Baby sack with buttons, for awake time

0 to 3 months, to fit chest 16 in (40.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 20 in (51 cm) at the chest and about 22 in (56 cm) long
To fit a chest of 16 in (40.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Basic stitches in rows, a star in a second color, seams

Yarn
Light (3), 2 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: dusk blue, main color **about 625 yd (572 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 270 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, 4 flat buttons, 5/8 in (15 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 around	Length from the shoulder to the foot	Armhole depth, before the edging	Widest part, around	Neck across, before the edging	Star across	Star high, with its line
0 to 3 months (this file)	**16 in (40.5 cm)**	**about 685 yd (626 m)**	**20 in (51 cm)**	**22 in (56 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**31 in (78.5 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**6½ in (16.5 cm)**
3 to 6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 810 yd (741 m)	21 in (53.5 cm)	25 in (63.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	33 in (84 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)
6 to 12 months	18 in (45.5 cm)	about 945 yd (864 m)	22 in (56 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	35 in (89 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)
12 to 18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 1,145 yd (1,047 m)	24 in (61 cm)	31½ in (80 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	38 in (96.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)

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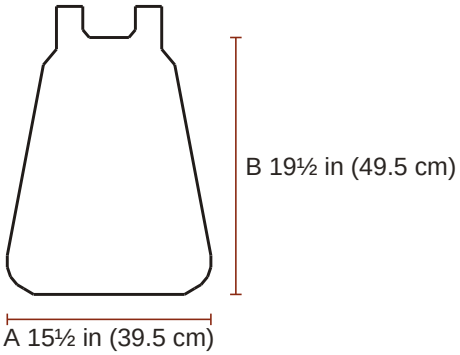
Schematic



Front, laid flat
A the whole width
B how deep the neck is

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 (UK: double crochet), for the edging: about 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- For a baby who is awake, with a grown-up watching. It is not for sleep, for a car seat or for carrying.
- Four sizes, chosen by the chest.
- No fit is promised beyond the measurements given. The sack is about 4 to 5 in (10 to 12.5 cm) wider around than the chest it is for, to go over clothes.
- Row 1 is a right side row. The front and the back are the same up to the armholes, but for the star.
- The turning chain never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- To work into a chain space, put the hook under the whole chain.
- The star: how its balls of yarn are wound and used is written at the beginning of the front.
- Color changes in the star: work the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color with the new yarn, and cross the two yarns on the wrong side, so that there is no hole. Where a block begins a few stitches away from the place where its yarn hangs, lay the yarn along the row and work over it up to there. Leave an end of about 6 in (15 cm) where a new yarn begins.
- Sew the buttons on firmly and look at them before each use. Choose the size by the chest.

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Instructions

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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.

ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.

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

Special stitches

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.

