Baby pinafore with a heart pocket

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



Finished size
About 19½ in (49.5 cm) at the waist and about 9 in (23 cm) long in the skirt
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm) and a waist of 18½ in (47 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches in rows and rounds, simple shaping

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: denim blue, main color	**about 350 yd (320 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: poppy red, color 3	**about 15 yd (14 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, 2 buttons, ¾ in (20 mm) across, sewing thread and a sewing needle and pins.

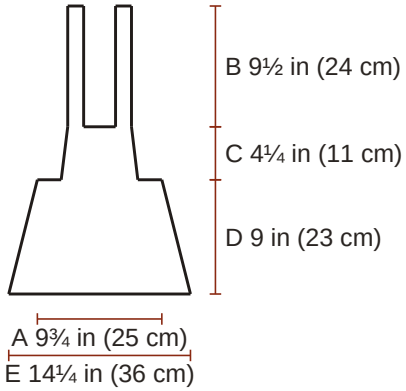
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Chest	Yarn, an estimate	Waistband around	Skirt length with the waistband	Bib height	Bib width at the waist	Strap length	Pocket width (with its edging)	Hem around
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 365 yd (334 m)	18½ in (47 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 395 yd (361 m)**	**19½ in (49.5 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**3¾ in (9.5 cm)**	**28½ in (72.5 cm)**
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 470 yd (430 m)	20½ in (52 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	30 in (76 cm)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 495 yd (453 m)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	31½ in (80 cm)

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Schematic



Pinafore, laid flat (straps straight up)

A the strap length
B the strap length
C the bib height
D the skirt length with the waistband
E half the hem

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ 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 25; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 20 rows of half 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. Single crochet (heart and edgings): 16 sts and 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- On a baby: sew every button on very firmly, and look at each one before every wear.
- Baby sizes. Choose by the waist.
- The waistband is from 1 in (2.5 cm) to 1½ in (4 cm) wider than the waist measurement, by the size; the skirt is full. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain of a row and the chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never count as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- The rounds of the waistband and the skirt are not turned; the right side always faces you. They begin at the middle of the back.
- Work the foundation chain loosely: it is the waist, and it must open as wide as the hips. The bib is worked into its free side.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- To work into a chain space (ch-3 sp), put the hook in the space under the chain.
- Where row ends are named, work around the stitch at the edge of the row, not into one loop of it.
- Left and right are said as the pinafore is worn.

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- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- 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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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 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 30 times: work what is inside 30 times in all.
(78 hdc): the stitches you have when the round 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.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Waistband and skirt

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 78; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain. Colors: rnds 1 to 28 yarn A; rnds 29 and 30 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; hdc in each ch around; join with sl st in first hdc	(78 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(78 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 30 times**, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(114 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 28** 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(114 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(114 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 19 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(19 sc, 95 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Bib

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the piece so that the foundation chain is uppermost. With the right side facing, count along the foundation chain from the join at the middle of the back: skip the first 27 chs and join yarn A in the next ch; ch 1, hdc in that ch and in each of the next 23 chs (24 hdc). The last 27 chs are left. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(22 hdc)
☐ **Rows 7 to 11** 7 8 9 10 11	Repeat Rows 2 to 6, once more	(20 hdc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 14** 12 13 14	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Bib, first strap

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 14 of the bib.	
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, leave the last 15 sts unworked	(5 hdc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 40** 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	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(5 hdc)
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, 3 hdc in next ch-3 sp, hdc in next st	(5 hdc)
☐ **Rows 43 to 46** 43 44 45 46	Repeat Rows 39 to 42, once more	(5 hdc)
☐ **End**	The two ch-3 sps are the buttonholes. Fasten off.	

