Baby Christmas dress

6-12 months · US terms



Finished size
About 20 in (51 cm) at the chest and about 15 in (38 cm) long
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches and simple shaping, in one piece from the neck down.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 8½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cherry, the main color	**about 450 yd (411 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the second color	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	To fit chest	Chest	Length	Yoke depth	Sleeve	Upper sleeve	Neck	Hem	Yarn, an estimate
0-3 months	16 in (40.5 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	2 in (5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	36 in (91.5 cm)	about 360 yd (329 m)
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	2 in (5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	36 in (91.5 cm)	about 410 yd (375 m)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**20 in (51 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**2 in (5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**17½ in (44.5 cm)**	**40½ in (103 cm)**	**about 490 yd (448 m)**
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	40½ in (103 cm)	about 540 yd (494 m)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	16¼ in (41.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	43½ in (110.5 cm)	about 590 yd (540 m)

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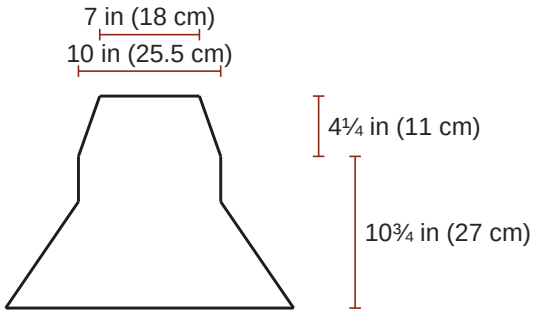
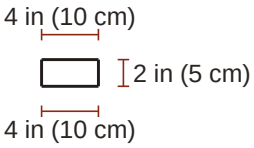
Schematic



Body, laid flat



Sleeve, laid flat

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round

Gauge

16 stitches and 8½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 26; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 13 rows of double crochet on 24 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large.

Before you start

- Baby sizes.
- The finished chest is from 1 in (2.5 cm) to 2 in (5 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- Worked from the neck down in one piece. The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The rounds begin at the middle of the back, so the first and the last section of each round are the two halves of the back.
- Work the foundation chain and the neckband loosely: the neck has no opening and must stretch over the head.
- The chain at the start of a round or row (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- At the underarms, work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next round. The sleeves are worked into the free side of these chains.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.

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Instructions

Chosen: 6-12 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yoke

Yarn A, cherry.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 70; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; dc in each ch around; join with sl st in first dc	**(70 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; [dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice, **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 10 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(82 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; dc in next 3 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts] twice, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 9 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(94 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; dc in next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(104 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(104 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2; dc in next 6 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts**] 7 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(116 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(128 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 9**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(128 dc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 9: tick them off as you go.

8 9

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Body and skirt

Yarns in order of use: A, cherry; B, cream.

Colors: rnds 10 and 11 yarn A; rnds 12 and 13 yarn B; rnds 14 to 32 yarn A; rnd 33 yarn B.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 9 of the yoke.	
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2; dc in next 18 sts, ch 4 (underarm), skip next 28 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 36 sts, ch 4 (underarm), skip next 28 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 18 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(72 dc, 8 ch)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(80 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(80 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

12 13

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☐ **Rnd 14**	**Yarn A.** Ch 2; 2 dc in each of next 80 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(160 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 31**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(160 dc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 31: tick them off as you go.

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 2; [dc in next 79 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice; join with sl st in first dc	**(162 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 33**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 27 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(27 sc, 135 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, cherry.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, dc in that ch and in the next underarm ch, dc in each of the 28 sleeve sts and dc in each of the 2 underarm chs left; join with sl st in first dc	**(32 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(32 dc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neckband

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B in the foundation chain at the middle of the back.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(70 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Close any small gaps at the underarms with the yarn ends there.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 5 pieces; 4,944 stitches (954 in the yoke, 3,524 in the body and skirt, 128 in each sleeve, 210 in the neckband); 12 ends to weave in.

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