Front

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

☐ **Foundation**	The star, rows 28 to 49 of the front: in these rows the words say which yarn each group of stitches is worked with ("with A" is with yarn A); every hdc2tog of these rows is worked in yarn A. All the rows before row 28 and all the rows after row 49 are worked in yarn A alone. Each block of color in a row has a ball of its own. Beside the main ball of each yarn, wind three small balls beforehand: one of yarn A of about 40 yd (37 m), for one side of the star; one of yarn A of about 5 yd (5 m), for between its legs; and one of yarn B of about 5 yd (5 m), for one leg. Row 28 of the front begins the star and has five blocks, in this order: the main ball of yarn A; the small ball of yarn B (the first leg); the 5 yd (5 m) ball of yarn A (between the legs); the main ball of yarn B (the second leg); the 40 yd (37 m) ball of yarn A. In the rows after it, each block is worked with the yarn that hangs from it. In row 31 the legs meet: its one block of yarn B is worked with the yarn B that you come to first in that row, which is the main ball; cut the other yarn B and the yarn A between the legs. In row 50, after the star, the main ball of yarn A is at the beginning of the row and goes on; cut the other two yarns. With yarn A, ch 47.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 4 hdc in first st, hdc in next 44 sts, 4 hdc in last st	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 50 sts, 3 hdc in last st	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 54 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(58 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 56 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 58 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(62 hdc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 9** 8 9	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(62 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rows 11 to 14** 11 12 13 14	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(58 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 16 to 19** 16 17 18 19	Repeat Rows 12 to 15, once more	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 23** 20 21 22 23	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rows 25 to 27** 25 26 27	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(54 hdc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, with A hdc in next 16 sts, with B hdc in next 2 sts, with A hdc in next 14 sts, with B hdc in next 2 sts, with A hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 18 sts, with B hdc in next 3 sts, with A hdc in next 10 sts, with B hdc in next 3 sts, with A hdc in next 18 sts	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 18 sts, with B hdc in next 5 sts, with A hdc in next 6 sts, with B hdc in next 5 sts, with A hdc in next 18 sts	(52 hdc)
☐ **Rows 31 to 32** 31 32	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 18 sts, with B hdc in next 16 sts, with A hdc in next 18 sts	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, with A hdc in next 16 sts, with B hdc in next 16 sts, with A hdc in next 16 sts, hdc2tog	(50 hdc)
☐ **Rows 34 to 35** 34 35	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 18 sts, with B hdc in next 14 sts, with A hdc in next 18 sts	(50 hdc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 17 sts, with B hdc in next 16 sts, with A hdc in next 17 sts	(50 hdc)
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 16 sts, with B hdc in next 18 sts, with A hdc in next 16 sts	(50 hdc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, with A hdc in next 13 sts, with B hdc in next 20 sts, with A hdc in next 13 sts, hdc2tog	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 13 sts, with B hdc in next 22 sts, with A hdc in next 13 sts	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 11 sts, with B hdc in next 26 sts, with A hdc in next 11 sts	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 10 sts, with B hdc in next 28 sts, with A hdc in next 10 sts	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, with A hdc in next 11 sts, with B hdc in next 22 sts, with A hdc in next 11 sts, hdc2tog	(46 hdc)
☐ **Rows 43 to 44**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 19 sts, with B hdc in next 8 sts, with A hdc in next 19 sts	(46 hdc)

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☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 20 sts, with B hdc in next 6 sts, with A hdc in next 20 sts	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 21 sts, with B hdc in next 4 sts, with A hdc in next 21 sts	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, with A hdc in next 19 sts, with B hdc in next 4 sts, with A hdc in next 19 sts, hdc2tog	(44 hdc)
☐ **Rows 48 to 49** 48 49	Ch 1, turn; with A hdc in next 21 sts, with B hdc in next 2 sts, with A hdc in next 21 sts	(44 hdc)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)
☐ **Row 51**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rows 52 to 55** 52 53 54 55	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(42 hdc)
☐ **Row 56**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rows 57 to 60** 57 58 59 60	Repeat Rows 53 to 56, once more	(38 hdc)
☐ **Rows 61 to 63** 61 62 63	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rows 64 to 66** 64 65 66	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Front, left strap

Yarn A, dusk blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 66 of the front. This is the left strap as worn; its neck edge is at the end of row 67.	
☐ **Row 67 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, leave the last 22 sts unworked	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 68**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 8 sts	(9 hdc)
☐ **Row 69**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rows 70 to 74** 70 71 72 73 74	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Front, right strap

Yarn A, dusk blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, skip the next 12 unworked sts of row 66 of the front, for the neck, and join yarn A in the next st. This is the right strap as worn; its neck edge is at the beginning of row 67, and its first st is the st of the join.	
☐ **Row 67 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 68**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, hdc2tog	(9 hdc)
☐ **Row 69**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 7 sts	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rows 70 to 74** 70 71 72 73 74	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back

Yarn A, dusk blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 47.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 4 hdc in first st, hdc in next 44 sts, 4 hdc in last st	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 50 sts, 3 hdc in last st	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 54 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(58 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 56 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 58 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(62 hdc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 9** 8 9	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(62 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rows 11 to 14** 11 12 13 14	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(58 hdc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 19** 16 17 18 19	Repeat Rows 12 to 15, once more	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 23** 20 21 22 23	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rows 25 to 28** 25 26 27 28	Repeat Rows 21 to 24, once more	(52 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 29 to 32** 29 30 31 32	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(50 hdc)
☐ **Rows 34 to 38** 34 35 36 37 38	Repeat Rows 29 to 33, once more	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rows 39 to 41** 39 40 41	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(46 hdc)
☐ **Rows 43 to 46** 43 44 45 46	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(44 hdc)
☐ **Rows 48 to 56** 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56	Repeat Rows 39 to 47, once more	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rows 57 to 59** 57 58 59	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rows 60 to 63** 60 61 62 63	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rows 64 to 70** 64 65 66 67 68 69 70	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Back, right strap

