Children's striped leggings

6, to fit waist 22½ in (57 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 26 in (66 cm) at the waist and about 9¾ in (25 cm) at the front

To fit a waist of 22½ in (57 cm) and a hip of 25 in (63.5 cm), thigh 14½ in (37 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Basic stitches in rounds, a raised back in rows, post stitch ribs

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: plum, main color	**about 475 yd (434 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, contrast	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gray, color 3	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 380 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, elastic ¾ in (2 cm) wide, a safety pin, sewing thread and a sewing needle and pins.

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	Yarn, an estimate	Around the waistband and the hip	Front	Back	Gusset from front to back	Around each leg at the top	Around each ribbed ankle	Inside leg
2	21 in (53.5 cm)	about 645 yd (590 m)	23 in (58.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)
4	21½ in (54.5 cm)	about 775 yd (709 m)	24 in (61 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)
6 (this file)	**22½ in (57 cm)**	**about 950 yd (869 m)**	**26 in (66 cm)**	**9¾ in (25 cm)**	**11¼ in (28.5 cm)**	**3¾ in (9.5 cm)**	**15¼ in (38.5 cm)**	**8½ in (21.5 cm)**	**20 in (51 cm)**
8	23½ in (59.5 cm)	about 1,175 yd (1,074 m)	29 in (73.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)

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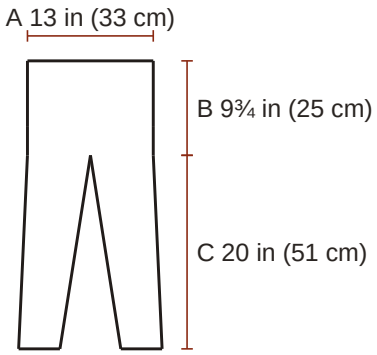
10	24½ in (62 cm)	about 1,300 yd (1,189 m)	30 in (76 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)

Schematic



Laid flat, front up
A half the way around the waistband and the hip
B the front
C the inside leg

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. Waistband and gusset: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 16 sts and 18.5 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Ribbed ankles: one round of double crochet (UK: treble) is about ½ in (1.3 cm) high and four rounds of post stitches about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm).

Notes

- Children's sizes, 2 to 10, by waist, hip and thigh; choose by the hip.
- Around the hip the leggings are from ½ in (1.5 cm) to 1 in (2.5 cm) wider than the body, by the size, and each leg is from ¼ in (0.5 cm) to 1 in (2.5 cm) wider than the thigh, so that they lie close. The waistband is as wide as the hip, so that it pulls on, and the elastic draws it in. The back is higher than the front. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The waistband, the body and the legs are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you. The back rise and the gusset are worked in rows.
- The chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet and post stitches) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined; a post stitch goes around that stitch.
- The turning chain, ch 1, never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Left and right are those of the child who wears the leggings.

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- The stripes run on from the body into the legs. They step by one round where the rounds are joined: at the middle of the back, and at the inside of each leg. The back rise and the gusset are in yarn A alone.
- For longer or shorter legs work more or fewer rounds of both legs before the ribbed ankle, in the order of the stripes: 5 rnds are about 1½ in (4 cm).
- To work a post stitch around a dc2tog, take the hook around both of its legs together.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.
- 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.

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.
[ ] 17 times: work what is inside 17 times in all.
(104 sc): the stitches you have when the round 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.

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together (UK treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice (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.

Waistband

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Work the foundation chain loosely: it must open as wide as the hips. With yarn A, ch 104; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	(104 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(104 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(104 sc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8** 6 7 8	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(104 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Rnds 1 to 4 will lie inside, behind rnds 5 to 8.	

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Back rise

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	These rows raise the back of the waist: they lie on the back alone, and each row after the first goes on into 6 sts more of rnd 8 of the waistband, beside the row below. Hold the waistband with the right side facing and rnd 8 uppermost. Count the sts of rnd 8 from its join, at the middle of the back, and join yarn A in the 91st st, the 14th st before the join; ch 1, hdc in that st and in each of the next 13 sts to the end of the rnd, then hdc in each of the first 14 sts of the rnd (28 hdc). This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across, then hdc in each of next 6 sts of rnd 8	(52 hdc)
	2 3 4 5	
☐ **End**	Row 5 is a right side row; it has 52 sts, 26 at each side of the middle of the back, and 52 sts of rnd 8 are left free. Fasten off.	

Body

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors, counted from rnd 1: 3 rnds yarn A, 1 rnd yarn C, 2 rnds yarn B, 1 rnd yarn C; repeat these 7 rnds to the end (the last repeat may stop part way). Hold the waistband with the right side facing and the last row of the back rise uppermost. Join yarn A in the 27th st of row 5 of the back rise, the first st after the middle of the back; ch 1, hdc in that st and in each of the next 25 sts to the end of row 5, hdc in each of the 52 free sts of rnd 8 of the waistband, then hdc in each of the first 26 sts of row 5 (104 hdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1. The beginning of the rounds is the middle of the back.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 30**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(104 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Count the sts of rnd 30 from its join, at the middle of the back: sts 1 to 52 are the right half, as worn, and sts 53 to 104 are the left half, so that the middle of the front lies between sts 52 and 53.	

