Baby snuggle sack

Newborn · US terms



Finished size
About 20¾ in (53 cm) around and 18¾ in (48 cm) long with the cuff turned down
To fit a newborn

Skill
Easy
Shells, decreases and one seam

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 10½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In shell stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: pale sage, main — **about 240 yd (219 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe — **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn (this file)	**a newborn**	**20¾ in (53 cm) around, 18¾ in (48 cm) long**	**about 360 yd (329 m)**
3 months	a baby of about 3 months	24¼ in (62 cm) around, 22¾ in (58 cm) long	about 500 yd (457 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 together)
BLO	back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

14 stitches and 10½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in shell stitch.

Every stitch counts, sc and dc alike: one shell and one sc are 6 stitches, and the 25 stitches of the test piece are about 7 1/8 in (18 cm) wide. Work the test piece, lay it flat without stretching it, and measure in its middle. If it has more stitches and rows to 4 in (10 cm), use a larger hook; if it has fewer, a smaller one.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece takes about 30 yd (28 m) of A, which the amounts do not count. Undo it when you have measured it and use its yarn again, or buy that much more.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 26.
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch**] 4 times** **(5 sc, 20 dc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st **(21 dc, 4 sc)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch **(5 sc, 20 dc)**
Swatch rows 4 to 13	Repeat swatch rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as swatch row 2, every odd-numbered row as swatch row 3.

Before you start

- Begin with the ribbing, a long narrow strip of rows that becomes the top of the sack. The body is then worked into the ends of those rows, along one long edge of the strip, and goes on from there down to the foot. It is worked flat and sewn up the side at the end.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc, and "top of turning ch" is the top chain of that ch 3.
- "5 dc in next st" puts all 5 stitches in that one place: they make one shell. "2 dc in same st" puts them into the first st, the one the ch 3 stands on.

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- The rows of the ribbing are worked in the back loop of each st, which makes ribs. The shells are all worked under both loops.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Between stripes of 2 rows do not cut the old yarn: leave it hanging at the edge and bring it loosely up the side when its turn comes again.
- Yarn B is cut when its last stripe is done, and leaves a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges side by side. With the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain, go under the two free strands of each chain, whether or not a stitch was worked into it. The chain skipped at the start of row 1 is not sewn. On the ends of rows, go under two strands at the very edge of each row. Fasten each sewing length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 3 times into the same place.
- For a baby or toddler who is awake and has a grown-up watching. It is not for sleep, and not for a crib, a cot, a swing or a car seat. Keep the edge of the top well below the face.

Instructions

Chosen: Newborn. 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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet, dc is treble, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together and sk is miss.

Ribbing

Yarn A, pale sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 73**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(16 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 73: tick them off as you go.

2	3	4	5	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	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73															

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off: the body goes on with the same yarn.	

Body

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

Row 73 of the ribbing is a right-side row, and the hook is now at its end, at the left. Do not turn over: keep the right side facing you and turn the ribbing a quarter turn clockwise, so that the row ends of this edge lie along the top, the end of row 73 at the right under the hook and the end of row 1 at the left.

Row 1 of the body puts 1 sc into the end of every one of the 73 rows: the first sc goes into the end of row 73, the last into the end of row 1. The ribbing is a little shorter than the body is wide and draws the top in.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the ends of the rows on the left of the Ribbing, right side facing: 73 row ends.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in end of each of next 73 rows	**(73 sc)**

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Shells

☐ **Row 2**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 12 times**	**(13 sc, 60 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(61 dc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(13 sc, 60 dc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(61 dc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(13 sc, 60 dc)**
☐ **Rows 7 to 36**	Repeat rows 3 to 6 in order, over and over. The last row, row 36, is worked as row 4.	

A box for each row, 7 to 36: tick them off as you go.

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 33 34 35 36

Foot

☐ **Row 37**	**Yarn A.** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 35 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 36 sts	**(71 sc, 1 sc2tog)**
☐ **Rows 38 to 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(72 sc)**

A box for each row, 38 to 39: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 12 times**	**(48 sc, 12 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 12 times**	**(36 sc, 12 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 12 times**	**(24 sc, 12 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 12 times**	**(12 sc, 12 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 12 times**	**(12 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 80 in (203 cm) to sew with.	

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Assembly

1. Foot: thread the long tail on the yarn needle and pass it under both loops of each of the 12 sts of the last row, beginning with the st at the other end of the row. Pull it tight so that the sts close in a ring, and sew 3 times through them.

2. Side: fold the sack with the right side inside, so that the two side edges of the body meet. With the same tail, whip stitch them together from the foot to the ribbing: 1 stitch to each of the 12 rows of the foot, 2 to each of the 35 rows of shells and 1 to row 1, 83 stitches in all.

3. Ribbing: go on with the same tail and whip stitch the last row of the ribbing to its foundation chain, stitch to stitch: 16 stitches. Fasten off and weave in the end.

4. Turn the sack right side out. Turn the upper half of the ribbing down over the outside: the cuff is about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) deep.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice. Leave no loose loop inside where fingers or toes could catch.

In all: 4,360 stitches (1,168 in the ribbing, 3,192 in the body).

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