Easy baby romper with straps

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



Finished size

About 21½ in (54.5 cm) at the chest and about 32¼ in (82 cm) at the torso

To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm) and a hip of 19 in (48.5 cm)

Skill

Beginner

Basic stitches in rows, simple shaping and two short seams

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 (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: oatmeal, main color **about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: russet, contrast **about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 150 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, 2 buttons, 5/8 in (15 mm) across, 3 sew-on snaps, 3/8 in (10 mm) across, cotton tape, ½ in (12 mm) wide, about 9½ in (24 cm) (enough for any size; the finishing says how long to cut it), stitch markers 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.

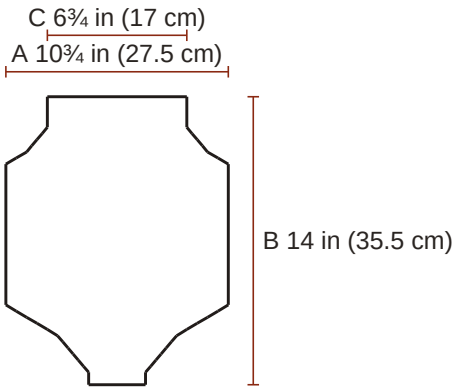
Sizes

Size	To fit chest	Yarn, an estimate	Chest (and hips)	Torso	Underarm to the front top	Front top edge across	Side seam	Crotch across, with the edgings	Around each leg opening, closed
Newborn	14 in (35.5 cm)	about 240 yd (219 m)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	25¼ in (64 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)
0-3 months	16 in (40.5 cm)	about 285 yd (261 m)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	27¼ in (69 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 315 yd (288 m)	20½ in (52 cm)	29¼ in (74.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 370 yd (338 m)**	**21½ in (54.5 cm)**	**32¼ in (82 cm)**	**3¼ in (8.5 cm)**	**6¾ in (17 cm)**	**6¾ in (17 cm)**	**3¾ in (9.5 cm)**	**11½ in (29 cm)**

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12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 420 yd (384 m)	22½ in (57 cm)	34 in (86.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 450 yd (411 m)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	36 in (91.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)

Schematic



Front, without the edgings
A half the chest
B how deep the neck is
C across the top

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. Bands and edgings, in single crochet (UK: double crochet): 16 sts and 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- Baby sizes, chosen by the chest, and by the length of the torso: measure from the top of a shoulder down the front, between the legs over the diaper (UK: nappy) and up the back to the same shoulder. The measure of the romper around the torso, given below, should be from 2 to 4 in (5 to 10 cm) more than that.
- The chest of the finished romper is 3½ in (9 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given. Around the hips the romper is from 2½ in (6.5 cm) to 3½ in (9 cm) wider than the body measurement, for the diaper.
- The front and the back are worked flat, from the crotch up, and sewn together at the sides only. The straps grow out of the back. All the edgings are worked last.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- In rows, the last stitch goes into the last stitch of the row below, never into the turning chain.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- To work into a chain space, put the hook under the whole chain.

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- Stitches worked along row ends go into the edge stitch of each row, under two strands, never into the gap beside it.
- Mattress stitch: lay the two edges side by side with the right sides up; take the needle under two strands of the edge of the one and then of the other, by turns, and draw the yarn up after every few stitches.
- Unbutton both straps to put the romper on or take it off: it goes on over the feet, or over the head with the crotch open as well. For a diaper (UK: nappy) change the crotch alone is opened.
- Nothing on the romper ties or hangs loose: sew every part on firmly, weave the ends in well, and look at buttons, snaps and seams before each wear.
- 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 within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- Underarm to the front top edge, without the edging 3¼ in (8.5 cm).
- Front top edge across, without the edging 6¾ in (17 cm).

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half 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.
(11 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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.

Front

Yarn A, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	The front is worked from the crotch up: row 1 is at the crotch. Rows with odd numbers are right side rows; mark the right side with a stitch marker. With yarn A, ch 12. Colors: rows 1 to 27 yarn A; rows 28 and 29 yarn B; rows 30 and 31 yarn A; rows 32 and 33 yarn B; rows 34 to 47 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(11 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(11 hdc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(23 hdc)
3 4 5 6 7 8		
☐ **Rows 9 to 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts	(43 hdc)
9 10 11 12 13		
☐ **Rows 14 to 36**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(43 hdc)
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36		
☐ **Rows 37 to 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(35 hdc)
37 38		

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☐ **Rows 39 to 42** 39 40 41 42	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(27 hdc)
☐ **Rows 43 to 47** 43 44 45 46 47	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(27 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back

Yarn A, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	The back is worked from the crotch up: row 1 is at the crotch. Rows with odd numbers are right side rows; mark the right side with a stitch marker. With yarn A, ch 12. Colors: rows 1 to 31 yarn A; rows 32 and 33 yarn B; rows 34 and 35 yarn A; rows 36 and 37 yarn B; rows 38 to 51 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(11 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6** 2 3 4 5 6	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(11 hdc)
☐ **Rows 7 to 12** 7 8 9 10 11 12	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 13 to 17** 13 14 15 16 17	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts	(43 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 40** 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(43 hdc)
☐ **Rows 41 to 42** 41 42	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(35 hdc)
☐ **Rows 43 to 46** 43 44 45 46	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(27 hdc)
☐ **Rows 47 to 51** 47 48 49 50 51	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(27 hdc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Strap, first

Yarn A, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 51 of the back.	
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, leave the last 21 sts unworked	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rows 53 to 60** 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **Row 61**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts	(4 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 2 sts	(6 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 63 to 66** 63 64 65 66	Repeat Rows 59 to 62, once more	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rows 67 to 68** 67 68	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Strap, second

