Baby hooded poncho with bear ears

12-18 months, to fit chest 19 in (48.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 13¼ in (33.5 cm) at the neck and about 4½ in (11.5 cm) at the front opening

To fit a chest of 19 in (48.5 cm) and a head of up to 18½ in (47 cm) around

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches in rows and rounds, a hood and two ears

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.

You will need

Yarn A: camel, main — **about 525 yd (480 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, contrast — **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 1 button, ¾ in (20 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	Chest	Neck around, buttoned	Front opening, from the neck	Depth from the neck to the lower edge	Around the lower edge	Hood height at the face	Hood depth from the face	Yarn, an estimate
6-12 months	18 in (45.5 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	32¾ in (83 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	about 545 yd (498 m)
12-18 months (this file)	**19 in (48.5 cm)**	**13¼ in (33.5 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**11¾ in (30 cm)**	**35¼ in (89.5 cm)**	**8½ in (21.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**about 600 yd (549 m)**
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	37¾ in (96 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	about 680 yd (622 m)

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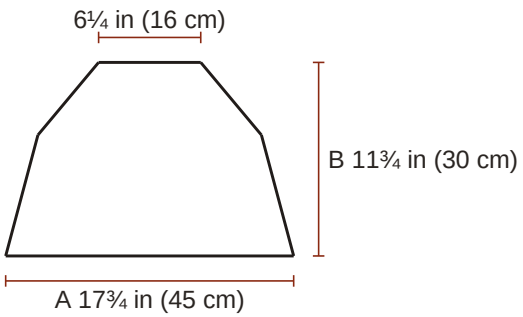
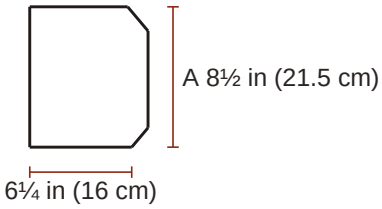
Schematic



Poncho, laid flat
A half the around the lower edge
B the depth from the nek to the lower edge



Hood, folded
A the hood height at the face

Abbreviations

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

hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
sp	space

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. It leaves 1 hdc2tog for the next row or round.

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. Border and ears: 16 sts and 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet).

Before you start

- Three baby sizes.
- A poncho hangs free. Choose by the chest and by the depth; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The chain at the start of a row or a round (ch 1) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the first stitch, at the base of the chain, and the last stitch of a row into the last stitch of the row below.
- Row 1 is a right side row, and so is every odd row of the top, of the hood and of the border. The rounds are not turned; their right side always faces you.

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- A decrease counts as 1 st.
- To work into the end of a row, insert the hook under two threads at the side of its edge stitch.
- Sew the button and the ears on firmly and pull at each to see that it holds. A poncho with a hood is for a baby who is awake and watched; it is not for sleep or for a car seat.
- 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.
- 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.
- Around at row 15, 4½ in (11.5 cm) below the neck 27¼ in (69 cm).

Instructions

Chosen: 12-18 months, to fit chest 19 in (48.5 cm). 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 hdc is half treble, sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Top

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	The top is worked in rows; its two ends are the front opening. With yarn A, ch 51.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(50 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, [hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts	**(66 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(66 hdc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts	**(74 hdc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(74 hdc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 7 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts	**(82 hdc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(82 hdc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, [hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice	**(90 hdc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(90 hdc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts	**(98 hdc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(98 hdc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts	**(106 hdc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(106 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

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Poncho

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 15 of the top, a right side row. Do not turn. With the right side facing, ch 3, and join the row into a ring with a sl st in its first hdc: the front opening ends here, and the 3 chs lie under its two borders. They count as 3 sts: rnd 16 is worked into the sts of row 15 and then into the 3 chs. From here the poncho is worked in rounds, and the rnds are numbered on from row 15. Colors: rnds 16 to 37 yarn A; rnds 38 to 40 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnds 16 to 17**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(109 hdc)**
	A box for each round, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go. 16 17	
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1; hdc in next 10 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 3 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts**] 4 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 19 to 21**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(117 hdc)**
	A box for each round, 19 to 21: tick them off as you go. 19 20 21	
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, **[**hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	**(125 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 23 to 25**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(125 hdc)**
	A box for each round, 23 to 25: tick them off as you go. 23 24 25	
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 3 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts**] 4 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	**(133 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 27 to 29**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(133 hdc)**
	A box for each round, 27 to 29: tick them off as you go. 27 28 29	
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1; hdc in next 4 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts**] 4 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	**(141 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 31 to 40**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(141 hdc)**
	A box for each round, 31 to 40: tick them off as you go. 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Hood

