Baby bow tie and suspenders

Newborn · US terms



Finished size

Bow about 4 in (10 cm) wide and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) tall at its sides, with the lace; neckband 10 in (25 cm) long, to close at 8 in (20 cm) to 9¼ in (23 cm) around the neck; suspenders 17¼ in (44 cm) long from tab end to tab end and ¾ in (2 cm) wide

Skill

Easy

Narrow strips of single crochet, buttonholes and sewing

Yarn

Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook

3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge

24 stitches and 27 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: deep navy, main color **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: white, the bow edging, the knot and more **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: hook-and-loop tape about ½ in (1.3 cm) wide: a piece of the hook side ¾ in (2 cm) long and a piece of the loop side 2 in (5 cm) long, 4 flat buttons about 5/8 in (1.5 cm) across for the waistband of the trousers, strong sewing thread and a needle for the tape and the buttons, and chalk to mark with and a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 4 pins.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn (this file)	**4 in (10 cm) wide, 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) tall**	**about 80 yd (73 m)**
3 to 6 months	4 in (10 cm) wide, 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) tall	about 85 yd (78 m)
6 to 12 months	4¼ in (11 cm) wide, 2 3/8 in (6 cm) tall	about 95 yd (87 m)

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Gauge

24 stitches and 27 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the Bow when its rows are done, before the edging: the 19 stitches of Newborn and 3 to 6 months are about 3 1/8 in (8 cm) wide and the 9 rows about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) tall; the 21 stitches of 6 to 12 months are about 3½ in (9 cm) wide and the 11 rows about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The first stitch of a row goes into the last stitch of the row before. The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch either.
- Row 1 is the right side of each piece, and so is every odd-numbered row.
- Bow edging: hold the Bow with the last row at the top and the right side facing you. Work along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. The 3 sc in one place turn a corner. In a row end put the hook under two strands. The first sc goes into the place where B is joined. In round 2 a ch-3 sp lies over each corner.
- The Straps change color: rows 1 and 2 in A, row 3 in B, rows 4 and 5 in A. To change, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of a row with the yarn of the next row. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- A buttonhole is the ch-3 sp of a tab: in the next row the 3 sc go into the space, around the chains.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook. In a row end put the hook under two strands at the very end of the row. The first sc goes into the same row end as the sl st.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle through one edge and then through the other, always from the same side, and pull the yarn through. On a row of stitches go under both loops of a stitch, on a foundation chain under the two strands left free below a stitch, on row ends under two strands at the very end of the row. Where an edge is sewn to the face of another piece, go under two strands of the face, close beside the edge, and then through the edge. Sew 2 or 3 times into the same place where a seam begins and where it ends.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- Choose the size by the neck and by the length from the waistband in front, over the shoulder, to the waistband at the back on the other side. The months are only a guide.
- The set is for a baby who is awake and watched. Take it off for sleep. Pull at every button before each wear: one that is loose is cut off and sewn on anew.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 17 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 31 times: work what is inside 31 times in all.
(19 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Bow

Yarn A, deep navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 20.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(19 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	(19 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Bow edging

Yarn B, white.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 19 sts of the last row, the ends of the 9 rows, the 19 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 9 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 9 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 17 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 9 rows; join with sl st in first sc	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, ch 3, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st**] 31 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(32 sc, 32 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Knot

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm) to sew with.	

Neckband

Yarn A, deep navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 61.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(60 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(60 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Strap: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, deep navy; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 91.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(90 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(90 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(90 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(90 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(90 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Front tab: make 2

Yarn B, white.

Make one on each strap. Turn the strap so that its right end is at the top: begin at the end of row 1 and work to the end of row 5.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the ends of the rows on the right of the Strap, right side facing: 5 row ends.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in end of next row, ch 1, sc in end of each of next 5 rows	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st	(2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 7** 6 7	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st	(2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back tab: make 2

Yarn B, white.

Make one on each strap. Turn the strap so that its left end is at the top: begin at the end of row 5 and work to the end of row 1.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the ends of the rows on the left of the Strap, right side facing: 5 row ends.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in end of next row, ch 1, sc in end of each of next 5 rows	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st	(2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tail of the Knot, each into its own color.

2. Bow tie, gathering: cut a length of A about 20 in (51 cm) long. The line across the middle of the Bow runs from row 1 to row 9 along its 10th stitch. With the right side facing you, push the middle of this line, row 5, up toward you in one ridge, and bring the two lace edges up level with it: three ridges with two dips between them, about ½ in (1.3 cm) from top to bottom. Pass the needle through all of them from one lace edge to the other and back, wind the yarn tightly round the pleats 4 times, take two stitches through the windings at the back and fasten off.

3. Neckband on: lay the Neckband along the back of the Bow, both right sides facing the same way, with the line between its 30th and 31st stitch behind the gathered middle. Wrap the Knot round the pleats and the Neckband together, right side out, so that its last row and its foundation chain meet on the back. With its tail whip stitch them together: 5 stitches. Fasten off and draw the end inside the Knot. The Knot is not sewn to the Neckband: the bow can slide on it.

4. Tape: use sewing thread, and small stitches all round each piece. First hold the Neckband with the right side facing you and row 4 at the top. Sew the loop piece on this side, its short end level with the right end of the band, and the hook piece on the wrong side, its short end level with the left end. The loop piece is 2 in (5 cm) long, the hook piece ¾ in (2 cm).

5. Suspenders, crossing: lay the two straps side by side, right side up, the back tabs toward you, about 4 in (10 cm) apart. Count 21 stitches along each strap from its back tab, and put a pin after the 21st stitch and one after the 26th. Cross the straps at right angles, the right one over the left one, so that the 5 stitches between the pins of one lie on the 5 stitches between the pins of the other. Cut a length of A about 16 in (41 cm) long and fasten it on at the back. First sew the two edges of the upper strap that lie across the lower one: whip stitch each edge to the face of the lower strap, 5 stitches, one to each stitch between the pins. Then turn both straps over together, wrong side up: the other strap is on top now. Sew its two edges to the face of the strap under it in the same way, 5 stitches along each: 20 in all. Take out the pins.

6. Trousers, back: sew 2 buttons on the inside of the waistband, one on each side of the middle of the back and 3¼ in (8.5 cm) from it: there the back tabs come down from the crossing. Sew each button on with the thread doubled, about 8 times through its holes.

7. Trousers, front: button the back tabs on and put the trousers on the baby. Bring the straps forward over the shoulders without twisting them, and straight down to the waistband. Mark with chalk on the waistband where the middle of each tab lies, both marks equally far from the middle of the front, about 2 in (5 cm). Take the trousers off and sew the other 2 buttons at the marks, on the inside, as at the back. A front tab has two buttonholes: button the one that gives the length you need.

Finishing

- Wet the straps and the neckband, pull them straight, pat them flat and let them dry. Pull out each ch-3 loop of the lace with a fingertip.
- Close the neckband at the back of the neck, the loop side outside, so that a finger goes easily under it all round.

In all: 5 pieces; 1,596 stitches (171 in the bow, 96 in the bow edging, 55 in the knot, 240 in the neckband, 450 in each strap, 42 in each front tab, 25 in each back tab).

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