Fox diaper cover

6-12 months, to fit waist 18½ in (47 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22 in (56 cm) at the hip and about 7½ in (19 cm) at the front waist to the middle

To fit a waist of 18½ in (47 cm) and a hip of 19 in (48.5 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Simple shaping, with blocks of color and small parts sewn on

Yarn

Light (3), 3 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: pumpkin, main color	**about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chocolate, color 3	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 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 and tape measure.

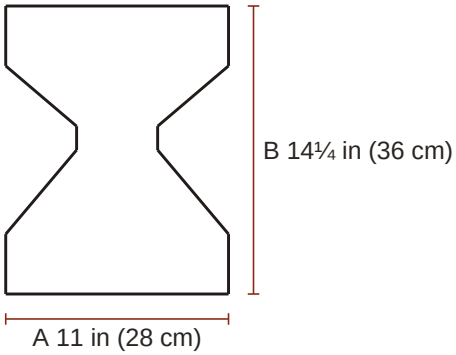
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Waist	Hip	Front waist to the middle of the crotch	Back waist to the middle of the crotch	Around each leg opening	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn	13½ in (34.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	about 145 yd (133 m)
0-3 months	16½ in (42 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	about 200 yd (183 m)
3-6 months	17½ in (44.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	about 210 yd (192 m)
6-12 months (this file)	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**22 in (56 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**8¾ in (22 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**about 250 yd (229 m)**
12-18 months	19½ in (49.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	about 260 yd (238 m)

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Schematic



Cover
A half the hip
B from top to bottom

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. Edgings: 16 sts to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet (UK: treble); one round of single crochet, one of double crochet and one of post stitches are about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) high together.

Notes

- The hip is 3 in (7.5 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size, to go over a diaper (UK: nappy). The waist is as wide as the hip until the cord is drawn in, so that it pulls on. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The cover is worked in rows that are turned. The ch 1 at the start of a row never counts as a stitch: work the first stitch of the row into the first stitch, at the base of the ch 1.
- The waistband and the leg edgings are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you. The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch: work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The cheeks of the fox are worked in three blocks of color, each with its own ball: wind two balls of yarn B, one for each cheek; the first, the larger, works the chin as well. "With A" or "with B" names the yarn for the stitches that follow, until the other yarn is named. To change within a row, work the last yarn over of the stitch before with the new yarn; cross the two yarns on the wrong side (in an even row it is the side that faces you), so that no hole is left. A yarn that begins a row is joined in the last yarn over of the row before. The right side rows are the odd rows.

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- Where the line between two blocks has moved since the row before, the yarn you need hangs a few sts away. At the first change of such a row yarn A hangs further on, 4 sts away at the most: bring it back to the change, lay the strand along the tops of the sts between, and work those sts of yarn A over it. Before the second change the other ball of yarn B, the one that did not begin this row, hangs on the near side of the line, at the place where its block ended: from there on lay its strand along the tops of the sts and work the last sts of yarn A over it, up to the change. The strands lie flat, not pulled tight. No yarn is carried across the whole of another block: after the second change yarn A stays where it is until the next row.
- 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.

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

RS right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in each of next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 44 times: work what is inside 44 times in all.

(44 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.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Cover

Yarns in order of use: A, pumpkin; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	The cover is one piece: it begins at the front waist, goes down to the crotch and up again to the back waist. Rows 1 to 10 are the front, above the legs; rows 11 to 20 shape the front leg edges; rows 21 to 24 are the crotch; rows 25 to 38 shape the back leg edges; rows 39 to 48 are the back, above the legs. Rows 1 to 20 and rows 37 to 48 are yarn A throughout. The chin of the fox, rows 21 to 26, is yarn B throughout, and the cheeks are rows 27 to 36, in blocks of color. At the end of row 20 cut yarn A, and work rows 21 to 26 with the first ball of yarn B. Go on with that ball in row 27; join yarn A again, and the second ball of yarn B, where they are named. At the end of row 36 cut all three, and begin row 37 with yarn A. With yarn A, ch 45.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(44 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
☐ **Rows 11 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(28 hdc)
11 12 13 14		
☐ **Rows 15 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(16 hdc)
15 16 17 18 19 20		
☐ **Rows 21 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(16 hdc)
21 22 23 24		
☐ **Rows 25 to 26**	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	(24 hdc)
25 26		
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; with B 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 8 sts, with A hdc in next 4 sts, with B hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; with B 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 10 sts, with A hdc in next 4 sts, with B hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; with B 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, with A hdc in next 6 sts, with B hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(34 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; with B 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts, with A hdc in next 10 sts, with B hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; with B hdc in next 11 sts, with A hdc in next 14 sts, with B hdc in next 11 sts	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; with B 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, with A hdc in next 18 sts, with B hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(38 hdc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; with B hdc in next 8 sts, with A hdc in next 22 sts, with B hdc in next 8 sts	(38 hdc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; with B 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, with A hdc in next 28 sts, with B hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; with B hdc in next 3 sts, with A hdc in next 34 sts, with B hdc in next 3 sts	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; with B 2 hdc in next st, with A hdc in next 38 sts, with B 2 hdc in next st	(42 hdc)
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(42 hdc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in next st	(44 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 39 to 48**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)
	39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing. Side seams: fold the piece at the crotch, right sides together, so that the foundation chain lies along row 48. At each side sew the ends of rows 1 to 10 to the ends of rows 48 to 39, row 1 to row 48 and row 10 to row 39, with the long end at one side and a new length of yarn A at the other. Turn the right side out.	

