Baby Santa suit with a belt and hat

6-12 months · US terms



Finished size
About 21½ in (54.5 cm) at the jacket chest and about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) at the jacket length from the

Skill
Intermediate
Flat pieces, fur stitch, simple shaping and seams

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: red, main color	**about 725 yd (663 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: black, color 3	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gold, color 4	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 460 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, stitch markers, white buttons, ¾ in (20 mm) across: 3 for Newborn and 0-3 months, 4 for the larger sizes, elastic ½ in (1.3 cm) wide, about ¾ yd (0.7 m), a safety pin, a little polyester stuffing, pins 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.

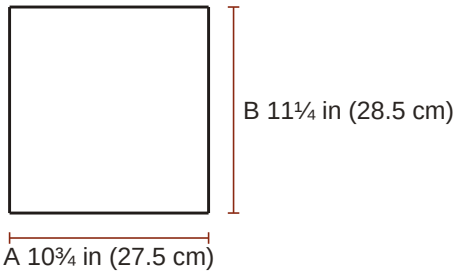
Sizes

Size	Yarn, an estimate	Jacket chest (buttoned)	Jacket length from the shoulder	Armhole depth	Sleeve	Upper sleeve	Back neck	Pants around the hip	Pants from the waist to the crotch	Pants around each leg at the top	Pants inner leg	Hat around	Hat from the edge to the tip
Newborn	about 555 yd (507 m)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)
0-3 months	about 700 yd (640 m)	19¼ in (49 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)

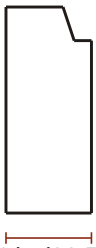
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3-6 months	about 805 yd (736 m)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**about 915 yd (837 m)**	**21½ in (54.5 cm)**	**11¼ in (28.5 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**21½ in (54.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**11½ in (29 cm)**
12-18 months	about 1,020 yd (933 m)	22¾ in (58 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)
18-24 months	about 1,155 yd (1,056 m)	24 in (61 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)

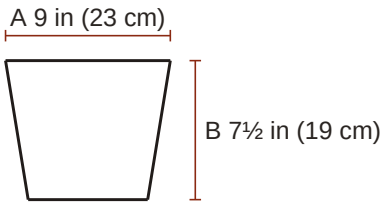
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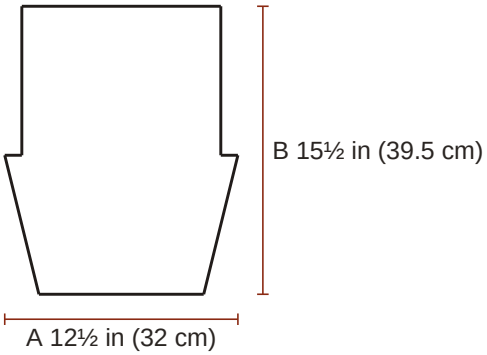
Back
A the width
B from top to bottom



Right front, without the band
A the back neck



Sleeve
A the top of the sleeve, opened flat
B the sleeve



Pants leg
A the pants around each leg at the top
B from top to bottom

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) and fur stitch: 13 sts and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

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Notes

- Baby sizes, newborn to 24 months.
- The jacket is from 2¾ in (7 cm) to 4 in (10 cm) wider around than the chest, the pants are from 2½ in (6.5 cm) to 3 in (7.5 cm) wider around than the hip, and the hat is from ¾ in (2 cm) to 1¼ in (3 cm) smaller around than the head, by the size; the hat stretches. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half double 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. The fur rows are wrong side rows: their loops stand on the right side.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- A row end is the side of the first or the last stitch of a row: work under two strands of it.
- Sew every seam with the yarn needle and yarn A, where no other yarn is named.
- Mattress stitch: lay the two edges side by side with the right side up; with the yarn needle go under two strands at the side of a row end of one edge, then under two strands of the row end across from it, and so on, and draw the yarn up until the edges meet.
- Whip stitch: put the needle in through both edges from the back to the front, take the yarn over the edge, and do the same again a short step farther on.
- The pompom is worked in a spiral: do not join and do not turn. Put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Sew the buttons, the buckle and the pompom on firmly and look at them before each wear. The hat is for a baby who is awake and watched; take it off for sleep and in a car seat.
- 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.
- To fit chest 18, waist 18½, hip 19, head 17½ in (45.5, 47, 48.5, 44.5 cm).

Instructions

6-12 months. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **hdc in next 12 sts**: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(35 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.

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.

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fur (fur stitch, a single crochet with a long loop (UK loop stitch)): Insert the hook in the stitch named; with the yarn over a finger of the hand that holds it, make a loop about ½ in (1.3 cm) long behind the work; catch both strands of the yarn behind the finger with the hook and pull them through the stitch (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops, and slip the finger out. The loop hangs on the side away from you: worked on a wrong side row it stands on the right side.

