

# Mask Mates Ear Savers Crochet Pattern

Help save the ears of our frontline workers!



## Hi Friends!

Just a few things to know before you begin....

Please make sure that wherever you are planning to donate is accepting these. Some places are not because they cannot be sterilized, and some are only accepting those made with cotton yarn for this reason. I used acrylic yarn but it is just as washable as scrubs which works for my hospital. Other places may be different. Thank you for supporting our frontline workers!

Video Tutorial of this pattern can be found on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/avH5boePAYY>

If you have questions about this pattern, please don't hesitate to email me at [lotusbloomscrochet@gmail.com](mailto:lotusbloomscrochet@gmail.com) or message me on Etsy from my shop [LotusBloomsDesigns.etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/LotusBloomsDesigns), where you can also find many more awesome patterns! If you prefer Ravelry, you can find me there too!

Happy Crocheting! -Sarah

## Supplies Needed

- Small amount worsted weight yarn in color of choice (Example is Red Heart Super Saver – see note above about acrylic yarn)
- (2) large buttons – 3/4 inch to 1 inch works best, below 1/2 inch may not hold mask
- Size H/5.00 hook
- Needle for sewing on buttons – embroidery needle works best, yarn needle may work for buttons with bigger holes (1" buttons)
- Scissors

# Abbreviations/Stitched/Techniques Used

Pattern is in U.S. terms. There are many tutorials on YouTube for any stitch you are not sure about!

- Ch – chain
- Fasten Off – chain 1, pull loop out, pull tight
- Hdc – half double crochet
- Sc – single crochet
- Sl st – slip stitch
- Slip knot
- St, sts – stitch, stitches
- ( ) – These will appear at the end of the row/round to tell you how many stitches you should have when you finish that row/round.

## Finished Size and Gauge

When finished, ear savers measure about 5 inches long. Other patterns are longer or shorter and they work but this is the size I've found works best.

I am not including a specific gauge for this pattern as it is okay if it is not exact. I tend to crochet tight so yours might be slightly longer than mine or you may be even tighter than me. Shoot for 5 inches, if it's way too long, you can remove chains at the beginning, if it's too short you can add after you get the hang of the pattern (just make sure increases of Round 2 are always on the end 3 sts). It's small and works up fast so it's easy to adjust if needed.

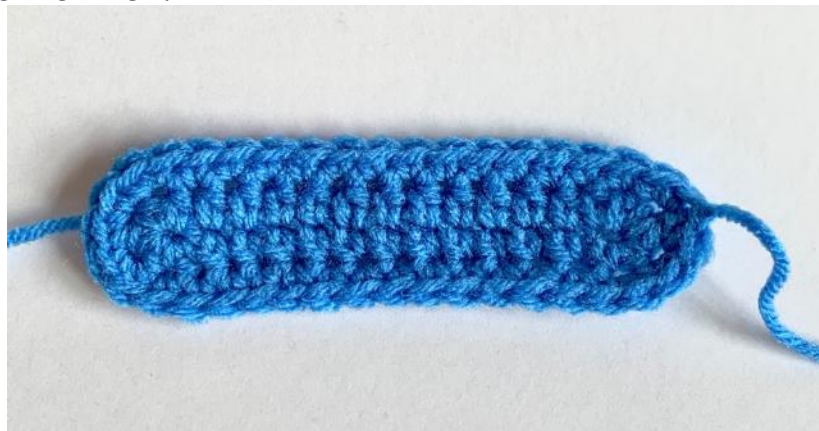
## Base Pattern

Make slip knot, leaving long (roughly 10 inch) tail at beginning, do not weave or crochet this in. With H/5.00mm hook, ch 13.

**Round 1:** 2 hdc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, 1 hdc in each remaining ch across, place 4 additional hdc in end chain (*5 total*), turn 180 degrees (*do not flip to back*), 1 hdc in each remaining loop working up other side of ch, place 3 additional hdc in end/starting chain (*5 total*), sl st into first hdc made (30 hdc)

**Round 2:** ch 1, 2 sc in first st, 1 sc in each of next 12 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts (*three sts on end*), 1 sc in each of next 12 sts, 2 sc in each of the next two sts, sl st into top of first sc (36 sc)

Fasten off, leaving long (roughly 10 inch) tail.



## Attaching Buttons

Using needle and tail you left, weave through stitches coming up through the middle of stitch 2 or 4 of the 5 hdc on one end (black spots).



Thread needle up through one of holes on button and back down through other hole into other marked stitch and to the back. Pull tight and repeat going around the same way so you will have two strands of yarn attaching the button to the base. (If four holes in button, stitch in an X, not through same holes twice.)

To knot off, insert needle through a couple stands on back, but don't pull tight, leaving a loop.





Insert needle through loop, right to left and pull tail through but do not pull tight. Repeat a second time, pulling tail right to left.



Pull tail tight, creating a secure knot with the loops you just made.

With needle, weave tail through middle of stitches of base for 2 inches.



Trim excess tail, repeat with other button. You're done!