Waistband

Yarn A, pumpkin.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the waist uppermost, join yarn A at the right side seam (as worn); ch 1, beginning in the st next to the seam, sc in each of the 44 sts of row 48 of the cover piece, across the back, then sc in each of the 44 chs of the foundation chain of the cover piece, along their free side, across the front (88 sc); the ch skipped at the start of row 1 stays free; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 44 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(44 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(44 fpdcs, 44 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Leg edging: make 2

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn C at the lower end of a side seam; ch 2, work along the leg edge, in the ends of the 28 rows that go from this seam down to the crotch and up again to this seam (at the right side seam, as worn, from row 11 to row 38; at the left side seam from row 38 to row 11): [dc in the end of each of next 3 rows, 2 dc in the end of next row] 4 times, [dc in the end of each of next 2 rows, 2 dc in the end of next row] 4 times (36 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 18 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(18 fpdcs, 18 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Work the second leg edging in the same way at the other side seam.	

Cord

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 141.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(140 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The cord is about 30½ in (77.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

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Ear: make 4

Yarn A, pumpkin.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 9**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 3 more times (8, 6, 4 sc at the ends of the repeats)	(4 sc)
4 5 6 7 8 9		
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog twice	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Inner ear: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, once more	(4 sc)
4 5		
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog twice	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 15 in (40 cm) for sewing.	

Nose

Yarn C, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
3 4		
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog twice	(2 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 14 in (35 cm) for sewing.	

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Assembly

1. Ear edging (make 2): Lay two ears together, wrong sides inside. With one of them facing you and its tip uppermost, join yarn C at the lower right corner; ch 1, and through both ears sc in the end of each of the 12 rows up to the tip, 3 sc in the one st of row 12, sc in the end of each of the 12 rows down to the lower left corner (27 sc). This is the only row. The wide lower edge stays open. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 14 in (35 cm) for sewing.

2. The face is on the back. Nose: lay the cover with its back up and the waist uppermost. Put the nose on it with its wide edge (the foundation chain) uppermost and level with the top of row 29, its middle on the middle of the back, and whip stitch it down all round.

3. Eyes: the middle of row 39 lies between sts 22 and 23. For each eye mark the place 4 sts out from the middle and the place 10 sts out. With a doubled length of yarn C embroider a curve in chain stitch from the one place to the other, sagging in its middle to the lower edge of row 38, like a closed, sleepy eye. Chain stitch: bring the needle up, put it in again at the same place with the yarn held in a loop, bring it up about ¼ in (6 mm) further along inside the loop, and draw up; go on from there, and end with a short stitch over the last loop.

4. Ears: sew an inner ear to the middle of one side of each ear, the wide edges level, right side up, with whip stitch all round. The ears stand up from row 48 of the cover, in front of the waistband as you look at the back: sew the open wide edge of each ear, 12 chs, through both layers, to 12 sts of row 48, just below the waistband, with the inner ear toward you. The first ear takes sts 4 to 15, counted from the right side seam (as worn); the second takes the same sts counted from the left side seam. Fold the waistband up behind them and leave it free. Sew the ears on firmly.

5. Thread the cord through the spaces of rnd 2 of the waistband. There are 44, counted from the join; spaces 23 to 44 are across the front. Go in at space 34 from the outside, come out at the next space, and so on, in and out, around to space 33, where the cord comes out again. Knot each end of the cord and weave its yarn end into the knot.

6. Draw the waist in until it sits well, and tie a bow at the front. See that the waist still pulls on over the diaper (UK: nappy), then sew the bow and the two ends of the cord flat to the waistband with a few stitches of yarn C, so that nothing hangs loose; snip these stitches when the waist is to be let out.

Finishing

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

In all: 9 pieces.

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