Baby car seat canopy

US terms



Finished size
About 27 × 41¼ in (69 × 105 cm)
About 41¼ in (105 cm) long from the front edge to the back edge and 27 in (68.5 cm) wide from side to side over the top

Skill
Intermediate
Four rows are repeated, shells and an open mesh; a chain space has to be read right.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
18 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: mint, stripes of the side and the border, round 1	**about 600 yd (549 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, stripes of the side and the border, round 2	**about 450 yd (411 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 420 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

18 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet. In the pattern, 12 rows, which are three of the repeats of four, are 3¾ in (9.5 cm) to 4 in (10 cm) tall, and 3 shells with their single crochet, 18 stitches, are 4 in (10 cm) wide. Rows 2 and 3 of each four lie one in the other, the single crochet on the middles of the shells and the double crochet between the shells, so that both together are only as tall as one row of single and one row of double crochet. Measure after row 12: for each ¼ in that the 12 rows are taller or less tall than this, the canopy is about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wider or narrower (in centimeters: for each 0.5 cm, about 3.5 cm), and the notes say how to work fewer or more rows. The 80 rows of the two sides are about 25¾ in (65.5 cm) and the 181 stitches of a row about 40¼ in (102 cm); the border adds about ½ in (1.5 cm) at every edge.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 12.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 18 stitches and 20 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 28.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(27 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 30	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(27 sc)

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
5 dc in next st: **all five in that one stitch**. **ch-2 sp**: the hole under two chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
[ ] 30 times: 30 times in all. (31 sc, 150 dc): the row now has that many; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**
Also: sp space, RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Side: make 2

Begin with yarn A, mint.

☐ **Start**	Ch 182.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(181 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 30 times**	(31 sc, 150 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, **[**ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 29 times**	(31 dc, 30 sc, 60 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**ch 2, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next st**] 60 times**	(61 dc, 60 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st**] 60 times**	(181 sc)

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☐	**Rows 6 to 12**	Repeat rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row before you stop, row 12, is worked as row 4.

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | **12**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 12.** The side should measure 3¾ in (9.5 cm) to 4 in (10 cm) tall. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

☐	**Rows 13 to 40**	Go on repeating rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. Row 13 is worked as row 5. The last row, row 40, is worked as row 4.

13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40

☐		Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Border

☐	**Start**	The whole edge of the two sides once they are joined, RS facing: 604 places.
☐	**Round 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 60 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 179 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 121 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 179 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 60 sts, sl st in first sc to join (612 sc)
☐	**Round 2**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 102 times**, sl st in first sc to join (102 sc, 510 dc)
☐		Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave in all tails of the two sides on the wrong side, each under stitches of its own color.

2. The middle seam. Lay the two sides down, right sides up, with their foundation edges together along the middle and row 40 of each outward. One of the two has to be turned half round for this, so that the first stitch of row 1 of one side lies beside the last stitch of row 1 of the other. Cut a length of A 129 in (327.5 cm) long: that is three times the seam, and about 8 in (20.5 cm) more. Whip stitch the two foundation edges together from end to end, the foot of one stitch of row 1 to the foot of the other, 181 stitches, about 40¼ in (102 cm). The one chain of each foundation that has no stitch in it, at the edge where row 1 begins, is left out of the seam.

3. The border goes round the whole edge of the joined rectangle. With the right side facing, hold one of the two short ends of the seam upward: this is the back edge. The border begins at the seam there and goes to your left. The places are, in this order: 1 in the end of the seam; 60 along the back edge of one side; 181 along its row 40; 60 along its front edge; 1 in the front end of the seam; 60 along the front edge of the second side; 181 along its row 40; 60 along its back edge. The back and the front edges are row ends: 1 place in the end of each row of single crochet, 1 in the end of each row of shells and 2 in the end of each row of mesh, so 60 for the 40 rows. The mesh rows are rows 3 and 4 of each four. Along row 40 there is 1 place in each double crochet and 2 in each chain 2 space.

4. Round 1 of the border has 3 single crochet in one place at each of the four corners: in the first and in the last double crochet of row 40 of each side, where the chain of 3 at the start of the row counts as the first.