Back

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 36. Colors: rows 1 to 5 yarn B; rows 6 to 32 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(35 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(35 fur)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(35 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, once more	(35 sc)
	4 5	
☐ **Rows 6 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(35 hdc)
	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	
☐ **End**	The back measures about 10¾ in (27.5 cm) wide and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long. Fasten off.	

Right front, as worn

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Seen with the right side facing, the front edge is the right-hand edge. With yarn B, ch 16. Colors: rows 1 to 5 yarn B; rows 6 to 32 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(15 fur)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, once more	(15 sc)
	4 5	
☐ **Rows 6 to 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(15 hdc)
	6 7 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; hdc in next 12 sts, leave the last 3 sts unworked. The neck edge is at the end of this row	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(11 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rows 31 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
	31 32	
☐ **End**	The neck edge is the 3 sts of row 27 that were left unworked and the edge above them; the 10 sts of the last row are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

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Left front, as worn

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

☐ **Foundation**	Seen with the right side facing, the front edge is the left-hand edge. With yarn B, ch 16. Colors: rows 1 to 5 yarn B; rows 6 to 32 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(15 fur)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, once more	(15 sc)
	4 5	
☐ **Rows 6 to 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(15 hdc)
	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27	
☐ **Row 28**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 3 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(11 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rows 31 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
	31 32	
☐ **End**	The neck edge is the 3 sts of row 27 that were skipped and the edge above them; the 10 sts of the last row are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 22. Colors: rows 1 to 5 yarn B; rows 6 to 22 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(21 fur)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(21 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, once more	(21 sc)
	4 5	
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(21 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
	8 9 10	

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☐ **Rows 11 to 22**	Repeat Rows 7 to 10, 3 more times (25, 27, 29 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(29 hdc)
	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	
☐ **End**	The sleeve measures about 9 in (23 cm) across the top and 7½ in (19 cm) long. Fasten off.	

Right front band, as worn

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Row 3 begins at the hem: its 4 ch-2 sps are the buttonholes. The lowest lies below the belt, the other three above it. Work this at step 3 of Assembly. Hold the right front with the right side facing and its front edge uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 1, at the hem; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 5 rows of yarn B (5 sc), then up the rows of yarn A, rows 6 to 27: [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 4 times, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (26 sc), to the neck. There are 31 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(31 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(23 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts	(31 sc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(31 sc)
	5 6	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left front band, as worn

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 3 of Assembly. Hold the left front with the right side facing and its front edge uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 27, at the neck; ch 1, down the rows of yarn A, rows 27 to 6: sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 4 times (26 sc), then sc in the end of each of the 5 rows of yarn B (5 sc), to the hem. There are 31 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(31 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Collar

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 4 of Assembly. Hold the jacket with the right side facing and the neck uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 3 of the right front band; ch 1, sc in the end of rows 3, 2 and 1 of that band (3 sc), sc in each of the 3 free sts of row 27 of the right front, up its neck edge, rows 28 to 32: sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row (6 sc), sc in each of the 15 free sts of the back neck, down the neck edge of the left front, rows 32 to 28: 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (6 sc), sc in each of the 3 free sts of row 27 of the left front, sc in the end of rows 1, 2 and 3 of the left front band (3 sc). There are 39 sc in all. The outer halves of the two bands stay free. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(39 fur)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(39 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Belt

Yarn C, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 76.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(75 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(75 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The belt is about 23 in (58.5 cm) long and 1 in (2.5 cm) wide.	

Buckle

Yarn D, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn D, ch 12; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(20 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(28 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 46 in (115 cm) for sewing. It is a flat square frame; the 3 sc in one st are its corners. Press it square, about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) on each side.	

Pants leg: make 2, alike

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

☐ **Foundation**	Row 46 is worked in one loop of each st, so that the other loop stands on the right side as a ridge, where the casing is folded. In front loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is nearer to you, and leave the farther loop free. With yarn B, ch 30. Colors: rows 1 to 5 yarn B; rows 6 to 48 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(29 fur)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5** 4 5	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, once more	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(29 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(31 hdc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 9** 8 9	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(31 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(33 hdc)
☐ **Rows 11 to 15** 11 12 13 14 15	Repeat Rows 6 to 10, once more	(37 hdc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 17** 16 17	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(37 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(39 hdc)
☐ **Rows 19 to 20** 19 20	Repeat Rows 17 and 18, once more	(41 hdc)
☐ **Rows 21 to 22** 21 22	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(41 hdc)
☐ **Row 23**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 3 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 35 sts, leave the last 3 sts unworked	(35 hdc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 42** 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(35 hdc)
☐ **Rows 43 to 45** 43 44 45	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(35 sc)
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in front loop only of each st across	(35 sc)
☐ **Rows 47 to 48** 47 48	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(35 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Rows 1 to 22 are the leg, rows 23 to 42 the body, rows 43 to 48 the waist casing. The 3 sts of row 22 at each side that have no stitch in them are for the crotch.	

