Granny stripe baby bloomers

3 months · US terms



Finished size

About 19½ in (49.5 cm) round the hips, and round the waist before it is drawn in, 6¼ in (16 cm) from the waist to the gusset and 8 in (20.5 cm) round each leg, for a baby 14 to 16 in (35.5 to 40.5 cm) round the hips over the diaper

Skill

Easy

It is granny clusters in joined rounds, a small gusset, and two ribbed legs. The sewing is one short seam of the gusset and three stitches through the cord.

Yarn

Light (3), 6 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: cream, the bloomers	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, a stripe	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, a stripe	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter, a stripe	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: mint, a stripe	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: sky, a stripe, the cord and the ribbing	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 75 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a safety pin or a blunt needle, to thread the cord, a yarn needle and scissors.

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	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn	17¾ in (45 cm) round, 5¾ in (14.5 cm)	about 170 yd (155 m)
3 months (this file)	**19½ in (49.5 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm)**	**about 190 yd (174 m)**

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6 months	21¼ in (54 cm) round, 6¾ in (17 cm)	about 205 yd (187 m)
12 months	23 in (58.5 cm) round, 7 in (18 cm)	about 235 yd (215 m)

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

18 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. In granny clusters 4½ clusters with their chains are 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 10 rounds are 4 in (10 cm) tall.

> **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 over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 18 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. 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.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 28.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(27 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 30	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(27 sc)

Notes

- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain of 1 or 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in. The chain of 3 at the start of a granny round counts as a double crochet.
- The bloomers are worked with the right side, the outside, facing you all the way; only the gusset is turned at every row. Put the marker in the first stitch of round 1: the rounds are joined at the middle of the back. Take it out when the cord is fixed.
- A granny cluster is 3 dc in one space. The first cluster of a round is the chain of 3 and 2 dc. To begin a round in a new color, cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), draw its end through, and join the new yarn in the space the round names: the next ch-1 sp is the first one after the join of the round before, and the last ch-1 sp is the one just before that join. So the join stays at the middle of the back. In the first round of the lower edge the first single crochet goes into the top of the chain of 3. In the legs draw F through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends round 2, and cut A.
- FPhdc and BPhdc, front and back post half double crochet: work a half double crochet round the post of the stitch below instead of into its top. For FPhdc put the hook in from the front, behind the post, and out to the front again. For BPhdc put it in from the back, in front of the post, and out to the back again. The front is the side that faces you.
- In the first round of ribbing the posts are those of half double crochet; from then on a front post goes over a front post and a back post over a back post. sc2tog, single crochet 2 stitches together: [insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop] 2 times, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook.
- Measure the baby round the hips over the diaper. Each size is for the measures printed with it, and is 3½ to 4 in (9 to 10 cm) more round than the widest, so that the bloomers pull on and are full. The waist is drawn in with the cord.

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- 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.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 6: A. Round 7: B. Round 8: A. Round 9: C. Round 10: A. Round 11: D. Round 12: A. Round 13: E. Round 14: A. Round 15: F. Rounds 16 to 19: A. Gusset: A. Leg. Rounds 1 to 2: A. Rounds 3 to 6: F.

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), **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **FPhdc** round the stitch below, from the front, **BPhdc** round the stitch below, from the back, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 3 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.
(88 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, rose; C, peach; D, butter; E, mint; F, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 88, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	

Waist

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(44 hdc, 44 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)

Granny stripes

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, **[**3 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join B with sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join A with sl st in last ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Join C with sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Join A with sl st in last ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Join D with sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 12**	Join A with sl st in last ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Join E with sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Join A with sl st in last ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Join F with sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Join A with sl st in last ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 21 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(66 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)

Lower edge

☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 22 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Gusset

Yarn A, cream.

The join of the rounds is at the middle of the back. Count the stitches of round 19 from its first stitch: stitch 41 is the first of the gusset, at your right when the right side faces you and the waist is toward you.

☐ **Foundation**	Round 19 of the body, RS facing: 8 stitches, stitches 41 to 48 of the round, the middle of the front.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40 cm). Sew the last row to the middle of the back with its long tail: the 8 stitches of row 12 to the last 4 and the first 4 stitches of round 19 of the body, the right sides together, one stitch for each stitch. Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch, and draw the yarn snug. Fasten off on the wrong side. Two openings are left, one for each leg.	

Leg: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; F, sky.

Begin in the first stitch of the body after the gusset at the back, for the one leg, and after the gusset at the front, for the other; work along the 36 stitches of round 19 of the body first, then along the gusset, 1 in the end of each of its 12 rows.

☐ **Foundation**	The edge of one leg opening, RS facing; 48 places.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With F, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 6** 4 5 6	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	(18 FPhdc, 18 BPhdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, the inside, each under stitches of its own color.

2. The cord. With F, ch 200, about 35½ in (90 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Tie a knot in each end and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm).

3. Thread the cord through the 44 spaces of round 3. Count the spaces from the join, at the middle of the back; space 22 is the one before the middle of the front. Go in through space 22 from the outside, come out through the next space, and so on, in and out, all the way round in the direction you crocheted, until the cord comes out through space 21. Draw the two ends even.

4. Fix the cord at the middle of the back, where the rounds are joined: with a new length of A, 8 in (20 cm) long, sew three stitches through the cord and the round above the spaces, on the inside, and weave in both ends.

5. Draw the waist in until it sits well, and tie the cord in a small bow at the front.

Finishing

- Wash the bloomers in the way the yarn band says and dry them flat. See that the bow of the cord is tied before every use and that its ends are short.

In all: 1,916 stitches (1,364 in the body, 96 in the gusset, 228 in each leg).

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