Child's bear sleeping bag

Child · US terms



Finished size

About 24 × 53½ in (61 × 136 cm)

About 24 in (61 cm) wide and 53½ in (136 cm) long, 39½ in (100.5 cm) of it the bag and 14 in (35.5 cm) the pillow top. To fit a child over three years whose height to the shoulder is up to about 38 in (96.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

It is worked in rows of half double crochet, with a few flat circles; there is a good deal of it.

Yarn

Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2)

Gauge

10 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cocoa, stripes	**about 1,850 yd (1,692 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oatmeal, stripes	**about 525 yd (480 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: espresso, the nose, eyes and mouth	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: washable wool blend

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a stitch marker, 7 buttons about 1¼ in (3 cm) across, with strong thread and a sewing needle, a little stuffing for the ears and a pillow about 18 by 12 in (45.5 by 30.5 cm), to slip into the pillow top.

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 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Doll	a doll of about 18 in (45.5 cm)	9½ × 21 in (24 × 53 cm)	about 435 yd (398 m)
Child (this file)	**a child over three years whose height to the shoulder is up to about 38 in (96.5 cm)**	**24 × 53½ in (61 × 136 cm)**	**about 2,390 yd (2,185 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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
hdc2tog	half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK htr2tog)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

10 stitches and 8 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. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 10 stitches and 8 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 17.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(15 hdc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 12	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(15 hdc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch; the first half double crochet goes into the first stitch, at the foot of the chain.
- The circles are worked in a spiral, not joined: move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The button band is worked in single crochet (UK double crochet), and the chain of 1 at the start of its rows does not count as a stitch.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only two rows are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the side.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- For play and naps on the floor, for a child over three years, with the face and the neck outside the bag. It is not for a baby and not for a crib. The buttons of the doll size are for a child over three as well.
- Colors of the body, row by row. Rows 1 to 4: B. Rows 5 to 12: A. Rows 13 to 14: B. Rows 15 to 22: A. Rows 23 to 24: B. Rows 25 to 32: A. Rows 33 to 34: B. Rows 35 to 42: A. Rows 43 to 44: B. Rows 45 to 52: A. Rows 53 to 54: B. Rows 55 to 62: A. Rows 63 to 64: B. Rows 65 to 74: A. Rows 75 to 79: B. Rows 80 to 107: A.
- Color A: the pillow front, the ears and the paws. Color B: the button band, the inner ears and the muzzle. Color C: the nose, the eyes and the mouth.
- The front and the back are one piece. Of the 117 stitches of a row, the first 57 stitches of row 1, seen with the right side facing, are the front, and the last 60 are the back; the button band makes the front 60 stitches wide.

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- The button band. With the right side of the body facing, work along the row ends of the front, the edge where row 1 begins: begin at the foundation edge and go up to row 79. Work 5 stitches to every 4 rows: 1 in the end of each row, and a second one in the end of every fourth row and of the last row. Mark the edge after rows 20, 40 and 60: 25 stitches go into each of the first three parts, 20 rows each, and 24 into the last, rows 61 to 79, which makes 99.
- For a bag 5 in (12.5 cm) longer or shorter, work 10 rows more or fewer, one stripe of cocoa and one of oatmeal, before the last cocoa stripe, so that 89 or 69 rows lie below the pillow top. Longer: the button band has 111 stitches, with no second stitch in the last row; its row 2 has the brackets 7 times and ends with sc in next 4 sts instead of sc in next 6 sts, and its row 3 begins with those 4 and has the brackets 7 times; 8 buttons. Shorter: 87 stitches, the brackets 5 times and 8 stitches in those two places; 6 buttons. The length of the bag is not to be changed more than that.

Instructions

Chosen: Child. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, hdc2tog is htr2tog and sk is miss.

Body

Yarns in order of use: B, oatmeal; A, cocoa.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 119.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 12**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Row 13**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 16 to 22**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 22: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22

☐ **Row 23**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 25**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 32**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 32: tick them off as you go.

☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32

☐ **Row 33**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 35**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

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☐ **Rows 36 to 42**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

A box for each row, 36 to 42: tick them off as you go.

36 37 38 39 40 41 42

☐ **Row 43**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 45**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 46 to 52**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

A box for each row, 46 to 52: tick them off as you go.

46 47 48 49 50 51 52

☐ **Row 53**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 54**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 55**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 56 to 62**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

A box for each row, 56 to 62: tick them off as you go.

56 57 58 59 60 61 62

☐ **Row 63**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 64**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Row 65**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 66 to 74**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

A box for each row, 66 to 74: tick them off as you go.

66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74

☐ **Row 75**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 76 to 79**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(117 hdc)**

A box for each row, 76 to 79: tick them off as you go.

76 77 78 79

Pillow top, over the back alone

☐ **Row 80**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in next 60 sts, leave remaining 57 sts unworked	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 81 to 103**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(60 hdc)**

A box for each row, 81 to 103: tick them off as you go.

