Granny square baby cardigan

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



Finished size
About 21¾ in (55 cm) at the chest and about 12 in (30.5 cm) long
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Small granny squares sewn together, ribs of post stitches, bands with buttonholes

Yarn
Light (3), 7 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: vanilla cream, main color	**about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: baby pink, contrast	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale mint, color 3	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: powder blue, color 4	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: soft lilac, color 5	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: pale lemon, color 6	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: light peach, color 7	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 190 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, 3 buttons, 5/8 in (15 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
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 400 yd (366 m)	20½ in (52 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 480 yd (439 m)**	**21¾ in (55 cm)**	**12 in (30.5 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**7¾ in (19.5 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm)**	**5¼ in (13.5 cm)**

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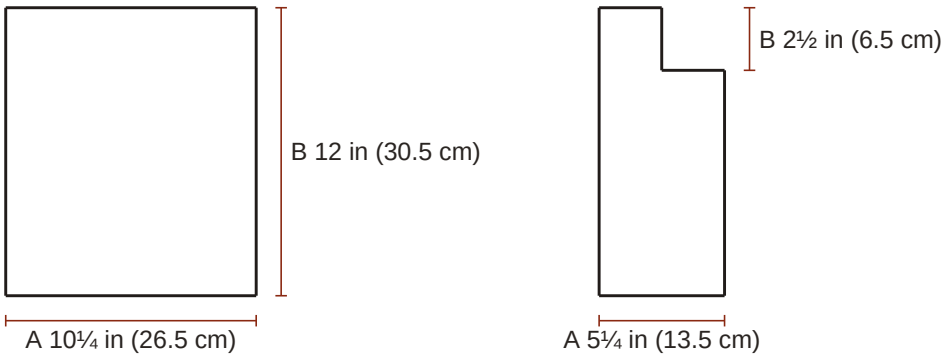
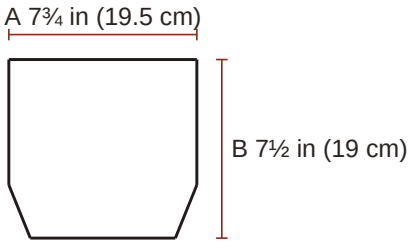
12-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 555 yd (507 m)	24 in (61 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)

Schematic



Back
A half the chest, without the front bands
B from top to bottom

Front (2, mirrored)
A the neck
B how deep the neck is



Sleeve (make 2)
A the top of the sleeve, opened flat
B the sleeve

Gauge

16 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 26; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 13 rows of 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. A square measures what the line at its end says. Measure the first one before you go on, and change the hook for all the squares if it is larger or smaller. Single crochet (UK: double crochet) rows of the bands and edgings: 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Ribs of post stitches: about 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- On a baby: sew every button on very firmly, and look at each one before every wear.
- Three sizes, chosen by the chest. All have the same number of squares; the squares are larger in a larger size, by the rounds of yarn A around them.
- The finished chest is from 3½ in (9 cm) to 4 in (10 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.

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- The chain at the start of a row or round never counts as a stitch (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet). Work the first stitch into the stitch or space at its base.
- The squares and the cuffs are worked in rounds with the right side always facing you. From rnd 2 of a square on a round begins in a corner space: the first stitches go in the same space as the chain. The hem rib, the bands and the neck edging are worked in rows, and their odd-numbered rows are right side rows.
- To work into a chain space, put the hook under the whole chain.
- For the ribs, work around the post (the upright part) of the stitch below, not into its top.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Whip stitch: sew over and over, with the yarn needle. For every seam cut yarn A about three times as long as the seam.
- A row end is the side of the first or the last stitch of a row: work under two strands of it.

Instructions

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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.

ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps): the stitches you have when the round 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.

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.

Square: make 42, 16 for the back, 7 for each front and 6 for each sleeve

Yarns in order of use: B, baby pink; C, pale mint; A, vanilla cream.

☐ **Foundation**	There are 6 kinds of squares. They are worked alike; only the yarns of the first two rounds are not the same. Kind 1: rnd 1 yarn B, rnd 2 yarn C. Kind 2: rnd 1 yarn C, rnd 2 yarn D. Kind 3: rnd 1 yarn D, rnd 2 yarn E. Kind 4: rnd 1 yarn E, rnd 2 yarn F. Kind 5: rnd 1 yarn F, rnd 2 yarn G. Kind 6: rnd 1 yarn G, rnd 2 yarn B. The last round is yarn A in every square. The rounds below are written for kind 1. In all: 9 of kind 1; 7 of kind 2; 9 of kind 3; 7 of kind 4; 6 of kind 5; 4 of kind 6. With yarn B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnd 1 yarn B; rnd 2 yarn C; rnd 3 yarn A. Each new color is joined as its round says.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2) in ring; join with sl st in first dc (12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Fasten off yarn B; join yarn C with a sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc (24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Fasten off yarn C; join yarn A with a sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1; (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in same sp, hdc in next 3 sts, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**(hdc, ch 2, hdc) in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 3 sts, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(36 hdc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. A square measures about 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) along a side, with 9 hdc between its corner ch-2 sps.	

