Baby's first Christmas stocking

US terms



Finished size
About 7¼ × 9¼ in (18 × 23 cm)
About 7¼ in (18.5 cm) wide, heel to toe, and 9¼ in (23.5 cm) tall (18 by 23 cm), without the hanging loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 8 pieces, color changes and 3 special stitches.

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: soft mint, rows 1 to 4, 7 to 10, 13 to 16, 19 to 22, 25 to 28, 31 to 34 and 37 to 40 of the sides	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, rows 5, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18, 23, 24, 29, 30, 35, 36, 41 and 42 of the sides and the cuff	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: berry red, the toes, the heels and the heart	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 70 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In half double crochet: 18 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.

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- The toe is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- The heel is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The two sides are alike; one is the front and one is the back. Lay a side with the face toward you that faced you in row 1, and row 1 at the bottom: the toe points right. The straight edge on the left, rows 8 to 42, is the back edge; the slanted edge below it, rows 1 to 7, is for the heel. The upright edge at the lower right, rows 1 to 14, is for the toe; the edge above it, rows 15 to 42, is the front edge. The foundation chain, 17 stitches long, is the sole.
- Every row with mini bobbles is worked with the other face toward you. Push the bobbles of the front out to the face that faced you in row 1; push the bobbles of the back out to the other face, because the back is turned over.
- Round 1 of the heart begins and ends with a ch 3, one at each side of the dip at the top of the heart. These two ch-3 spaces are not in its count; round 2 begins in the first of them and ends in the other. The single tr in the middle of round 1 is the point.
- The toe and the heel are each half a circle, with the ring in the middle of the straight edge; the toe is the larger. Both faces of them look much the same, and so do both faces of the cuff.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 8 in (20 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 12 in (30 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 15¼ in (39 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 16 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(17 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Special stitches

mini bobble: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops; push it to the right side.

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

Side: make 2

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

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 16 chs	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts Fasten off A.	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, **[**mini bobble in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, mini bobble in next st, sc in next 6 sts Fasten off B.	(18 sc, 4 mini bobble)
☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in next st	(23 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts	(24 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 10** 9 10	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across Fasten off A.	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, **[**mini bobble in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**, mini bobble in next st, sc in next 4 sts Fasten off B.	(19 sc, 5 mini bobble)
☐ **Row 13**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 21 sts	(1 sc3tog, 21 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts Fasten off A.	(20 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 17**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(21 sc)

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☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, **[**mini bobble in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, mini bobble in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(16 sc, 3 mini bobble, 1 sc2tog)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 19**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(18 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Rows 21 to 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
	21 22	
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 23**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, **[**mini bobble in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, mini bobble in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(15 sc, 4 mini bobble)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 25**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
	26 27 28	
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 29**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, **[**mini bobble in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, mini bobble in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(16 sc, 3 mini bobble)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 31**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **Rows 32 to 34**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
	32 33 34	
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 35**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, **[**mini bobble in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, mini bobble in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(15 sc, 4 mini bobble)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 37**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **Rows 38 to 40**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(19 sc)
	38 39 40	
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 41**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(19 sc)

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☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, **[**mini bobble in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, mini bobble in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(16 sc, 3 mini bobble)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Toe: make 2

Yarn C, berry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 1, 4 hdc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(20 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Heel: make 2

Yarn C, berry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 1, 4 hdc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(4 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in each st across	(8 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(16 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cuff

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 9 chs	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 44**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in each st across	(10 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 43 44

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing.	

Heart

Yarn C, berry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3, 3 tr in ring, 3 dc in ring, ch 1, tr in ring, ch 1, 3 dc in ring, 3 tr in ring, ch 3, sl st in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(7 tr, 6 dc, 2 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sl st in first sc to join	(26 sc, 2 hdc, 1 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Front: lay one side as the notes say, so that the toe will point right. Lay a toe over the upright edge: its straight edge upright, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left of the upright edge of the side, its round edge to the right, and the ring level with the top of row 7. The straight edge of the toe is as long as the upright edge, 7 rows of the side below the ring and 7 rows above it. With the tail of the toe, sew its straight edge down on the front; turn the work over and sew the upright edge of the side to the back of the toe.
- Lay a heel over the slanted edge of the same side: its straight edge lies on the side, in the same slant, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) in from the slanted edge; its round edge points down and to the left, beyond the side. The upper end of the straight edge lies at the back edge, over the end of row 9, and the lower end lies at the sole, over the chain of the 17 that is farthest from the toe. With the tail of the heel, sew its straight edge down on the front; turn the work over and sew the slanted edge of the side to the back of the heel.
- Back: lay the other side with the face down that faced you in row 1, so that the toe will point left, and sew on the other toe and the other heel in the same way, in mirror image.
- Joining: hold the two sides together with the toes, the heels and the bobbles on the outside, edge to edge, the front toward you, the toe pointing right. With B, join with a slip stitch through both at the top of the back edge and ch 1. Work sc through all the layers, as follows. Back edge: 1 sc in each of the 33 ends of rows 42 to 10. Heel: round the 16 stitches of the round edge of both heels, also where the first and the last of them lie on the sides, [1 sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 4 times. Sole: of the 17 chains one at each end is covered, by the heel and by the toe; 1 sc in each of the 15 chains between. Toe: round the 20 stitches of the round edge of both toes, also where the first and the last of them lie on the sides, [1 sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 5 times. Front edge: 1 sc in each of the 28 ends of rows from row 15 up. Keep the seam flat. Leave the top open. Fasten off.
- Cuff: the 44 rows are the ribs and run up and down; the ends of the rows are its upper and lower edges. With its tail, sew the last row to the foundation edge to make a ring; either face may be outside. Slip the ring over the top of the stocking, its seam over the seam of the back edge and its upper edge level with the top of the stocking. With the same tail, sew these two edges together all round, easing the cuff in; the rest of the cuff hangs down over the outside.
- The 1 on the heart: hold the heart with its point straight down. With B, work on its right side an upright line in backstitch, ¾ in (1.9 cm) long in 3 stitches, straight through the magic ring, from 3/8 in (1 cm) above the ring to 3/8 in (1 cm) below it; then 1 straight stitch from the upper end of this line to a point ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left and ¼ in (0.6 cm) lower; then a level line in backstitch, ½ in (1.3 cm) long in 2 stitches, whose middle is the lower end of the upright line.
- Heart: lay it on the front of the cuff, right side up, its point straight down, with the point ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the lower edge of the cuff and the heart the same distance from the two sides. With its tail, sew it to the cuff only, all round its edge.
- Hanging loop: join B with a slip stitch in the upper edge of the cuff, at its seam, ch 18, work a slip stitch in the same place and fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces.

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