Baby V-neck cardigan with elbow patches

6-12 months, to fit chest 18 in (45.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 21¼ in (54 cm) at the chest and about 11 in (28 cm) long
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches, a band with buttonholes, simple shaping and 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: navy blue, main color — **about 425 yd (389 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm camel, contrast — **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 180 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, stitch markers, 3 buttons, 5/8 in (15 mm) across, sewing thread and a sewing needle and pins.

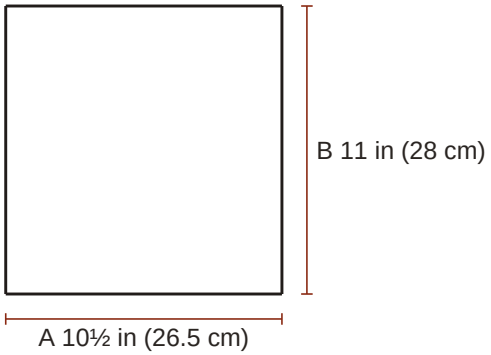
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

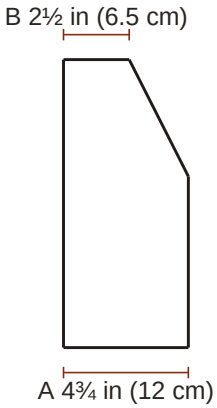
Size	To fit chest	Yarn, an estimate	Chest (buttoned)	Length from the shoulder	Armhole depth	Sleeve with the cuff	Upper sleeve around	Cuff around	Back neck, before the band	Depth of the V-neck, before the band
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 390 yd (357 m)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 440 yd (402 m)**	**21¼ in (54 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**8½ in (21.5 cm)**	**6½ in (16.5 cm)**	**5½ in (14 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 490 yd (448 m)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 540 yd (494 m)	23¼ in (59 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)

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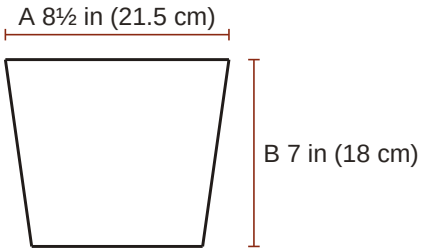
Schematic



Back
A half the chest
B from top to bottom



Front (make 2)
A each front
B each front



Sleeve (make 2)
A the top of the sleeve, opened flat
B the sleeve

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. Ribs and front band: worked in back loop single crochet (UK: double crochet), 16 sts and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm); a rib of 5 sts is about 1¼ in (3 cm) deep. Elbow patches: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- On a baby: sew every button on very firmly, and look at each one before every wear.
- Baby sizes, chosen by the chest.
- The finished chest is 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; 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, unless the words of a piece say otherwise. Mark the right side of each piece with a stitch marker or a scrap of yarn.
- 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.
- The ribs are worked sideways and the body and sleeves are worked up from one long edge of a rib, one stitch in the end of each rib row. The rib draws in a little.
- To work into a chain space, put the hook under the whole chain.
- In the finishing cut a length of yarn about three times as long as the seam.

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- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] twice: work what is inside twice in all.
(5 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.

Hem rib

Yarn A, navy blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(5 sc)

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Front hem rib: make 2, one for each front

Yarn A, navy blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(5 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Back

Yarn A, navy blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (42 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(42 hdc)
	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	
☐ **End**	The back measures about 10½ in (26.5 cm) wide and 11 in (28 cm) long. The last row is its top edge: its first 10 sts and its last 10 sts are the shoulders, and the 22 sts between them are the neck. Fasten off.	

Front: make 2, alike

Yarn A, navy blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Both fronts are worked from these rows. With the odd-numbered rows on the outside the piece is the left front as worn; turn the second piece over, so that its odd-numbered rows lie on the inside, and it is the right front. When a front is done, mark its outside: in the band and the finishing 'right side' means the outside. Hold a front hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (19 sc). This is row 1.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(19 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog. The neck edge is at the end of this row	(18 hdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(17 hdc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(17 hdc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(15 hdc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 29**	Repeat Rows 18 to 23, once more	(11 hdc)
	24 25 26 27 28 29	
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(11 hdc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rows 32 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
	32 33	
☐ **End**	The V-neck begins with row 19; its 9 decreases all lie at the neck edge. The front measures about 4¾ in (12 cm) wide above the hem rib; the front band, with its two halves one over the other, adds about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to the chest later (the size list counts it). The 10 sts left at the top are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

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Cuff rib: make 2

Yarn A, navy blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(5 sc)
	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	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, navy blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold a cuff rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (26 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(28 hdc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
	5 6 7	
☐ **Rows 8 to 19**	Repeat Rows 4 to 7, 3 more times (30, 32, 34 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(34 hdc)
	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(34 hdc)
☐ **End**	The sleeve measures about 8½ in (21.5 cm) across the top and 7 in (18 cm) long, with the cuff. Fasten off.	

