Baby shorts

6-12 months · US terms



Finished size
About 20 in (51 cm) at the waist and about 22 in (56 cm) at the hip
To fit a waist of 18½ in (47 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches in rounds, with no seams.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

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

You will need

Yarn A: rust, the main color — **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the second color — **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

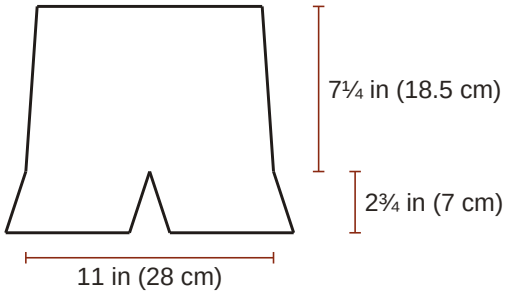
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	To fit waist	Waist	Hip	Waist to crotch	Around each leg at the top	Around each leg at the hem	Leg from crotch to hem	Yarn, an estimate
0-3 months	16½ in (42 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	about 220 yd (201 m)
3-6 months	17½ in (44.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	about 280 yd (256 m)
6-12 months (this file)	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**20 in (51 cm)**	**22 in (56 cm)**	**7¼ in (18.5 cm)**	**13 in (33 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**2¾ in (7 cm)**	**about 305 yd (278 m)**
12-18 months	19½ in (49.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	about 305 yd (278 m)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	about 330 yd (301 m)

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Schematic



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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round

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. It leaves 1 sc2tog for the next row.

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rounds 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 (UK: double crochet) rounds: about 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- Baby sizes. This sheet is for the one size named at PATTERN below: its rows and its yarn amounts. Each other size is written out on a sheet of its own.
- The hip is about 3 in (7.5 cm) wider than the body measurement, to go over a diaper (UK: nappy). The waist, before the cord is drawn in, is a little wider than the hip measurement, so that the shorts pull on. Choose by the finished measurement you like; 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 and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.

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- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- 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.

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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Body

Yarn A, rust.

Work the foundation chain loosely: it must open as wide as the hips.

☐ **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 1; **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 25**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(88 hdc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 25: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25

☐ **End** Fasten off.

First leg

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

Colors: rnds 1 to 7 yarn A; rnds 8 to 10 yarn B.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the 45th st of rnd 25, at the middle of the front; ch 8 for the crotch, sl st in the first st of the rnd, at the middle of the back.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, hdc in that same st and in each of the next 43 sts, then hdc in each of the 8 crotch chs; join with sl st in first hdc	**(52 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 7**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(52 hdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7

☐ **Rnd 8**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1; **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**, **[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(44 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **End** Fasten off.

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Second leg

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

Colors: rnds 1 to 7 yarn A; rnds 8 to 10 yarn B.

The crotch needs no seam. If there is a small gap at either end of the crotch chain, close it with the yarn ends there.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the st of rnd 25 that the crotch chain begins in, at the middle of the front.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, hdc in that st and in each of the next 43 sts, then hdc in each of the 8 crotch chs along their free side; join with sl st in first hdc	**(52 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 7**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(52 hdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7

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☐ **Rnds 9 to 10**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(44 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

9 10

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cord

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 151.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(150 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	The cord is about 32½ in (82.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Thread the cord through the spaces of rnd 3 of the body, in and out, beginning and ending at the middle of the front (the side away from the beginning of the rounds: between spaces 20 and 21 of the 40, counted from the join; go in at space 21 from the outside, out at the next space, and so on around to space 20, where the cord comes out again). Knot each end of the cord and weave its yarn end into the knot. Draw the waist in until it sits well, and tie a bow.

2. For a baby, see that the waist still pulls on over the diaper, then sew the bow and the two ends of the cord flat to the waistband with a few stitches of yarn, so that nothing hangs loose; snip these stitches when 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: 4 pieces; 3,270 stitches (2,128 in the body, 496 in the first leg, 496 in the second leg, 150 in the cord); 12 ends to weave in.

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