# Baby heart sweater

6-12 months, to fit chest 18 in (45.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
**About 21 in (53.5 cm) at the chest and about 11¾ in (30 cm) long**
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm)

Skill
**Easy**
Basic stitches, simple shaping and seams

Yarn
**Light (3), 2 colors**

Hook
**4.5 mm (US 7)**

Gauge
**16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

## What you need

Yarn A: cream, main color **about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: berry, contrast **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 160 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, stitch markers, 2 buttons, ½ in (12 mm) across and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

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.

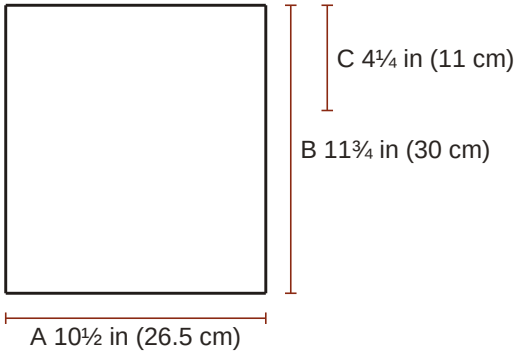
## Sizes

| Size | To fit chest | Yarn, an estimate | Chest | Length | Armhole depth | Sleeve | Upper sleeve | Back neck | Neck around (buttoned) | Shoulder opening |
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| **0-3 months** | 16 in (40.5 cm) | about 320 yd (293 m) | 19 in (48.5 cm) | 10¼ in (26 cm) | 3¾ in (9.5 cm) | 5½ in (14 cm) | 7½ in (19 cm) | 4½ in (11.5 cm) | 12½ in (32 cm) | 3¼ in (8.5 cm) |
| **3-6 months** | 17 in (43 cm) | about 370 yd (338 m) | 20 in (51 cm) | 11¼ in (28.5 cm) | 4 in (10 cm) | 6½ in (16.5 cm) | 8 in (20.5 cm) | 4½ in (11.5 cm) | 12½ in (32 cm) | 3½ in (9 cm) |
| **6-12 months (this file)** | **18 in (45.5 cm)** | **about 400 yd (366 m)** | **21 in (53.5 cm)** | **11¾ in (30 cm)** | **4¼ in (11 cm)** | **7¼ in (18.5 cm)** | **8½ in (21.5 cm)** | **4½ in (11.5 cm)** | **12½ in (32 cm)** | **3¾ in (9.5 cm)** |
| **12-18 months** | 19 in (48.5 cm) | about 455 yd (416 m) | 22 in (56 cm) | 12½ in (32 cm) | 4½ in (11.5 cm) | 7¾ in (19.5 cm) | 9 in (23 cm) | 4½ in (11.5 cm) | 12½ in (32 cm) | 4 in (10 cm) |

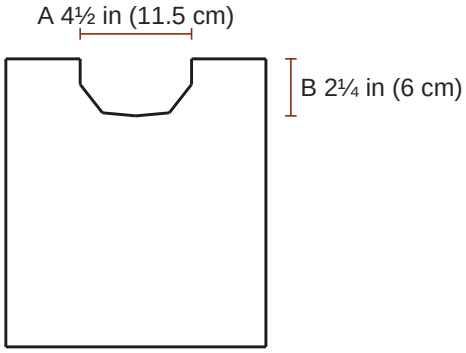

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| **18-24 months** | 20 in (51 cm) | about 480 yd (439 m) | 23 in (58.5 cm) | 13 in (33 cm) | 4¾ in (12 cm) | 8¼ in (21 cm) | 9½ in (24 cm) | 5 in (12.5 cm) | 13½ in (34.5 cm) | 4 in (10 cm) |

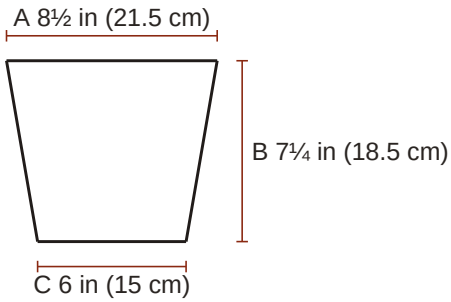
## Schematic




**Back**
A half the chest
B the length
C the armhole




**Front**
A the neck
B how deep the neck is




**Sleeve (make 2)**
A the top of the sleeve, opened flat
B the sleeve
C around the cuff

## Gauge

**16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 25; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 28 rows of single 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. Ribs: worked sideways, 17 rows and 16 sts to 4 in (10 cm), so a rib of 5 sts is about 1¼ in (3 cm) deep. The heart is worked in the same single crochet, at the same gauge.