5. The handle ties. Make four with B, each with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at both ends: ch 121; sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, 120 slip stitches, about 21¼ in (54 cm) long; fasten off. Weave each tail back into its own tie. The ties are not sewn on; they go on last, in step 6. There are four places for them, in one line across the canopy, about 22¾ in (58 cm) from the front edge, the border counted: two on row 8, one on each side of the seam, about 2½ in (6.5 cm) from it, and two on row 28, one on each side, about 9 in (23 cm) from it. Both of these rows have 60 chain 2 spaces between their 61 double crochet; count the spaces from the front edge. Spaces 33 and 34 of the row lie on the handle. A tie goes through the two spaces next to these, space 32 just in front of the handle and space 35 just behind it.

6. To use it, stand the handle of the carrier up. Lay the canopy over the handle with the right side up, the seam along

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the middle of the top, the line of the ties on the handle, the front edge toward the foot end and the shorter part over the head end. At each of the four places put one end of a tie from the right side down through space 32, pass it under the handle, and bring it up to the right side through space 35 of the same row. Draw it until its two ends are of one length, and tie them in a bow on the right side, over the handle. Inside there is nothing but the four ties that lie close round the handle. Draw the front part down so that its edge hangs over the outside of the foot end, and the back part so that its edge hangs over the outside of the head end; at the sides the edge rises to the handle and leaves both sides open. To open the seat, take the front edge in both hands and fold the front part back over the handle. The canopy is tied to the handle alone and hangs over the outside of the carrier, with nothing of it inside.

Finishing

- Weave in the tails of the seam and of the border on the wrong side.
- Pull the shells into shape, and press the canopy lightly under a damp cloth so that the mesh lies open.

In all: 2 pieces; 10,904 stitches (4,840 in each side, 1,224 in the border).

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 30 percent added.

Notes

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch; the first single crochet goes into the first stitch, at its foot.
- The chain of 3 at the start of a mesh row counts as a double crochet and stands on the first stitch. In the next row the last stitch, double crochet or single crochet, goes into the top of that chain.
- sk next 2 sts in row 3 passes over the first two double crochet of a shell, so that the single crochet goes into the third, its middle; the next two that are passed over are the last two of the shell, and the double crochet goes into the single crochet between two shells.
- The right side is the side that faces you in row 1. The shells are worked from the wrong side and look the same on both.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Measure the handle before you begin: from its joint on one side, over the top, to its joint on the other. The canopy is 27 in (68.5 cm) wide, and each of its side edges should hang above the joint. For a narrower or wider canopy work 4 rows fewer or more on each side; that takes off or adds 2½ in (6.5 cm) in all, and the border has 6 places fewer or more on each of the two back edges and the two front edges, 24 in all, so that it has 4 shells fewer or more. The last row of each side, row 36 or row 44, then takes the place of row 40 in the steps, and the ties stay on rows 8 and 28.
- Measure the other way too: from the rim of the foot end up to the top of the handle and down to the rim of the head end. The canopy is 41¼ in (105 cm) long and should be at least 4 in (10 cm) longer than that measure. For each 18 stitches fewer or more in the foundation chain it is 4 in (10 cm) shorter or longer: what is in brackets is worked 3 times fewer or more in every row of shells and in the row after it, and 6 times fewer or more in the two rows after that; the border has 18 places fewer or more along each of the two long sides, so 6 shells fewer or more in all. Only if you have changed the length, two more things change. In step 2 cut the yarn for the seam anew: three times as long as your seam, and 8 in (20.5 cm) more. In step 5 the line of the ties is not at spaces 33 and 34: lay the canopy over the handle with about as much of it hanging over the rim of the foot end as over the rim of the head end, and use the two spaces that lie on the handle and the spaces next to them in front and behind.
- This is a shade for the carry handle only. It never lies on the child, and nothing of it goes under the child, under or over the straps, or between the child and the seat. Fold the front part back, so that the face is in view, whenever the child sleeps or the day is warm; see that air moves freely, look in often, and take the canopy off before the carrier goes into the car.
- Colors of each side, row by row. Row 1: A. Row 2: B. Rows 3 to 5: A. Row 6: B. Rows 7 to 9: A. Row 10: B. Rows 11 to 13: A. Row 14: B. Rows 15 to 17: A. Row 18: B. Rows 19 to 21: A. Row 22: B. Rows 23 to 25: A. Row 26: B. Rows 27 to 29: A. Row 30: B. Rows 31 to 33: A. Row 34: B. Rows 35 to 37: A. Row 38: B. Rows 39 to 40: A. The border: round 1, A; round 2, B.

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