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the poncho so that the foundation chain is uppermost. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the first ch at the right-hand end that holds an hdc of row 1 (this is the right front edge, as worn). The 50 sts of row 1 are worked into the 50 chs that hold the hdc of row 1 of the top, along their free side.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each ch across	**(50 hdc)**

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☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; [hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice, [hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; [hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice, [hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st] twice	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(58 hdc)**

A box for each row, 5 to 24: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 27 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 27 sts	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 26 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 26 sts	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 25 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 25 sts	**(52 hdc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 24 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 24 sts	**(50 hdc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 23 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 23 sts	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **End**	The two hdc2tog of rows 25 to 29 lie at the middle of the back of the hood and round off its top. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 15 in (40 cm) for sewing.	

Border

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 2 of the finishing. With the right side facing, join yarn B in the end of row 15 of the top, at the lower end of the right front edge of the opening (as worn). Row 1 goes up the 15 row ends of the right front edge to the neck, up the 29 row ends of the right side of the hood to the seam at its top, down the 29 row ends of the left side of the hood to the neck, and down the 15 row ends of the left front edge to the foot of the opening.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; [2 sc in the end of next row, sc in the end of each of next 5 rows] twice, 2 sc in the end of next row, sc in the end of each of next 2 rows, now up the hood, **[**2 sc in the end of next row, sc in the end of each of next 5 rows**] 4 times**, 2 sc in the end of next row, sc in the end of each of next 4 rows, now down the hood, **[**2 sc in the end of next row, sc in the end of each of next 5 rows**] 4 times**, 2 sc in the end of next row, sc in the end of each of next 4 rows, now down the left front, [2 sc in the end of next row, sc in the end of each of next 5 rows] twice, 2 sc in the end of next row, sc in the end of each of next 2 rows	**(104 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(104 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 14 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 88 sts	**(102 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 88 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 14 sts	**(104 sc)**
☐ **End**	The ch-2 sp of row 3 is the buttonhole; it lies just below the neck. Fasten off.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; 2 sc in each of next 6 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	The ear is about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Ear center: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; 2 sc in each of next 6 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Top of the hood: fold the hood in half with right sides together, so that its two row-edge sides lie level (these are the two sides of the face). Sew the first 24 sts of the last row to the last 24 sts, st to st, through both loops, with the long end. Turn the hood right side out.

2. Border: work it now, as written above.

3. Foot of the opening: lap the right front border (as worn) over the left one, edge over edge, so that the two lie one on the other. Sew the lower ends of both borders, through both layers, along the 3 chs at the foot of the opening with yarn B.

4. Button: sew it firmly to the left front border under the buttonhole, with the sewing thread.

5. Ear centers: lay each ear center on the middle of the right side of an ear, right side up, and whip stitch its edge down all round.

6. Ears: each ear is sewn to the outside of the hood, its center toward the front. On each side of the hood count 11 sts of the hood from the border: the ear stands on the line between the 11th and the 12th st, over rows 20 to 26 (7 rows). Lay sts 1 to 9 of the last rnd of the ear along that line, on the left as you look at the face of the hood with st 1 at row 20 and st 9 at row 26, on the right with st 1 at row 26 and st 9 at row 20, and sew these 9 sts down firmly, once along the front of the ear and once along the back. The other 21 sts of the edge stay free.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 6,769 stitches (1,198 in the top, 3,269 in the poncho, 1,636 in the hood, 414 in the border, 90 in each ear, 36 in each ear center).

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