Yarn A, dusk blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 70 of the back. This is the right strap as worn; its neck edge is at the end of row 71.	
☐ **Row 71 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 9 sts, leave the last 23 sts unworked	(9 hdc)
☐ **Row 72**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 7 sts	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rows 73 to 76** 73 74 75 76	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 77**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next st	(4 hdc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 78**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next st	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 79**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Back, left strap

Yarn A, dusk blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, skip the next 14 unworked sts of row 70 of the back, for the neck, and join yarn A in the next st. This is the left strap as worn; its neck edge is at the beginning of row 71, and its first st is the st of the join.	
☐ **Row 71 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(9 hdc)
☐ **Row 72**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 7 sts, hdc2tog	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rows 73 to 76** 73 74 75 76	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 77**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next st	(4 hdc, 2 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 78**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next st	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 79**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side of the front facing and the straps uppermost, join yarn B at the top of the left side seam (as worn). Ch 1; up the armhole edge of the front, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times (18 sc); across the top of the strap, 3 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 6 sts, 3 sc in the last st (12 sc); down the neck edge of the strap, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (9 sc); along the neck, sc in each of the 12 unworked sts of row 66 (12 sc); up the neck edge of the other strap, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (9 sc); across its top, 3 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 6 sts, 3 sc in the last st (12 sc); down the other armhole edge, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times (18 sc); then along the back, up the armhole edge of the back, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 4 times (24 sc); across the top of the strap, 3 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 6 sts, 3 sc in the last st (12 sc); down the neck edge of the strap, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (10 sc); along the neck, sc in each of the 14 unworked sts of row 70 (14 sc); up the neck edge of the other strap, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (10 sc); across its top, 3 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 6 sts, 3 sc in the last st (12 sc); down the other armhole edge, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 4 times (24 sc) (196 sc in all); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(196 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Assembly

1. Lay the front and the back right sides together, foot on foot. With yarn A sew the two foundation chains together along the foot (46 chs to 46 chs), and then each side seam: the ends of rows 1 to 59 of the front to the ends of rows 1 to 59 of the back. Leave the armholes open above row 59. Use a piece of yarn about 32 in (80 cm) long for the foot and one of about 50 in (125 cm) for each side.

2. Turn the sack right side out.

3. Work the edging as written above.

4. Star: with yarn B work a line of chain stitch all round the edge of the large star, over its stepped edge, straight from corner to corner. The line is straight where the edge of the star goes in steps, so in some places it lies on yarn B and in others on yarn A. The 10 corners are: the top point, at the middle of the front, at the top of row 49; the two inner corners below it, 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to each side of the middle, at the top of row 42; the two side points, 3½ in (8.9 cm) to each side of the middle, at the top of row 41; the two inner corners below them, 1¾ in (4.4 cm) to each side of the middle, at the top of row 35; the points of the two feet, 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) to each side of the middle, at the top of row 27; and the inner corner between the feet, at the middle, at the top of row 31. Chain stitch: bring the needle up at the beginning of the line; put it in again at the same place and bring it out ¼ in (6 mm) farther along the line, with the yarn looped under its point, and draw it through; put it in again inside that loop, and go on in the same way. Hold the last loop down with a small stitch over it.

5. Small stars: with yarn B embroider 7 small stars on the front. Lay it right side up, straps away from you. Each star is 4 straight stitches that cross at one point: two about 1¼ in (3 cm) long, one upright and one level, and two about ¾ in (2 cm) long, slanting between them. Work them with their middles 5½ in (14 cm) to the left of the middle, on row 12; 5 in (12.5 cm) to the right of the middle, on row 9; 1 in (2.5 cm) to the left of the middle, on row 14; 5 in (12.5 cm) to the right of the middle, on row 21; 5 in (12.5 cm) to the left of the middle, on row 29; 4 in (10 cm) to the right of the middle, on row 53; 3½ in (9 cm) to the left of the middle, on row 49.

6. Buttons: lay the sack on its back and bring each back strap over the shoulder, so that its end covers the top 5 rows of the front strap on that side. Mark the front strap under the middle of each of the two buttonholes and sew a button there firmly with the sewing thread: 2 on each front strap, 4 in all.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 7,044 stitches (3,242 in the front, 67 in the front, left strap, 67 in the front, right strap, 3,334 in the back, 69 in the back, right strap, 69 in the back, left strap, 196 in the edging).

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