Easy baby bunting

US terms



Finished size

About 13¼ in (34 cm) wide and 26 in (66 cm) long, laid flat, with the round of single crochet that edges it but without the ears; the front reaches 19½ in (50 cm) up from the foot and the face opening is 8¼ in (21 cm) wide

Skill

Easy

Worked in rows, with 8 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn

Light (3), 2 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: caramel, rows 1 to 13, 16 to 21, 24 to 29, 32 to 37, 40 to 45, 48 to 53 and 56 to 63 of the front, rows 2 to 8 of the hood and rows 5 to 7 of the ears	**about 285 yd (261 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the back, the hood back, rows 14, 15, 22, 23, 30, 31, 38, 39, 46, 47, 54 and 55 of the front, row 1 of the hood, the bow, the knot and rows 1 to 4 of the ears	**about 430 yd (393 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 290 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.

Gauge

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

In half double crochet the same hook gives 18 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm); the 5 rows of the rib measure about 2 in (5 cm). The size hangs on this gauge: check it too.

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.

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Instructions

US terms.

hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **rem** remaining, **st** stitch.
5 hdc in next st: **all five in that one stitch**. Hdc in next 12 sts: one in each.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
(14 hdc): the row now has 14; a check, not a step. Not 14? **Pull it back**.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

FPdc (Front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back to front round the post of the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice.

BPdc (Back post double crochet; UK BPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front to back round the post of the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice.

Back

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Start**	With B, make a slip knot and ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 13 chs	(14 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 5 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, 5 hdc in next st	(22 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 4 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, 4 hdc in next st	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, 3 hdc in next st	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 30 sts, 3 hdc in next st	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 34 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(38 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 36 sts, 3 hdc in next st	(42 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 40 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(44 hdc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 42 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 44 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 46 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(50 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(50 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 48 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 50 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(54 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(54 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 52 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rows 17 to 18** 17 18	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 54 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(58 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 20 to 64**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)

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 45 46 47
48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

☐ Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Hood back

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 13 chs	(14 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 5 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, 5 hdc in next st	(22 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 4 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, 4 hdc in next st	(28 hdc)
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☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(54 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 52 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rows 17 to 18**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(56 hdc)

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☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 54 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(58 hdc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 22**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)

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☐ Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing.

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Front

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 13 chs	(14 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, 5 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, 5 hdc in next st	(22 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 4 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, 4 hdc in next st	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, 3 hdc in next st	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 30 sts, 3 hdc in next st	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 34 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(38 hdc)
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☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(50 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 48 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(52 hdc)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 14**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 50 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(54 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(54 hdc)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 16**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 52 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rows 17 to 18**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(56 hdc)
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☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 54 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(58 hdc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 21**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
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	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 22**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 24**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 25 to 29**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
	25 26 27 28 29	
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 30**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 32**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Rows 33 to 37**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
	33 34 35 36 37	
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 38**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 40**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Rows 41 to 45**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
	41 42 43 44 45	
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 46**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 48**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Rows 49 to 53**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
	49 50 51 52 53	
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 54**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Row 55**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 56**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Rows 57 to 58**	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across	(58 hdc)
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☐ **Rows 59 to 63** 59 60 61 62 63	Ch 1, turn, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 29 times**	(29 FPdc, 29 BPdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Hood

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 65.	
☐ **Row 1** Fasten off B.	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 63 chs	(64 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	(68 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(72 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 17 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(76 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(80 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(84 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(88 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 21 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(92 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Bow

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 21.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(20 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(20 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing.	