Hat

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 55. Colors: rows 1 to 5 yarn B; rows 6 to 33 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(54 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; fur in each st across	(54 fur)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(54 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5** 4 5	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, once more	(54 sc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 9** 6 7 8 9	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rows 10 to 33** 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(6 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 36 in (90 cm) for sewing.	

Pompom

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 6 sc in ring	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 fur in each of next 6 sts	(12 fur)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**fur in next st, 2 fur in next st**] 6 times**	(18 fur)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Fur in each st around	(18 fur)
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Sl st in the next st. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing. Turn the piece inside out, so that the loops stand on the outside, draw the hole of the ring shut with the beginning end, and stuff the ball. Run the long end through the 12 sts of rnd 5 and draw them together; keep the rest of it. The ball is about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across, without its loops. A ball of loops does not shed as a cut pompom does.	

Assembly

1. Shoulders: lay the fronts on the back with right sides together and the side edges level. Sew the 10 shoulder sts of each front to the 10 sts at each end of the last row of the back, and leave the middle 15 sts of the back free for the neck.

2. Sleeves and sides: count 12 rows down from the shoulder seam on each side edge of the body, front and back, and place a marker at the lower edge of the last row counted. With right sides together, put the middle of the top edge of a sleeve (the 15th of its 29 sts) at each shoulder seam and its two ends at the markers, and sew the top edge to the 24 row ends between the markers. The top edge of the sleeve may be up to ¼ in (0.6 cm) longer than this part of the body: ease it in. Sew each side seam from the marker down to the hem, and each sleeve seam from the underarm to the cuff edge, the rows of yarn B with yarn B.

3. Front bands: work the two bands now, as written above.

4. Collar: work it now, as written above.

5. Buttons: lap the right front band over the left one, edge to seam, so that the whole of one band lies on the other. Mark the place under each of the 4 buttonholes on row 4 of the left band, which is the row that lies under row 3 of the right one, and sew the 4 buttons there with sewing thread. The buttons must hold a child's pull: sew each one on firmly, 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.

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6. Belt: lay the belt around the jacket on the outside, over rows 8 to 10 of the back and the fronts and over the two bands at the same height, with its foundation chain along the line between rows 7 and 8. One end lies level with the outer edge of the left band, the other level with the outer edge of the right band. Pin it, and with yarn C sew both long edges and both ends down with small whip stitches. It opens with the jacket.

7. Buckle: lay it on the belt at the right front, its outer side level with the outer edge of the right band, so that the black belt shows in its middle and the frame stands over the belt by the same amount above and below. With its own end sew the outer edge down all around, then the inner edge. It must not cover a buttonhole.

8. Pants legs: fold each leg lengthwise with the right side inside and sew the inner leg seam, row ends 1 to 22 of one edge to row ends 1 to 22 of the other, rows 1 to 5 with yarn B and the rest with yarn A. Turn one leg right side out and slip it into the other one, so that right sides are together and the two inner leg seams meet. Sew the body seam with yarn A: from the waist of the front down the row ends of rows 48 to 23, then the 3 free sts of one leg to the 3 free sts of the other, across the inner leg seams, the 3 free sts of the back in the same way, and up the row ends of rows 23 to 48 of the back, to the waist.

9. Waist: turn rows 46 to 48 of the casing to the inside along the ridge, which stands on the right side at the foot of row 46, and with a length of yarn A of about 56 in (140 cm) sew the tops of the 70 sts of row 48 to the back of row 43; leave about 2 in (5 cm) open at the middle of the back. Cut a piece of elastic ½ in (1.3 cm) wide and 18½ in (47 cm) long, draw it through with a safety pin, lap its two ends 1 in (2.5 cm) and sew them together firmly. The elastic is 17½ in (44.5 cm) around: try the pants on over the diaper (UK: nappy) and take it in or let it out. Sew the rest of the casing shut.

10. Hat: fold it lengthwise with the right side outward. Run the long end through the tops of the 6 sts of the last row and draw them together, then sew the back seam with the same end and mattress stitch, row end to row end, down to the rows of yarn B; sew those 5 rows with a length of yarn B. Sew the pompom to the tip with its own end, through and through the tip and around the ball, at least six times, and fasten the yarn off inside the hat, so that no child can pull it off. The point of the hat falls over to one side: hold it down with a few stitches of yarn A, the pompom just above the fur.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces.

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