Chevron baby cardigan

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



Finished size
About 21 in (53.5 cm) at the chest and about 11 in (28 cm) long
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Ripple rows, simple shaping, a few seams

Yarn
Light (3), 4 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: soft cream, main color	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm coral, contrast	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: soft teal, color 3	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: dove gray, color 4	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 170 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, 5 buttons, ½ in (12 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 (buttoned)	Length from the shoulder	Armhole depth	Sleeve with the cuff	Upper sleeve around	Cuff around	Back neck, before the edging
0-3 months	16 in (40.5 cm)	about 330 yd (302 m)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 400 yd (366 m)	19¾ in (50 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 425 yd (389 m)**	**21 in (53.5 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**8½ in (21.5 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm)**	**5½ in (14 cm)**
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 515 yd (471 m)	22 in (56 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)

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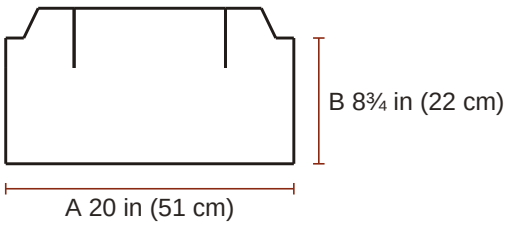
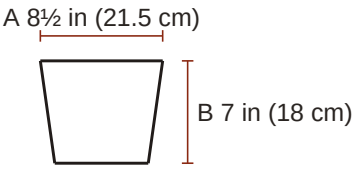
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 535 yd (489 m)	23¼ in (59 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)

Schematic



Body, laid open
A the whole width
B the lower part



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. Ripple rows of the body: 18 sts and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in ripple stitch (count along a row over whole waves, and measure straight across). Swatch: ch 31. Row 1 (RS): Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Rows 2 to 18: Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, [hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts] twice, hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in last st. The swatch of 18 rows is about 6¾ in (17 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) high. Check the stitches over the whole width, 3 waves, and the rows over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Bands and neck edging: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Cuffs: worked sideways in back loop single crochet, 16 sts and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm). The rows go around the wrist, so a cuff is a little narrower than the sleeve above it.

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 from 2¾ in (7 cm) to 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- The body is worked from the hem up in one piece: right front, back and left front. Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Mark the right side with a stitch marker or a scrap of yarn.
- Ripple rows: the pairs of increases come over the pairs of increases and the two decreases over the two decreases, so that the waves stand over one another. 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.
- 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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- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge after 6 rows or fewer and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **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.

[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.

(90 hdc): 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.

Body

Yarn B, warm coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 91. Colors, counted from row 1: 2 rows yarn B, 2 rows yarn A, 2 rows yarn C, 2 rows yarn D; repeat these 8 rows to the end (the last repeat may stop part way).	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(90 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts**] 8 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in last st	(90 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; [sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st] 9 times. This row fills the waves in and makes the top edge level	(18 sc, 18 hdc, 36 dc, 18 tr)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 10 times**	(80 sc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

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Right front

Yarn A, soft cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 20 of the body, with the right side facing after the turn: the right front (as worn) is worked on the first 19 sts of row 21.	
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 19 sts, leave the last 61 sts unworked	(19 hdc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(19 hdc)
22 23 24 25 26 27		
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 14 sts, leave the last 5 sts unworked. The neck edge is at the end of this row	(14 hdc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(13 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rows 31 to 32**	Repeat Rows 29 and 30, once more	(10 hdc)
31 32		
☐ **Rows 33 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
33 34		
☐ **End**	The 5 unworked sts of row 27 and the edge above them are the neck edge; the 10 sts of the last row are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

Back

Yarn A, soft cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 20 of the body, with the right side facing. Join yarn A in the next unworked st of row 20, beside the right front; the first st of row 21 goes in that st.	
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in next 42 sts, leave the last 19 sts unworked	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(42 hdc)
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34		
☐ **End**	The first 10 sts and the last 10 sts of the last row are the shoulders; the 22 sts between them are the neck. Fasten off.	

Left front

Yarn A, soft cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 20 of the body, with the right side facing. Join yarn A in the next unworked st of row 20, beside the back; the first st of row 21 goes in that st.	
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(19 hdc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(19 hdc)
22 23 24 25 26 27		
☐ **Row 28**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 5 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 14 sts	(14 hdc)

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☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(13 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rows 31 to 32** 31 32	Repeat Rows 29 and 30, once more	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rows 33 to 34** 33 34	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **End**	The 5 skipped sts of row 27 and the edge above them are the neck edge; the 10 sts of the last row are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

Cuff rib: make 2

Yarn C, soft teal.

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

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, soft cream.

☐ **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** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **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** 5 6 7	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 19** 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Repeat Rows 4 to 7, 3 more times (30, 32, 34 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(34 hdc)
☐ **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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Button band

Yarn C, soft teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 2 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn C at the neck end of the straight edge of the left front (as worn). Ch 1; going down to the lower corner, along rows 27 to 21, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows (8 sc), then along rows 20 to 19, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (2 sc), then along rows 18 to 1, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 5 times (23 sc); 33 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(33 sc)
☐ **End**	The band is about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide. Fasten off.	

Buttonhole band

Yarn C, soft teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 2 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn C at the lower corner of the right front edge (as worn). Ch 1; going up to the neck, along rows 1 to 18, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 5 times, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (23 sc), then along rows 19 to 20, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (2 sc), then along rows 21 to 27, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row (8 sc); 33 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st	(23 sc, 5 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(33 sc)
☐ **End**	The 5 ch-2 sps of row 3 are the buttonholes. The band is about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide. Fasten off.	

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Neck edging

Yarn C, soft teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 3 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn C at the neck end of the last row of the buttonhole band. Ch 1; sc in the end of each of the 5 band rows, sc in each of the 5 unworked sts of the right front, along rows 28 to 34, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice, sc in the end of the next row (9 sc), up to the shoulder seam, sc in each of the 22 free sts of the back neck, along rows 34 to 28, sc in the end of the next row, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] twice (9 sc), down the left front, sc in each of its 5 skipped sts and sc in the end of each of the 5 band rows. There are 60 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(60 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Shoulders: lay the fronts on the back with right sides together. 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. Bands: work the button band and the buttonhole band now, as written above.

3. Neck edging: work it now, as written above.

4. Sleeves: 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 foot of the armhole, where the front and the back part above row 20 of the body. With yarn A sew its first 17 sts to the 14 row ends of one side of the armhole 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. Sleeve seams: fold each sleeve lengthwise with the right side inside. With yarn A sew its two sides together from the foot of the armhole to the cuff, and sew the two ends of the cuff rib together with yarn C.

6. Buttons: lap the buttonhole band over the button band, so that the whole of one band lies on the other. Put a marker in row 3 of the button band under the middle of each of the 5 buttonholes, 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: 3 pieces; 4,648 stitches.

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