Baby cape

0 to 6 months · US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) deep from the neck edge, 36½ in (92.5 cm) round the lower edge and 20 in (51 cm) across when laid open

Skill
Easy
Double crochet, increases, mesh

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
15 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: rose pink, main — **about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, hem and ties — **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Depth	Lower edge	Yarn, an estimate
0 to 6 months (this file)	**7 in (18 cm)**	**36½ in (92.5 cm)**	**about 175 yd (160 m)**
6 to 12 months	8 in (20.5 cm)	42 in (106.5 cm)	about 225 yd (206 m)
12 to 24 months	9 in (23 cm)	47¼ in (120 cm)	about 285 yd (261 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch

Gauge

15 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 6 the piece, laid flat, is about 3 in (8 cm) deep from the neck edge to the last row.

Before you start

- Tie the ties in a loose bow and do not leave a baby alone in a cape.
- In the eyelet row the ch 1 lies over the stitch it skips.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Each row from row 2 on begins with a chain and a turn, as printed; that is the only turn.
- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc and stands on the first stitch, so "next st" after it is the second stitch of the row below. The last dc of the next row goes into the top of this chain.
- The ch 4 at the start of a row counts as a dc and a ch-1 sp; the last dc of the next row goes into its 3rd chain.
- A stitch in a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "2 dc in next st", they all go into that one place.
- To change color, work the last stitch of the old color until two loops are left on the hook and draw the new color through them. Cut the old color at every change, leaving a 6 in (15.2 cm) tail, and begin the new color with a new end; nothing is carried along the edge.
- The neck edge is about 13.1 in (33.3 cm) and the piece is about 7 in (17.8 cm) deep from the neck edge to the last row. The lower edge, measured along its curve before any edging, is about 36.5 in (92.7 cm); laid open and flat the piece is a wide arc about 20.1 in (51.1 cm) across.
- Row 14, worked into the eyelets, has 205 stitches on the width of 137, so it stands in a soft frill: measured along the frill it is longer than the lower edge given above.
- Ages are a guide to the size of the finished piece: go by the measurements.

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Instructions

Chosen: 0 to 6 months. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, rose pink; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 51.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc) and in each ch across	**(49 dc)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(57 dc)**
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(65 dc)**
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(73 dc)**
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(81 dc)**
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(89 dc)**
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(97 dc)**
☐ **Row 8 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(105 dc)**
☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(113 dc)**
☐ **Row 10 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(121 dc)**
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 14 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(129 dc)**
☐ **Row 12 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 15 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, dc in next 14 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(137 dc)**
☐ **Row 13 (RS)**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 66 times**, ch 1, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	**(69 dc, 68 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 14 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 67 times**, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(205 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Putting it together

Ties: work them last. At one end of the neck edge (the foundation edge) join yarn B with a sl st in the corner, ch 40, which is about 9 in (22.9 cm), fasten off and leave a short tail; do the same at the other end of the neck edge.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 14 rows; 1,390 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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