81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103

☐ **Row 104**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 56 sts, hdc2tog	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **Row 105**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 54 sts, hdc2tog	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Row 106**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 52 sts, hdc2tog	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Row 107**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 50 sts, hdc2tog	**(52 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Pillow front

Yarn A, cocoa.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 62.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(60 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(60 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 24: 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

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 56 sts, hdc2tog	**(58 hdc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 54 sts, hdc2tog	**(56 hdc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 52 sts, hdc2tog	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 2, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 50 sts, hdc2tog	**(52 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Button band

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	The free side edge of the front, RS facing, from its foundation edge up to row 79; 99 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 98 sts	**(99 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts	**(78 sc, 7 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 6 sts	**(99 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Ear: make 4

Yarn A, cocoa.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 hdc in MR	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, hdc in next 2 sts	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 54 in (137 cm) for sewing.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 hdc in MR	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	**(16 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 36 in (91.5 cm) for sewing.	

Muzzle

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 hdc in MR	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, hdc in next 2 sts	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(48 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 66 in (167.5 cm) for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn C, espresso.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 hdc in MR	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

Paw: make 2

Yarn A, cocoa.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 hdc in MR	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, hdc in next 2 sts	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 54 in (137 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the stripes on the wrong side. Fold the body along its length with the wrong side inside, so that the back, 60 stitches wide, with the pillow top above it, lies behind, and the front, 57 stitches wide, lies on it, with the fold at the left as you look at the front.

2. The bottom. Cut a length of B 84 in (213.5 cm) long. Beginning at the fold, whip stitch the foundation edge of the front to the foundation edge of the back, stitch to stitch, over the 57 stitches of the front; then lay the bottom end of the button

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band on the last 3 stitches of the back and go on over them, one stitch of the back to the end of each row of the band, and fasten off.

3. The side stays open from the bottom to the neck. The button band lies on the last 3 stitches of the back, its edge level with the edge of the back. Close the bag so, and sew a button to the inside of the back under the middle of each of the 7 buttonholes, on the second stitch from the edge of the back, with strong thread, going through each button four times or more.

4. The face, sewn on before the pillow front is joined. Lay the pillow front down, right side up, its foundation edge toward you. Muzzle: right side up, its lower edge 4 rows above the foundation edge and its middle at the middle of the width, 30 stitches from each side edge. Whip stitch it down all round with its own tail. Nose: on the muzzle, its upper edge level with the upper edge of the muzzle, in the middle; sew it down all round with its tail.

5. Eyes: with C, ch 14, about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long, two times, each with a tail of 12 in (30 cm) at both ends. Lay each in a shallow curve like a smile, its two ends on row 18 of the pillow front, 10 stitches apart, and its middle on row 16. The inner end of each eye is 11 stitches from the middle of the pillow front. Backstitch each chain down along its middle with one tail.

6. Mouth: with C, ch 12, about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) long, two times, each with a tail of 12 in (30 cm) at both ends. Both begin at the middle of the lower edge of the nose. Each goes straight down for half its length and then curves out to its own side, one to the left and one to the right, like the letter J and its mirror. Backstitch them down.

7. Pillow front. Lay it on the pillow top, both with their right sides out, wrong sides together, its foundation edge at row 80 of the body, so that its 28 rows lie on rows 80 to 107. Cut a length of A 156 in (396 cm) long. Beginning at one end of the foundation edge, whip stitch the side edges together, row to row, then the top edges, 52 stitches to 52 stitches, then the other side edges. The foundation edge stays open for the pillow.

8. Ears. There are two, each of two ear pieces with their wrong sides together. Sew an inner ear on the right side of one piece, in its middle, all round, with its own tail; the other piece is the back of the ear. With one of the two tails whip stitch the edges together, stitch to stitch, 40 stitches, a thin layer of stuffing inside, and hide the other tail inside. The ears stand up behind the top edge of the pillow top, their inner ears to the front, one near each end of the 52 stitches of that edge: count from the end of row 107 and set the ear behind stitches 4 to 15, 12 stitches, its middle behind the middle of them. The lowest 1¾ in (4.5 cm) of the ear lies behind the pillow top and the rest stands above the edge. For each ear cut a new length of A, 36 in (91.5 cm) long. With it whip stitch the top edge of the pillow top to the front of the ear over the 12 stitches, and then the rim of the ear that lies behind to the back of the pillow top.

9. Paws. Sew each paw on the front, right side up, all round with its tail, its upper edge level with the top edge of row 79, the edge of the neck. The inner edge of each paw is 5 stitches from the middle of the width of the bag, which is 30 stitches from the fold. Then make 3 straight stitches on each paw, a new length of C, 24 in (61 cm) long, for each paw: each stitch is 1½ in (4 cm) long and goes from the lower edge of the paw upward, one at its middle and one 1 in (2.5 cm) to each side of that.

Finishing

- Weave in every tail that is left on the wrong side, or inside the pillow top. Slip the pillow in through the open edge.

In all: 12 pieces; 13,847 stitches (10,903 in the body, 1,660 in the pillow front, 276 in the button band, 120 in each ear, 48 in each inner ear, 168 in the muzzle, 24 in the nose, 120 in each paw).

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