Hem rib

Yarn A, vanilla cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 8 of Assembly. With the right side facing and the lower edge of the body at the top, join yarn A in the corner ch-2 sp at the right-hand end, the front corner of the left front (as worn). Ch 1; sc in that sp, along the left front, the back and the right front sc in each of the 9 sts of each of the 8 squares, with 1 sc in the join between two squares (79 sc), and 2 sc in the last corner ch-2 sp. There are 82 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(82 dc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 41 times**	(41 fpdcs, 41 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cuff: make 2

Yarn A, vanilla cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 9 of Assembly. With the right side facing and the lower edge of a sleeve at the top, join yarn A in the first st of a square after the sleeve seam. Ch 1; sc in each of the 9 sts of each of the 3 squares, passing over the corner sps (27 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(12 fpdcs, 12 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Button band

Yarn A, vanilla cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 10 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the corner ch-2 sp at the neck end of the front edge of the left front (as worn). Ch 1; going down, sc in that sp, sc in each of the 9 sts of each of the 3 squares, with 1 sc in the join between two squares (29 sc), sc in the corner ch-2 sp, sc in the end of row 1 of the hem rib and 2 sc in the end of each of its other 3 rows (7 sc); 38 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	(38 sc)
☐ **End**	The band is about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide. Fasten off.	

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Buttonhole band

Yarn A, vanilla cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 10 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the lower corner of the hem rib on the right front (as worn). Ch 1; going up to the neck, 2 sc in the end of each of the last 3 rows of the hem rib and sc in the end of its row 1 (7 sc), sc in the corner ch-2 sp, sc in each of the 9 sts of each of the 3 squares, with 1 sc in the join between two squares (29 sc), and sc in the corner ch-2 sp at the neck; 38 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(38 sc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, [ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 13 sts] twice, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(32 sc, 3 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, [2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 13 sts] twice, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts	(38 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(38 sc)
☐ **End**	The 3 ch-2 sps of row 3 are the buttonholes. The band is about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) wide. Fasten off.	

Neck edging

Yarn A, vanilla cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 11 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A 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 9 sts of the top of the square of row 3, sc in each of the 9 sts up the inner side of the square of row 4, sc in each of the 9 sts of the first of the 2 free squares of the back neck, sc in the join between them, sc in each of the 9 sts of the second, sc in each of the 9 sts down the inner side of the square of row 4 of the left front, sc in each of the 9 sts of the top of its square of row 3 and sc in the end of each of the 5 band rows. The corner ch-2 sps and the shoulder seams are passed over. There are 65 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 12 sts	(57 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 11 sts	(49 sc)
☐ **End**	The decreases lie at the four corners of the neck, so that the edging lies flat. Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Back: Join squares in this way: lay two squares together with right sides facing, so that the sides that meet lie level, and with yarn A whip stitch them, through both loops of both edges, from corner sp to corner sp: the corner sp, the 9 sts one to one, and the corner sp. Join the squares of each row first, then sew row to row in one long seam. Lay out 16 squares, right side up. The kinds, from left to right, with row 1 at the lower edge: row 1: 1 2 3 4; row 2: 3 4 5 6; row 3: 5 6 1 2; row 4: 1 2 3 4. It comes to about 10¼ in (26 cm) wide and 10¼ in (26 cm) high.

2. Right front: Join the squares as for the back. Lay out 7 squares, right side up. The kinds, from left to right, with row 1 at the lower edge: row 1: 1 2; row 2: 3 4; row 3: 5 6; row 4: 1. The one square of row 4 lies above the first square of row 3, at the left, which is the side edge; the front edge is at the right. The top of the other square of row 3 is the front neck.

3. Left front: Join the squares as for the back. Lay out 7 squares, right side up. The kinds, from left to right, with row 1 at the lower edge: row 1: 2 1; row 2: 4 3; row 3: 6 5; row 4: 1. The one square of row 4 lies above the second square

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of row 3, at the right, which is the side edge; the front edge is at the left. The top of the other square of row 3 is the front neck.

4. Sleeve panel (make 2): Join the squares as for the back. Lay out 6 squares, right side up. The kinds, from left to right, with row 1 at the cuff edge: row 1: 1 2 3; row 2: 3 4 5. It comes to about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) wide and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) high.

5. Shoulders: lay the fronts on the back with right sides together and the side edges level. With yarn A whip stitch the top of the square of row 4 of each front to the top of the square at that end of row 4 of the back, 9 sts to 9 sts. The 2 middle squares of the back stay free for the neck.

6. Sleeves: with right sides together, lay the middle st of the top edge of a sleeve panel (the 5th st of its middle square) on a shoulder seam. Each half of the top edge has 16 places beside this st: the 4 sts and the corner sp that are left of the middle square, and the corner sp, the 9 sts and the corner sp of the outer square. With yarn A sew them, one to one, to the 16 places of the side edge of the body that go down from the shoulder seam: the corner sp, the 9 sts and the corner sp of the square of row 4, and the corner sp and the first 4 sts of the square of row 3. Do this on the front and on the back.

7. Sides and sleeves: fold the cardigan at the shoulders, right sides together. Whip stitch each sleeve seam from the lower edge to the underarm, 2 squares to 2 squares, and go on down the side seam of the body: the 5 sts and the corner sp that are left of the square of row 3, then the squares of rows 2 and 1, to the lower edge.

8. Hem rib: work it now, as written above.

9. Cuff: work one on each sleeve now, as written above.

10. Bands: work the button band and the buttonhole band now, as written above.

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

12. 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 3 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: 42 pieces.

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