Knot

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Ear: make 2

☐ **Start**	With B, 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 of next 4 sts	(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** Fasten off B.	(16 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**	(20 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**	(28 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 30 in (76 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Hood back: lay the back down, wrong side up, its narrow foot toward you. Lay the hood back above it, wrong side up and turned round, so that its last row, row 22, lies along the last row of the back, row 64, 58 stitches against 58. With the tail of the hood back, sew these two rows together edge to edge. The whole is now a long shape that is round at both ends.
- Lay the hood on the hood back, right side up: the edge with row 8 along the round edge of the hood back, the middle of row 8 (between the 46th and the 47th of its 92 stitches) over the middle of the foundation chain of the hood back, and the two straight ends of the hood on the seam you have just sewn, pointing toward the foot. Pin it, easing it evenly between.
- Lay the front on the back, right side up, foot on foot, rows 1 to 58 of both edge to edge. The 5 rib rows lie beside rows 59 to 64 of the back and reach ¼ in (0.5 cm) past row 64, so that they cover the straight ends of the hood by that much. Pin it all round.
- Edge: with the foot toward you and the front facing you, join A with a slip stitch in the first chain at the left end of the foot, through the foundation chains of the front and the back together, and ch 1. Work one round of single crochet, going along the foot to the right, up the right side, round the hood and down the left side: 1 sc in each of the 14 chains of the foot through both pieces, the first in the chain you joined in; up the right side, through both pieces, 2 sc in the end of each of rows 1 to 13 of the back (26 sc), then over rows 14 to 64 of the back 4 sc for every 3 rows, which is 1 sc in the end of one row, 1 sc in the end of the next and 2 sc in the end of the third (68 sc); round the top 1 sc in each of the 92 stitches of row 8 of the hood, taking in the edge of the hood back that lies behind it (the first and the last of these 92 sc also take in the top corner of the front); down the left side as up the right side, from row 64 to row 1 (68 sc, then 26 sc). Join with a slip stitch in the first sc (294 sc) and fasten off. Between the two sides the straight ends of the hood and the last row of the front stay free.

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- Ears: from the middle of row 8 of the hood count 20 stitches to the left and 20 to the right. At each of these two places slip an ear behind the hood back, right side up, so that it stands out past the edge: the middle of its straight edge (the magic ring) lies ½ in (1.5 cm) in from the tops of row 8, in line with the stitch you counted to, and the straight edge lies the same way as the edge of the hood there, so that it is hidden along its whole length, its two ends just behind row 8. Pin it and turn the bunting over. With its tail, sew the straight edge to the hood back, taking up only the back of its stitches; then sew the ear, where it crosses the edge, to the backs of the single crochet stitches, so that it does not tip forward.
- Bow: thread its tail, which hangs at a corner, on the yarn needle and weave it along row 8 on the wrong side, through the backs of the stitches so that nothing shows on the right side, as far as the middle, between the 10th and the 11th of the 20 stitches; do not pull it tight, so that row 8 stays as long as it was. Bring it out there at the top edge. Lay the bow right side up with its long edges level. Pinch its middle together so that it lies in two or three small folds there, and wind the tail, from the place where it comes out, tightly round the folds 3 times; fasten it at the back. Wrap the knot once round the middle of the bow, right side out, its 4 stitches lying across the bow, and with its tail sew the foundation chain to the last row at the back. With what is left of the two tails, sew the bow to the front, right side up and level: the back of the knot to row 61, at the middle of its 58 stitches, and the two corners at each end of the bow to the rib, so that nothing hangs free.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces.

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.

Notes

- For a baby who is awake, with a grown-up watching. It is not for sleep, for a car seat or for carrying.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- The ear 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 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The bunting has seven kinds of piece: a back, a hood back, a front, a hood, a bow, its knot and two ears. The right side of each is the side that faces you in row 1 and in every odd-numbered row.
- FPdc and BPdc are worked one after the other in every row of the rib. From row 60 on every FPdc is then worked round a post that stands out toward you and every BPdc round one that lies back.
- In the hood, row 1 is the edge round the face and row 8 the outer edge. The ear is a half circle: the ends of its rows make its straight edge, with the ring in the middle.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along its length, without the ears: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 22¼ in (57 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 33¼ in (84 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 42½ in (108 cm).

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