Baby shell skirt

6-12 months · US terms



Finished size
About 20 in (51 cm) at the waist and about 25½ in (65 cm) at the hip
To fit a waist of 18½ in (47 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches in rounds, with simple increases.

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: coral, the main color — **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the second color — **about 15 yd (14 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 waist	Waist	Hip	Length	Hem	Yarn, an estimate
0-3 months	16½ in (42 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	about 160 yd (147 m)
3-6 months	17½ in (44.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	about 195 yd (179 m)
6-12 months (this file)	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**20 in (51 cm)**	**25½ in (65 cm)**	**8¼ in (21 cm)**	**25½ in (65 cm)**	**about 240 yd (220 m)**
12-18 months	19½ in (49.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)	about 265 yd (243 m)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)	about 290 yd (265 m)

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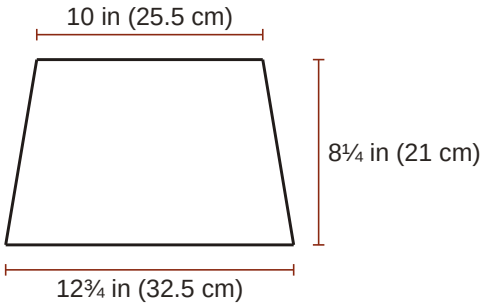
Schematic



Skirt, 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)
sp	space
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. Shell rounds: each repeat of 6 sts (one shell of 5 dc and one sc) is about 1½ in (4 cm) wide; 11.5 rnds to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- Baby sizes.
- The waist is made wide enough to pull on over the hip: before the cord is drawn in it is 1 in (2.5 cm) wider than the hip measurement. Choose by the hip measurement; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base.
- The rounds begin and end at the middle of the back.
- The length is that of the whole skirt, from the foundation chain to the lower edge.

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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.

Skirt

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 80; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 40 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(40 dc, 40 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 40 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 14 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(102 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 17 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(17 sc, 85 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2; **[**5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 17 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(85 dc, 17 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc (the second is the middle of the shell), ch 1; sc in same st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(17 sc, 85 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 24**	Repeat rnds 7 and 8 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 8, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 7.	

A box for each round, 9 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cord

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 196.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(195 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	The cord is about 42½ in (108 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Thread the cord. Lay the skirt flat with the joins of the rounds at the middle of the back; the middle of the front is then between spaces 20 and 21 of the 40 spaces of rnd 3, counted from the join. From the outside, take the cord in through space 21, out through the next space, and so on, in and out of every space around: it comes out again through space 20. Draw the waist in and tie the ends in a bow. For a baby, see that the waist still pulls on over the hips, then sew the bow and the two ends of the cord flat to the waist with a few stitches, so that nothing hangs loose; snip these stitches when

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the waist is to be let out.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 2,515 stitches (2,320 in the skirt, 195 in the cord); 4 ends to weave in.

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