## Notes

- On a baby: sew every button on very firmly, and look at each one before every wear.
- The finished chest is 3 in (7.5 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.


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- The turning chain (ch 1 for single crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Mark the right side of each piece with a stitch marker or a scrap of yarn.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The ribs are worked sideways in back-loop single crochet (UK: double crochet). The body and sleeves are worked up from a long edge, one stitch in the end of each rib row. The rib draws in: it is a little narrower than the body above it.
- Sew every seam with the yarn needle and yarn A.
- The left shoulder stays open and fastens with two buttons, so that the neck can be small enough to stay on the shoulders and still go over the head.
- Two colors in a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of one color with the next color. On a wrong side row leave the old color on the side that faces you, on a right side row leave it at the back, so that it hangs on the wrong side of the sweater. Where the two colors meet, bring the new yarn up from under the old one, so that the yarns cross and no gap is left. Do not carry a color behind the other.
- When a color is needed at a place where its yarn is not waiting, begin there with a new end of about 6 in (15 cm). When a ball is not needed any more, cut it, leaving an end of the same length.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.

## Instructions

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**ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch, **sp** space.
**RS** right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
**(5 sc)**: the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

### Special stitches

**sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)):** Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

### Hem rib: make 2, one for the back and one for the front

**Yarn B, berry.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With yarn B, ch 6. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (5 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 42** | Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across | (5 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 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 41 42


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## Back

**Yarn A, cream.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | Hold a hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (42 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row. | |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 48** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (42 sc) |

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 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 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

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| ☐ **End** | The back measures about 10½ in (26.5 cm) wide and 11¾ in (30 cm) long. Fasten off. | |

## Front

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

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Only rows 14 to 33, the rows of the heart, use yarn B. All the rows below the heart (rows 1 to 13) and all the rows above it (rows 34 to 37) are yarn A alone. The heart is the same from left to right and from right to left, so the rows are read as they are written, on both sides of the fabric. The stitches of yarn A at each side of the heart have a ball of their own, and so has the heart; from row 30 on there are two parts of yarn B, each with its own yarn, and a piece of yarn A about 2 yd (1.8 m) long between them. See the notes on working with two colors in a row. Hold a hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (42 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row. | |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 13** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (42 sc) |

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 20 sts, with B sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 20 sts | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 19 sts, with B sc in next 4 sts, with A sc in next 19 sts | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 18 sts, with B sc in next 6 sts, with A sc in next 18 sts | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 17** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 17 sts, with B sc in next 8 sts, with A sc in next 17 sts | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 18** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 16 sts, with B sc in next 10 sts, with A sc in next 16 sts | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 19** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 15 sts, with B sc in next 12 sts, with A sc in next 15 sts | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 20 to 21** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 14 sts, with B sc in next 14 sts, with A sc in next 14 sts | (42 sc) |

20 21

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| ☐ **Rows 22 to 23** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 13 sts, with B sc in next 16 sts, with A sc in next 13 sts | (42 sc) |

22 23

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| ☐ **Rows 24 to 25** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 12 sts, with B sc in next 18 sts, with A sc in next 12 sts | (42 sc) |

24 25

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| ☐ **Rows 26 to 29** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 11 sts, with B sc in next 20 sts, with A sc in next 11 sts | (42 sc) |

26 27 28 29

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| ☐ **Row 30** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 11 sts, with B sc in next 9 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts, with B sc in next 9 sts, with A sc in next 11 sts | (42 sc) |


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| ☐ **Row 31** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 12 sts, with B sc in next 7 sts, with A sc in next 4 sts, with B sc in next 7 sts, with A sc in next 12 sts | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 32** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 13 sts, with B sc in next 5 sts, with A sc in next 6 sts, with B sc in next 5 sts, with A sc in next 13 sts | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 33** | Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 14 sts, with B sc in next 3 sts, with A sc in next 8 sts, with B sc in next 3 sts, with A sc in next 14 sts | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 34 to 37**<br>34 35 36 37 | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (42 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Do not fasten off. | |

## Front, first side of the neck

**Yarn A, cream.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | All rows of this side are yarn A. Go on from row 37 of the front. This is the right side as worn. The neck edge is at the end of the next row. | |
| ☐ **Row 38** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next 16 sts, leave the last 26 sts unworked | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 39** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across | (15 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 40** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 41 to 42**<br>41 42 | Repeat Rows 39 and 40, once more | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 43 to 48**<br>43 44 45 46 47 48 | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | The 12 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off. | |

