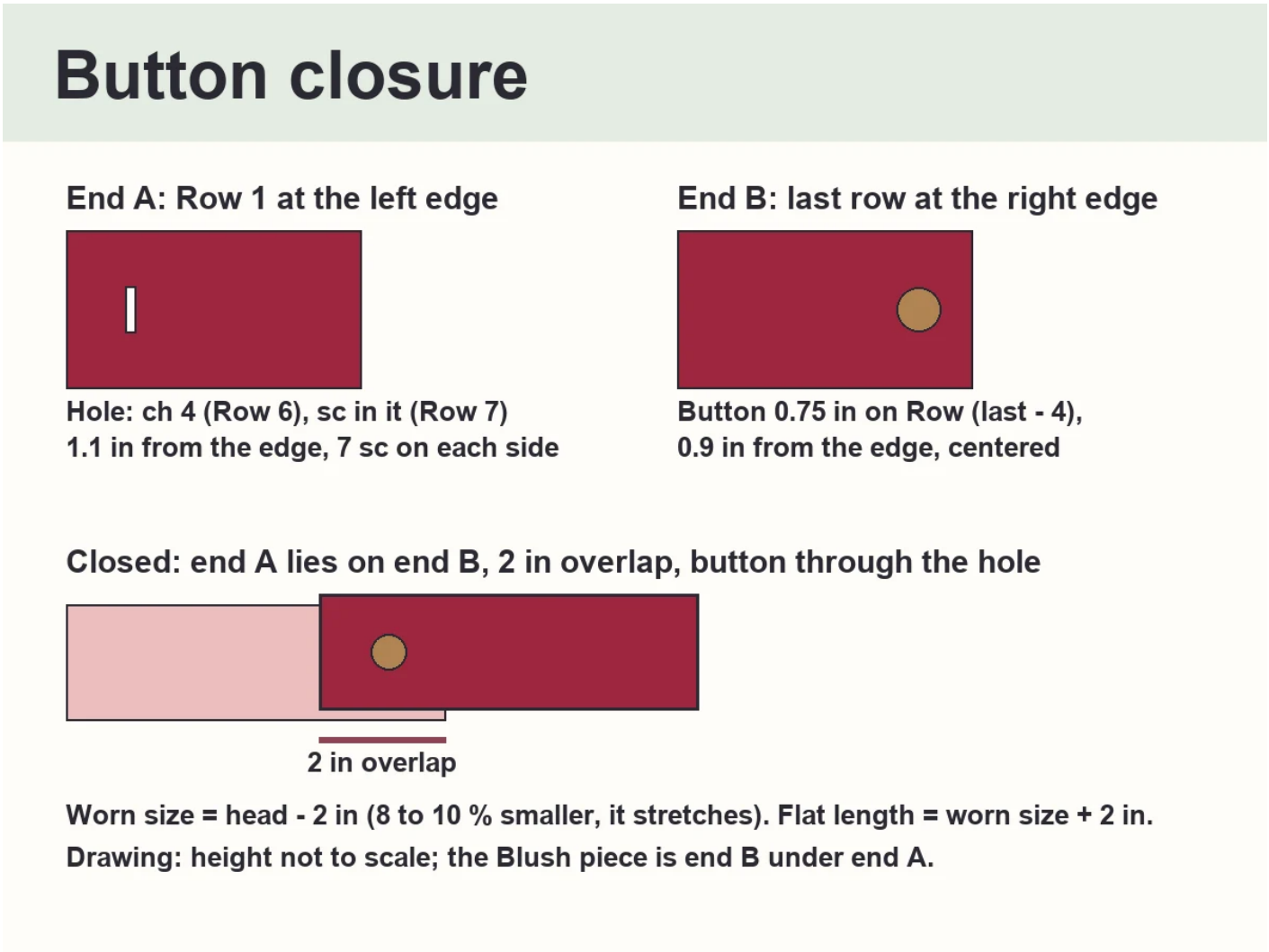
The button on the overlapping end. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

Stripe plan



Stripe plan: the number in each stripe is its rows.

Diagram



Buttonhole, button and the 2 in overlap.



The four colors, with a hook, scissors and the button. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

Finishing

This headband has 10 ends to weave in in all. Weave in the 4 in tails from the color changes and the 6 in tail from the last row on the wrong side. Then sew on the button. Weaving in the ends and sewing the button are part of the time estimate. Wash and dry as the yarn label says.

Step by step

1. Make a swatch first

The pattern uses a gauge of 18 sts and 20 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, with DK (#3) yarn and a US G-6 (4 mm) hook. This gauge is an estimate. Crochet a small square of sc, measure it, and adjust your hook size if you get more or fewer stitches. Do this before you buy all the yarn. Rows per inch also set the length: the sizes are built on 5 rows per inch, so a looser or tighter swatch changes the length and the fit. Ch 21 and work 24 rows of sc (20 sts, about 4.5 in wide). Measure 4 in across the middle. Fewer sts, go down a hook size; more sts, go up. The band must stretch a little, so do not choose a stiff, tight fabric.

Tips

- Count your sc at the end of every row: each row has 18, except Row 6 (14 sc and 4 ch).
- Pin the ends around your head before you sew the button, and check the fit.
- Weave in the ends as you change color, so you do not face 10 ends at the end.

Common mistakes

- Working into the turning ch: the row gets 19 sc instead of 18.
- Skipping 3 or 5 sc for the buttonhole instead of 4: Row 7 no longer has 18 sc.
- Sewing the button closer to the end than Row (last - 2): the button has no fabric around it.

Make it your own

- Other colors: keep the same stripe rows and make sure two neighboring stripes are never the same color.

Care

- Follow the washing and drying instructions on the label of your yarn.



Worn, seen from behind, with the button at the back. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

Thank you!

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