Kids' rainbow leg warmers

Child, 6 to 8 years, calf 10 in (25.5 cm) round · US terms



Finished size
About 9 in (23 cm) round and about 10 in (25.5 cm) long, unstretched
To fit a calf of 10 in (25.5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 2 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: red, the red band	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pumpkin, the orange band	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, the gold band	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, the green band	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: blue, the blue band	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: violet, the ribbing	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

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

Sizes

Size	Calf	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Toddler	8 in (20.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm) round, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long	about 135 yd (125 m)
Child (this file)	**10 in (25.5 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm) round, 10 in (25.5 cm) long**	**about 230 yd (209 m)**

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again round the post (the upright part) of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked. It leaves 1 FPdc for the next row.

BPdc (back post double crochet): Yarn over, insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again round the post of the st, yarn over and draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times. Leave the top of that st unworked. It leaves 1 BPdc for the next row.

Gauge

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

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. To check it as you go: lay the tube flat after the first rounds of the leg: it is about 4½ in (11.5 cm) across.

Before you start

- Measure round the widest part of the calf and choose the nearest size. The finished tube is a little smaller than the leg, and the fabric stretches to it.
- The pattern makes a pair.
- In a joined round, the ch at the start does not count as a stitch: the first stitch goes into the stitch the ch stands on (a post stitch goes round its post), and the sl st that closes the round goes into the top of that first stitch.
- In a spiral the rounds are not joined: put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- The right side faces you in every round.
- To change color, work the last stitch before the change until its last loops are on the hook, then draw the new color through them. A color that comes back within 4 rounds can wait on the inside and be drawn up again; cut any other, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line are the stitches it has.

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Instructions

Chosen: Child, 6 to 8 years, calf 10 in (25.5 cm) round. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Leg warmer: make 2

Yarns in order of use: F, violet; A, red; B, pumpkin; C, gold; D, green; E, blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 36, taking care not to twist it, and sl st in the first ch to make a ring.	

Ribbing

☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, dc in each ch around, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(18 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(18 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(18 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**

Leg

From here the piece is worked in a spiral: the first stitch of the next round goes into the first stitch of the last one.

☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	With C, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 22**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With D, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	With E, sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 31 to 35**	Repeat rnd 30.	

A box for each round, 31 to 35: tick them off as you go.

☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35

Top ribbing

Sl st in the next st to level the round; the rounds are joined again.

☐ **Rnd 36**	With F, ch 2, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 37**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(18 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 38**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(18 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	Ch 2, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(18 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Make the second piece the same.
- Weave in every tail on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces; 28 ends to weave in.

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