Gusset

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the body with the right side facing and rnd 30 uppermost. Join yarn A in the 50th st of rnd 30; ch 1, sc in that st and in each of the next 5 sts (6 sc), 3 at each side of the middle of the front. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing. Bring the strip under, without twisting it, to the middle of the back, and with its own end whip stitch the 6 sts of row 17 to the 6 sts at the middle of the back of rnd 30, the last 3 and the first 3 sts of the rnd, one to one, with the right side of both outward. The openings at the two sides of the strip are for the legs.	

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Right leg, as worn

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors, counted from rnd 1: 1 rnd yarn A, 1 rnd yarn C, 2 rnds yarn B, 1 rnd yarn C, 2 rnds yarn A; repeat these 7 rnds to rnd 59 (the last repeat stops part way); rnds 60 to 65 yarn A. Hold the body with the right side facing and the opening of the right leg, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn A in the end of row 9 of the gusset, at the inside of the leg; ch 1, then go around the opening: along rows 9 to 17 of the gusset, hdc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, skip the end of the next row, hdc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (8 hdc); hdc in each of sts 4 to 49 of rnd 30 of the body (46 hdc); along rows 1 to 8 of the gusset, hdc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, skip the end of the next row, hdc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (7 hdc). There are 61 hdc in all; join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(61 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(59 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 9** 6 7 8 9	Repeat Rnds 2 to 5, once more	(57 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 13** 10 11 12 13	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(57 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(55 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 18** 15 16 17 18	Repeat Rnds 11 to 14, once more	(53 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 22** 19 20 21 22	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(53 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(51 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 24 to 27** 24 25 26 27	Repeat Rnds 20 to 23, once more	(49 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 28 to 31** 28 29 30 31	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(49 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(47 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 33 to 36** 33 34 35 36	Repeat Rnds 29 to 32, once more	(45 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 37 to 40** 37 38 39 40	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(45 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 41**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(43 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 42 to 45** 42 43 44 45	Repeat Rnds 38 to 41, once more	(41 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 46 to 49** 46 47 48 49	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(41 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 50**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(39 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 51 to 54** 51 52 53 54	Repeat Rnds 47 to 50, once more	(37 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 55 to 59** 55 56 57 58 59	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(37 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 60**	Ch 2; [dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog] twice, dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog; join with sl st in first dc	(34 dc)
☐ **Rnds 61 to 65** 61 62 63 64 65	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 17 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(17 fpdcs, 17 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left leg, as worn

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors, counted from rnd 1: 1 rnd yarn A, 1 rnd yarn C, 2 rnds yarn B, 1 rnd yarn C, 2 rnds yarn A; repeat these 7 rnds to rnd 59 (the last repeat stops part way); rnds 60 to 65 yarn A. Hold the body with the right side facing and the opening of the left leg, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn A in the end of row 8 of the gusset, at the inside of the leg; ch 1, then go around the opening: along rows 1 to 8 of the gusset, met from the last of them, hdc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, skip the end of the next row, hdc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (7 hdc); hdc in each of sts 56 to 101 of rnd 30 of the body (46 hdc); along rows 9 to 17 of the gusset, met from the last of them, hdc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, skip the end of the next row, hdc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (8 hdc). There are 61 hdc in all; join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(61 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(59 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 9** 6 7 8 9	Repeat Rnds 2 to 5, once more	(57 hdc)

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☐ **Rnds 10 to 13** 10 11 12 13	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(57 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(55 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 18** 15 16 17 18	Repeat Rnds 11 to 14, once more	(53 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 22** 19 20 21 22	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(53 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(51 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 24 to 27** 24 25 26 27	Repeat Rnds 20 to 23, once more	(49 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 28 to 31** 28 29 30 31	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(49 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(47 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 33 to 36** 33 34 35 36	Repeat Rnds 29 to 32, once more	(45 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 37 to 40** 37 38 39 40	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(45 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 41**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(43 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 42 to 45** 42 43 44 45	Repeat Rnds 38 to 41, once more	(41 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 46 to 49** 46 47 48 49	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(41 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 50**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(39 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 51 to 54** 51 52 53 54	Repeat Rnds 47 to 50, once more	(37 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 55 to 59** 55 56 57 58 59	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(37 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 60**	Ch 2; [dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog] twice, dc in next 11 sts, dc2tog; join with sl st in first dc	(34 dc)

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☐ **Rnds 61 to 65** Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 17 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc
(17 fpdcs, 17 bpdcs)

61 62 63 64 65

☐ **End** Fasten off. If there is a small gap at either end of the gusset, close it with the yarn ends there.

Putting it together

Waistband: fold rnds 1 to 4 of the waistband to the inside along the ridge that the free loops of rnd 4 make, so that the foundation chain lies behind rnd 8. With a new length of yarn A of about 68 in (175 cm), whip stitch the 104 chs of the foundation chain to the backs of the 104 sts of rnd 8, one to one, with stitches that do not show on the right side; leave about 2 in (5 cm) open at the middle of the back. Pin the fold while you sew it. Cut a piece of elastic ¾ in (2 cm) wide and 22 in (56 cm) long, draw it through the casing with a safety pin, lap its two ends 1 in (2.5 cm) and sew them together firmly with sewing thread. The elastic is now 21 in (53.5 cm) around, 1½ in (4 cm) less than the waist: try the leggings on before you sew its ends and take it in or let it out as you like. Sew the rest of the casing shut with the end of that yarn.

Finishing

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

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