Baby octopus costume

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



Finished size

About 22¼ in (56.5 cm) at the chest and about 12¼ in (31 cm) long

To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm), head 17½ in (44.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches and puffs, simple sewing

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: coral, main color — **about 475 yd (434 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: blush, contrast — **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

Yarn C: charcoal, color 3 — **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 280 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 3 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 (buttoned)	Length from the neck edge	Yoke depth	Sleeve around	Sleeve from the underarm	Neck around (buttoned)	Hem around	Each arm along its inner edge	Hat around	Hat from the crown to the edge
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 505 yd (462 m)	21 in (53.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	2 in (5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 560 yd (512 m)**	**22¼ in (56.5 cm)**	**12¼ in (31 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**8½ in (21.5 cm)**	**2 in (5 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**29½ in (75 cm)**	**6¾ in (17 cm)**	**17¼ in (44 cm)**	**6¾ in (17 cm)**
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 635 yd (581 m)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	32 in (81.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	7 in (18 cm)

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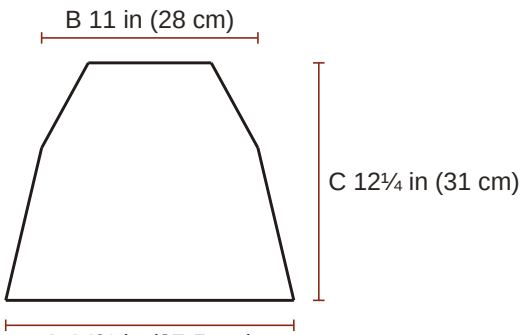
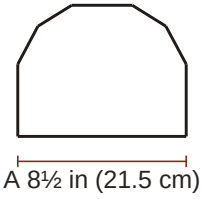
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 690 yd (631 m)	24½ in (62 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	34½ in (87.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)

Schematic



Tunic, buttoned, laid flat
A half the hem
B half the chest (buttoned)
C the length from the neck edge



Hat, laid flat
A the sleeve around

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 21; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 16 rows of half double crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 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. Single crochet (UK: double crochet): about 15 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm); double crochet (UK: treble): 7 rows; both have 13 sts to 4 in (10 cm). A row of puffs is as high as a row of half double crochet.

Notes

- Four sizes, chosen by the chest and the head.
- The chest of the finished tunic is from 4 in (10 cm) to 4½ in (11.5 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given. The hat is a little smaller around than the head, and stretches.
- The tunic is worked from the neck down in one piece. The yoke is worked back and forth in rows; row 1 is a right side row and begins at the right back edge, as worn. The first 4 and the last 4 sts of every row are the two bands of the back opening: no edge is added to them later. The head goes through the opening, which fastens with three buttons.
- From the body on, the tunic is worked in rounds, and so are the sleeves and the hat. The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you. The rounds of the body begin at the middle of the back.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- In rows, the last stitch goes into the last stitch of the row below, never into the turning chain.

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- 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.
- To work into a chain space, put the hook under the whole chain.
- Straight stitch: bring the needle up at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other, with the yarn lying flat between.
- The arms are soft and not stuffed. Sew every part on firmly, through the fabric several times, weave the ends in well, and look at them before each wear.
- The costume is for a baby who is awake and watched the whole time, for a short wear; take it off before a nap and in a car seat.
- 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.
- Length from the neck edge to the hem, without the neckband and the arms 12¼ in (31 cm).

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

RS right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 4 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all.

(45 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

puff (puff stitch): Yarn over, insert the hook in the stitch or space named, yarn over and pull up a tall loop; do this 3 times in the same place (7 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 7 loops.

Yoke

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 46.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(45 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 9 times**, hdc in next 4 sts	(59 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 3 sts, ch 1, skip next st, hdc in next 2 sts	(58 hdc, 1 ch-1 sp)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in each st across	(59 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 9 times**, hdc in next 4 sts	(73 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, ch 1, skip next st, hdc in each st across	(72 hdc, 1 ch-1 sp)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 2 sts	(73 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 10 times**, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 4 sts	(88 hdc)

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 3 sts, ch 1, skip next st, hdc in next 2 sts	(87 hdc, 1 ch-1 sp)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in each st across	(88 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 10 times**, hdc in next 4 sts	(102 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 10 times**, hdc in next 4 sts	(116 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Body