Yarn A, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 51 of the back, with the same side facing you as for row 52 of the first strap. Skip the next 15 unworked sts for the neck and join yarn A in the next st: row 52 begins in that st.	
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rows 53 to 60** 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **Row 61**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts	(4 hdc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 2 sts	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rows 63 to 66** 63 64 65 66	Repeat Rows 59 to 62, once more	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rows 67 to 68** 67 68	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(6 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Side seams: lay the front and the back side by side, with the right sides up and the rust stripes level. At each side, with a new length of yarn A of about 20 in (50 cm), sew the ends of rows 14 to 36 of the front to the ends of rows 18 to 40 of the back with mattress stitch, row to row (23 row ends to 23). The edges below the seams are the legs, the edges above them the armholes.	

Right leg edging, as worn

Yarn B, russet.

☐ **Foundation**	The crotch is still open, so a leg opening is one long curved edge, from the crotch of one piece over the side seam to the crotch of the other. Hold the romper with the right side facing and the right leg opening (as worn) uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 1 of the back, at the crotch. Ch 1; along rows 1 to 17 of the back, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 7 times, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (24 sc); along rows 1 to 13 of the front, met from the last of them, sc in the end of the next row, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row] 6 times (19 sc). There are 43 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(43 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Left leg edging, as worn

Yarn B, russet.

☐ **Foundation**	The crotch is still open, so a leg opening is one long curved edge, from the crotch of one piece over the side seam to the crotch of the other. Hold the romper with the right side facing and the left leg opening (as worn) uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 1 of the front, at the crotch. Ch 1; along rows 1 to 13 of the front, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 6 times, sc in the end of the next row (19 sc); along rows 1 to 17 of the back, met from the last of them, 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 the next row] 7 times (24 sc). There are 43 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(43 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Front crotch band

Yarn B, russet.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the romper with the right side of the front facing and the foundation chain of the front uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 2 of the right leg edging, at the right-hand corner. Ch 1; sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the right leg edging (2 sc); sc in each of the 11 chs of the foundation chain of the front, along their free side (11 sc); sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the left leg edging (2 sc). There are 15 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back crotch band

Yarn B, russet.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the romper with the right side of the back facing and the foundation chain of the back uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 2 of the left leg edging, at the right-hand corner. Ch 1; sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the left leg edging (2 sc); sc in each of the 11 chs of the foundation chain of the back, along their free side (11 sc); sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the right leg edging (2 sc). There are 15 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Top edging: Hold the romper with the right side facing and the straps uppermost. Join yarn B at the left underarm (as worn), in the end of row 37 of the front, the first row above the side seam. Ch 1; up the left armhole edge of the front, along rows 37 to 47 of the front, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 5 times, sc in the end of the next row (16 sc); across row 47 of the front, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 25 sts, 2 sc in the last st (29 sc); down the right armhole edge of the front, along rows 37 to 47 of the front, met from the last of them, sc in the end of the next row, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row] 5 times (16 sc); up the right armhole edge of the back, along rows 41 to 51 of the back, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 5 times, sc in the end of the next row (16 sc); up the outer edge of the strap there, along rows 52 to 68 of the

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strap, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (20 sc); across row 68 of the strap, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the last st (8 sc); down its inner edge, along rows 52 to 68 of the strap, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 3 times (20 sc); sc in each of the 15 sts of row 51 of the back left for the neck (15 sc); up the inner edge of the other strap, along rows 52 to 68 of the strap, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (20 sc); across row 68 of the strap, 2 sc in the first st, sc in each of the next 4 sts, 2 sc in the last st (8 sc); down its outer edge, along rows 52 to 68 of the strap, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 3 times (20 sc); down the left armhole edge of the back, along rows 41 to 51 of the back, met from the last of them, sc in the end of the next row, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row] 5 times (16 sc). There are 204 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1. This is the only round. Fasten off.

2. Crotch snaps: cut 2 pieces of the cotton tape, each 4¼ in (11 cm) long. Turn ¼ in (0.6 cm) of each end of a piece under, so that it is as long as a crotch band. Lay one piece on the wrong side of the front crotch band and one on the wrong side of the back crotch band, the middle of the tape over the line between rows 2 and 3, and sew it down all round with sewing thread, with small stitches that do not show on the right side. The front band closes over the back band, so that the 4 rows of the one lie on the 4 rows of the other. Sew the 3 ball halves of the snaps to the wrong side of the front crotch band, on the tape, and the 3 socket halves to the right side of the back crotch band, through the tape: each on the line between rows 2 and 3, one over each of sts 2, 8 and 14 of the 15 sts. (The places are the same counted from either end.) Sew each one on with sewing thread, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread: it must hold when a baby pulls. See that each one is firm before every wear.

3. Buttons: each strap goes over the shoulder of its own side to the front, and lies on the outside of the front. Sew the 2 buttons to the right side of the front, over row 46, each with its middle between the 3rd and the 4th st from an armhole edge (the edging is not counted). Button each strap at its first buttonhole, in row 61; as the baby grows, use the second one, in row 65. The end of the strap past the button lies flat on the front. Sew each one on with sewing thread, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread: it must hold when a baby pulls. See that each one 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: 3,774 stitches (1,677 in the front, 1,721 in the back, 100 in the strap, first, 100 in the strap, second, 43 in the right leg edging, as worn, 43 in the left leg edging, as worn, 45 in the front crotch band, 45 in the back crotch band).

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