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Front band

Yarn A, navy blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 2 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the lower corner of the right front edge (as worn), at the edge of the hem rib. Ch 1; sc in each of the 5 sts or chs along the end of the front hem rib, then along rows 1 to 18, [sc in the end of each of the next 8 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice (20 sc), up the straight part of the front edge; then up the slanted edge, along rows 19 to 33, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 5 times (20 sc); sc in each of the 22 free sts of the back neck; then down the slanted edge of the left front, along rows 33 to 19, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 5 times (20 sc), and down its straight part, along rows 18 to 1, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 8 rows] twice (20 sc); then sc in each of the 5 sts or chs along the end of the front hem rib. There are 112 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 24 sts, 2 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 19 sts, sc2tog in back loops only, sc in back loop only of next 20 sts, sc2tog in back loops only, sc in back loop only of next 19 sts, 2 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 24 sts (112 sc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 44 sts, sc2tog in back loops only, sc in back loop only of next 20 sts, sc2tog in back loops only, sc in back loop only of next 21 sts, [ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in back loop only of next 7 sts] twice, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in back loop only of next 3 sts (104 sc, 3 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 3 sts, [2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in back loop only of next 7 sts] twice, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in back loop only of next 2 sts, 2 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 18 sts, sc2tog in back loops only, sc in back loop only of next 18 sts, sc2tog in back loops only, sc in back loop only of next 18 sts, 2 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 25 sts (110 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across (110 sc)
☐ **End**	The increases lie where the V begins and the decreases at the shoulder seams, so that the band lies flat. The 3 ch-2 sps of row 3 are the buttonholes; they are on the left front, as on boys' clothes. The band is about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide. Fasten off.

Elbow patch: make 2

Yarn B, warm camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 5.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st (8 sc)

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☐ **Rows 4 to 10** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 11 to 12** 11 12	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	The patch is about 2 in (5 cm) wide and 2½ in (6.5 cm) high. Its foundation chain is its lower edge. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 26 in (65 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Shoulders: lay the fronts on the back with right sides together and the side edges level. With yarn A sew the 10 shoulder sts of each front to the 10 sts at that end of the last row of the back. The 22 sts between them stay free for the neck.

2. Front band: work it now, as written above.

3. Elbow patches: lay each sleeve flat with its right side up and the cuff toward you. Lay a patch on it, right side up, with its foundation chain along the line between rows 4 and 5 of the sleeve and the middle of the patch (the line between its two middle sts) on the line between the two middle sts of the sleeve rows. Pin it without stretching it, and sew it down all round with small whip stitches, with its own end of yarn B.

4. Sleeves: count 14 row ends down from the shoulder seam on each side edge of the body, front and back, and put a marker below the last one counted. With right sides together, put the middle of the top edge of a sleeve (the line between its sts 17 and 18) at the shoulder seam and its two ends at the markers. With yarn A sew its first 17 sts to the 14 row ends of one side and its other 17 sts to the 14 row ends of the other side: 17 sts lie along 14 row ends, so the stitches are spaced a little closer than the rows.

5. Sides and sleeves: fold the cardigan at the shoulders, right sides together. With yarn A sew each side seam from the marker down to the lower edge of the hem rib, row end to row end and rib to rib, and each sleeve seam from the underarm to the edge of the cuff.

6. Buttons: lap the left front over the right front, so that the whole of one half of the band lies on the other. Put a marker in the right half of the band under the middle of each of the 3 buttonholes, in row 3 of the band, and sew a button there. Sew each button on with the sewing thread, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread, so that a baby cannot pull it off. See that each button is firm before every wear.

Finishing

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

In all: 7 pieces; 4,846 stitches (210 in the hem rib, 95 in each front hem rib, 1,344 in the back, 513 in each front, 130 in each cuff rib, 606 in each sleeve, 436 in the front band, 84 in each elbow patch).

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