Crochet Ear Savers
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Size:
Child Size ear saver is 3.75" long. Medium size ear saver is 4.75" long. The Large size ear saver is 5.75" long. You can adjust the size of your crochet ear saver by adding or decreasing the starting chain.

Materials:
- US H8/5mm crochet hook
- 4 (medium size) - 5 yards (large size) worsted weight cotton yarn such as Lily Sugar 'N Cream yarn
- 2 Buttons. I prefer 5/8" buttons but any size between 1/2" and 1" will work fine
- Thread or embroidery floss to sew on buttons.
- Tapestry needle, sewing needle and scissors

Chain 20 for size medium. For large size, chain 24. For child size, chain 16.

R1: hdc in 3rd chain from hook and in each chain across until last chain. In last chain, work 3 hdc for the 1st corner, then turn work, and work a hdc in the opposite side the chain across to the last stitch. Work 2 hdc in the last stitch. Fasten off and join with an invisible join (see directions that follow). This creates a seamless, continuous stitch like so:

Weave in ends. Then sew a button at each end with thread or embroidery floss.

Here's a finished photo of the child size:

And the large size:

Learn an Invisible Join

In 3 Easy Steps

Here's how to learn how to crochet an invisible seamless join in 3 easy steps that you will be sure to remember!

Traditionally when after finishing the last stitch in a project, you join with a slip stitch to the first stitch, cut the yarn, and pull through the loop. It ends up leaving a knot at the end of your work and a bit of a jagged finish. When you crochet an invisible seamless join, there is no knot and you can't even tell where the join is!

Step 1: After the last stitch Cut Yarn, Pull Loop

After the last stitch, cut the yarn. Take you hook out of the loop and pull the loop up....

Continue to pull the loop, making it bigger

Continue pulling this loop until the cut end of the yarn pulls right though. Then take the yarn end and thread a yarn needle.

Step 2: Insert needle under both loops of 1st stitch

When working in the round, the 1st stitch of the row is the next stitch. Insert the yarn needle under both loops of this stitch and pull through. When you are done with step 2, it looks like this:

Note that I am working in continuous rounds for this example, so there is a little bit of a "jog" effect'. If you are working in joined rounds (starting each row with a ch 1 and then your 1st stitch), there will not be a jog. Just remember to insert the needle under both loops of the 1st stitch in the row just completed.

Step 3: Insert needle into middle of last stitch

Now take the needle and come down from the top into the center of the last stitch of the row. For some reason this feels like an odd thing to do as it is the opposite of what we normally do when we crochet. So just tell yourself "top center" so you remember to come down from the top to the center and then out the back of the work.

Then work the yarn under several stitches on the wrong side to weave in the end.

And here's the finished piece! The join is on the front edge and it is so perfectly matched that even I can't tell (or remember) which of the front stitches was the actual joined edge!

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