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 20 yarn A; rnds 21 and 22 yarn B. Row 12 of the yoke has 116 sts. With the right side facing, they are, from the right back edge (as worn) on: the first 4 sts are the right band, 14 sts the right back, 24 sts the right sleeve, 32 sts the front, 24 sts the left sleeve, 14 sts the left back, and the last 4 sts the left band, which has the buttonholes. With the right side facing, bring the two ends of the row together into a ring and lay the left band in front of the right band, so that the outer edge of each band lies on the inner edge of the other and the 4 pairs of sts lie one on the other. Join yarn A in the first pair, the one farthest to the right; ch 1, hdc through both layers in each of these 4 pairs, the hook put first through the st of the left band and then through the st of the right band behind it; hdc in each of the 14 sts of the right back, ch 4 (underarm), skip the 24 sts of the right sleeve, hdc in each of the 32 sts of the front, ch 4 (underarm), skip the 24 sts of the left sleeve, hdc in each of the 14 sts of the left back (64 hdc, 8 chs); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1 of the body.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 7 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 10** 6 7 8 9 10	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts**] 7 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 16** 12 13 14 15 16	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 7 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 20** 18 19 20	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

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☐ **Rnds 21 to 22** 21 22	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(96 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 4 yarn A; rnds 5 and 6 yarn B. With the right side facing and the hem downward, join yarn A in the 3rd of the 4 underarm chs, counted from the right, on their free side; ch 1, hdc in that ch and in the underarm ch to its left, hdc in each of the 24 sleeve sts and hdc in each of the 2 underarm chs left (28 hdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(28 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(28 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neckband

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost, join yarn B at the left back edge (as worn) in the first ch made, under the last hdc of row 1 of the yoke; ch 1, sc in the free side of each of the 45 chs under row 1, to the right back edge (45 sc); the ch skipped at the start of row 1 is left out. This is row 1.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(45 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Arm: make 8

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	The first ch made is at the base of the arm and the last ch at its tip. The arm is worked along its length: each row is as long as the arm, and the increases make it curl. With yarn A, ch 23.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 5 times**, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in each st across	(15 dc, 9 hdc, 6 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Row 3 ends at the base. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 10 in (25 cm) for sewing: this end sews the base to the hem.	

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Suckers: make 8, one on each arm

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the arm facing (as for row 1) and the foundation chain uppermost, join yarn B in the first ch made, under the last sc of row 1, at the base of the arm. The row is worked along the free side of the 22 chs under row 1, from the base to the tip.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next ch, puff in next ch**] 11 times**	(11 sc, 11 puffs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Hat

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnds 1 to 17 yarn A; rnds 18 and 19 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 8 hdc in ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; 2 hdc in each of next 8 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 17** 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19** 18 19	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(56 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Underarms: close any small gaps at the two ends of the underarm chains with the yarn ends there.

2. Buttons: sew the 3 buttons to the outside of the right band, one over each of rows 3, 6 and 9 of the yoke, on the 2nd st from the right back edge: with the bands lapped this st lies under the buttonhole of the same row. Sew each button on with the sewing thread, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread: it must hold a baby's pull. See that each one is firm before every wear.

3. Arms: the last rnd of the body, rnd 22, has 96 sts. Count them from the first st of the rnd, at the middle of the back: the middle of the back lies between sts 2 and 3. The base of an arm is its short edge at the dc end, about 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide. Lay the base of each arm on the inside of the hem, its edge level with the top of rnd 21, so that it lies behind rnds 21 and 22 and the arm hangs down below the hem, and the middle of the base between sts 8 and 9,

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between sts 20 and 21, between sts 32 and 33, between sts 44 and 45, between sts 56 and 57, between sts 68 and 69, between sts 80 and 81 and between sts 92 and 93, the 8 arms in this order. Sew arms 1 to 4 with their right side outward and arms 5 to 8 with their wrong side outward, so that those of one half of the hem curl one way and those of the other half curl the other way. Sew each base down along rnd 21 and again along the lower edge of rnd 22, with the yarn end of the arm, and then a second time along both lines with a new length of yarn A, about 16 in (40 cm) long.

4. Face: the rnds of the hat are counted from the crown, and the sts of a rnd from its first st, at the middle of the back. Rnds 11 to 17 have 56 sts; the middle of the front lies between sts 28 and 29. The top edge of a rnd is the edge nearer the crown, and its lower edge the one nearer the opening of the hat. Eyes: with a doubled length of yarn C work 6 straight stitches close side by side for each eye, each from the top edge of rnd 12 to the lower edge of rnd 13; one eye covers sts 23 and 24, the other sts 33 and 34. Mouth: with a doubled length of yarn C work 3 straight stitches in a row, end to end, on the lower edges of rnds: from between sts 25 and 26 under rnd 14 to between sts 27 and 28 under rnd 15; on to between sts 29 and 30 under rnd 15; up to between sts 31 and 32 under rnd 14. Cheeks: with yarn B work 3 straight stitches for each cheek, one above the other on rnd 15, each 3 sts long: over sts 19 to 21, and over sts 36 to 38.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces.

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