## Front, second side of the neck

**Yarn A, cream.**

| | | |
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| ☐ **Foundation** | All rows of this side are yarn A. Go back to row 37 of the front, with the same side facing you as for row 38 of the first side. Skip the next 10 unworked sts of row 37 for the neck and join yarn A in the next st. This is the left side as worn. The first st of row 38 goes in the joining st. The neck edge is at the beginning of that row. | |
| ☐ **Row 38** | Ch 1; sc in each st across | (16 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 39** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog | (15 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 40** | Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across | (14 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 41 to 42**<br>41 42 | Repeat Rows 39 and 40, once more | (12 sc) |


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| ☐ **Rows 43 to 48** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (12 sc) |
| 43 44 45 46 47 48 | | |
| ☐ **End** | The 12 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off. | |

## Cuff rib: make 2

**Yarn B, berry.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | With yarn B, ch 6. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (5 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 24** | Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across | (5 sc) |
| 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 | | |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

## Sleeve: make 2

**Yarn A, cream.**

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|---|---|---|
| ☐ **Foundation** | Hold a cuff rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (24 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row. | |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (24 sc) |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st | (26 sc) |
| ☐ **Rows 4 to 7** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (26 sc) |
| 4 5 6 7 | | |
| ☐ **Rows 8 to 27** | Repeat Rows 3 to 7, 4 more times (28, 30, 32, 34 sc at the ends of the repeats) | (34 sc) |
| 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 | | |
| ☐ **Row 28** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (34 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | The sleeve measures about 8½ in (21.5 cm) across the top and 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long. Fasten off. | |

## Neckband

**Yarn B, berry.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Work this at step 2 of Assembly. The neckband is not joined. With the right side facing, join yarn B at the neck corner of the left shoulder of the front (as worn); ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 11 rows down the left side of the neck, sc in each of the 10 sts left at the front, sc in the end of each of the 11 rows up the right side and sc in each of the 18 open sts of the back neck; 50 sc in all. This is row 1. | |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 4** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (50 sc) |
| 2 3 4 | | |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |


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### Shoulder band

**Yarn B, berry.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Work this at step 3 of Assembly. With the right side of the front facing, join yarn B at the armhole end of the left shoulder of the front (as worn); ch 1, sc in each of the 12 shoulder sts and sc in the end of each of the 4 neckband rows; 16 sc in all. This is row 1. |
| ☐ **Row 2 (WS)** | Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next 6 sts, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next 7 sts (14 sc, 2 ch-3 sps) |
| ☐ **End** | The 2 ch-3 sps are the button loops; the first of them is at the neck. No row is worked into them. Fasten off. |

### Assembly

**1.** Right shoulder: lay the front on the back with right sides together. Sew the 12 sts of the right shoulder of the front (as worn) to the 12 sts at that end of the top edge of the back. The middle 18 sts of the back stay open for the neck, and the 12 sts of the left shoulder stay open too.

**2.** Neckband: work it now, as written above.

**3.** Shoulder band: work it now, as written above.

**4.** Left shoulder: lay the shoulder band of the front over the outside of the back, so that the top edge of the back lies right under the line where the band begins; this line is the left shoulder line. The band covers about the last 2 rows of the back. It has 16 sts: the 12 sts from the armhole edge on lie along the 12 sts of the left shoulder of the back, and the other 4, those at the neck, go on in the same line along the next 4 sts of the back, right below the first 4 sts of the back part of the neckband. There the end of the front part of the neckband lies on top of the end of the back part. Sew the band to the back with a few stitches at the armhole edge only, where the left sleeve is sewn through both. Mark the place under each loop on the outside of the back, on its second row from the top, and sew the 2 buttons there with the sewing thread: the first in line with the 3rd st of the back on the neck side of the corner where the left shoulder and the neckband meet, the second in line with the 5th st of the left shoulder, counted from that corner. The buttons must hold a child's pull: sew each one on, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread. A loose button is a danger to a baby: see that each one is firm before every wear.

**5.** Sleeves: at the right shoulder the shoulder line is the seam; at the left shoulder it is the line where the shoulder band begins, with the top edge of the back right under it. Count 20 rows (4¼ in (11 cm)) down from the shoulder line on each side edge of the body, front and back, and place a marker there; the rows of the band and of the neckband are not counted. This is half the top edge of the sleeve. With right sides together, put the middle of the top edge of a sleeve at each shoulder line and sew the top edge to the body between the markers; at the left shoulder sew through the band and the back together where they lie one on the other.

**6.** Sides and sleeves: sew each side seam from the marker down to the hem, and each sleeve seam from the underarm to the cuff edge.

## Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces; 6,328 stitches.

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