Bib, second strap

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 14 of the bib, with the same side facing you as for row 15 of the first strap. Skip the next 10 unworked sts of row 14 for the neck and join yarn A in the next st. The first st of row 15 goes in the joining st.	
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(5 hdc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 40** 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	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(5 hdc)
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, hdc in next st	(2 hdc, 1 ch-3 sp)

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☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, 3 hdc in next ch-3 sp, hdc in next st	(5 hdc)
☐ **Rows 43 to 46** 43 44 45 46	Repeat Rows 39 to 42, once more	(5 hdc)
☐ **End**	The two ch-3 sps are the buttonholes. Fasten off.	

Bib neck edging

Yarns in order of use: A, denim blue; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Begin here.	
☐ **Row 1**	With the right side facing, join yarn B in the first of the 10 unworked sts of row 14, at the right-hand end; ch 1, sc in each of the 10 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ruffle, left side

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 to 3 yarn A; row 4 yarn B. As worn. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the lower left corner of the bib (as worn), in the end of row 1; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 14 rows of the side edge of the bib, from the waistband up, and sc in the end of each of the 8 rows 15 to 22 of the first strap, the left one (22 sc). This is row 1. The rest of the outer edge of the strap is left as it is.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in each of next 16 sts, hdc in next 3 sts	(6 hdc, 32 dc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(38 dc)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(38 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ruffle, right side

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 to 3 yarn A; row 4 yarn B. As worn. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the outer end of row 22 of the second strap, the right one; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 8 rows 15 to 22 of the strap, from the top down, and sc in the end of each of the 14 rows of the side edge of the bib, down to the waistband (22 sc). This is row 1. The rest of the outer edge of the strap is left as it is.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in each of next 16 sts, hdc in next 3 sts	(6 hdc, 32 dc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(38 dc)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(38 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Heart pocket

Yarn C, poppy red.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	(1 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(7 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(13 sc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 13** 12 13	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(13 sc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Heart pocket, first lobe

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 13 of the heart pocket. With the point at the bottom and the right side facing, this is the lobe at the left.	
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, leave the last 7 sts unworked	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog twice	(2 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Heart pocket, second lobe

Yarn C, poppy red.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 13 of the heart pocket, with the same side facing you as for row 14 of the first lobe. Skip the next unworked st of row 13, which is the middle of the heart, and join yarn C in the next st. The first st of row 14 goes in the joining st.	
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)

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☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog twice	(2 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Heart pocket edging: With the right side facing and the lobes uppermost, join yarn B in the st at the right-hand end of the last row of the lobe at the right; ch 1, sc in each of the 2 sts of that row; down its inner side, sc in the end of each of the 4 rows of the lobe; sc in the st of row 13 between the lobes; up the other lobe, sc in the end of each of its 4 rows; sc in each of the 2 sts of its last row; down the left side, sc in the end of each of the 4 rows of the lobe and of each of the 13 rows of the heart; 3 sc in the ch at the point; up the right side, sc in the end of each of the 13 rows of the heart and of each of the 4 rows of the lobe (50 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 30 in (75 cm) for sewing.

2. Straps and buttons: lay the pinafore with its back uppermost. The sts of rnd 3 of the waistband are counted from the join at the middle of the back. Sew one button to the right side of st 6 of rnd 3 and the other to st 73, with the sewing thread. 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, so see that each one is firm before every wear. Take the straps over the shoulders, cross them at the back, and button each strap to the button on the other side, with the buttonhole that suits the length.

3. Pocket: the sts of the skirt are counted from the join at the middle of the back; its last hdc round is rnd 28, and the middle of the front lies between sts 57 and 58 of its 114 sts. Lay the heart on the front of the skirt, at the left side as worn, right side up, its point downward, with the gap between its two lobes over the column of st 71 and its point in the middle of that st's column, 1 in (2.5 cm) above the edge of rnd 28. Pin it flat. With the yarn needle and the end left there, sew the sides of the heart to the skirt, 1 small stitch through each sc of the edging, from the outer end of the top of one lobe down to the point and up to the outer end of the top of the other lobe, 17 sc and the 3 sc of the point and 17 sc. The tops of the lobes and the gap between them stay open for the hand.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 4,213 stitches.

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