Lace christening baby romper

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



Finished size

About 22¼ in (56.5 cm) at the chest and about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) at the front length to the crotch

To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm) and a hip of 19 in (48.5 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Fan lace and plain rows, small seams, a ribbon sewn in

Yarn

Fine (2)

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (warm-ivory in the picture), fine (2) **about 475 yd (434 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 140 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 3 pearl buttons with two holes, 3/8 in (10 mm) across, 3 sew-on snaps, 3/8 in (10 mm) across, cotton tape, ½ in (12 mm) wide, about 9½ in (24 cm) (enough for any size; the finishing says how long to cut it), satin ribbon, ¼ in (6 mm) wide, about 31½ in (80 cm) (enough for any size, with the bow), pins 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.

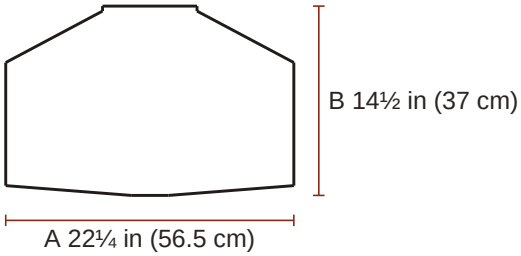
Sizes

Size	To fit chest	Yarn, an estimate	Chest (and hips, buttoned)	Front length to the crotch	Back length to the crotch	Yoke depth, without the neck edging	Neck around, buttoned	Cap sleeve deep	Leg frill deep	Around each leg above the frill, closed
Newborn	14 in (35.5 cm)	about 325 yd (297 m)	17¾ in (45 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	1¼ in (3 cm)	¾ in (2 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)
0-3 months	16 in (40.5 cm)	about 375 yd (343 m)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	1¼ in (3 cm)	¾ in (2 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 425 yd (389 m)	20½ in (52 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	1¼ in (3 cm)	¾ in (2 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)

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6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 475 yd (434 m)**	**22¼ in (56.5 cm)**	**15¼ in (38.5 cm)**	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm)**	**11¾ in (30 cm)**	**1¼ in (3 cm)**	**¾ in (2 cm)**	**10½ in (26.5 cm)**
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 525 yd (480 m)	23 in (58.5 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	1¼ in (3 cm)	¾ in (2 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 575 yd (526 m)	24 in (61 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	1¼ in (3 cm)	¾ in (2 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)

Schematic



Laid flat, without caps and frills
A the chest (and hips, buttoned)
B from top to bottom

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 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 28; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 22 rows of half double crochet on 27 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 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. Yoke, caps and frills, in double crochet (UK: treble) and fans: 18 sts and 9.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm); count each dc and each ch as 1 st. Flaps, bands and leg edges, in single crochet (UK: double crochet): 18 sts and 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- Baby sizes, chosen by the chest, and by the length of the front: measure from the hollow of the neck down the front to the crotch, over the diaper (UK: nappy). The finished length of the front, from the top of the neck edging to the crotch, given below, should be from 1 to 2 in (2.5 to 5 cm) more than that. The front and the back length both take in the 2 rows of the neck edging, 3/8 in (1 cm) deep; its picots stand above them and are not counted. The yoke depth and the neck around are measured without the neck edging.
- The chest of the finished romper is from 3½ in (9 cm) to 4¼ in (11 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given. Around the hips the romper is from 2½ in (6.5 cm) to 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wider than the body measurement, for the diaper.
- The romper is worked from the neck down, back and forth in rows; the two ends of the rows are the back opening. Row 1 is a right side row and begins at the right back edge, as worn. The bands at the two edges are part of the rows: no band is added to them later.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.

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- In rows, the last stitch goes into the last stitch of the row below, never into the turning chain.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- To work into a chain space, put the hook under the whole chain.
- Stitches worked along row ends go into the edge stitch of each row, under two strands, never into the gap beside it.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges or layers, bring the yarn over the edge, and go in again from the same side, one stitch along.
- The romper is put on over the head with the yoke unbuttoned, or over the feet, and opens at the crotch for a diaper (UK: nappy) change. The yoke is open lace: a thin undershirt may be worn beneath it.
- Nothing on the romper ties or hangs loose: sew every part on firmly, weave the ends in well, and look at buttons, snaps, ribbon and seams before each wear.
- Back length to the crotch, with the neck edging, without the crotch band 16½ in (42 cm).

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.

RS right side, the one that shows.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 5 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 16 times: work what is inside 16 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(58 dc): 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.

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.

picot (picot, a small loop of 3 chains on an edge): Ch 3, sl st in the first of the 3 chains. A picot is not a stitch and is not counted.

Yoke

☐ **Foundation**	The first and the last 5 sts of every row are the bands; between them there are 16 fans. A fan is a group of dc with a ch 1 in its middle, all worked in one place. From row 3 each fan is worked into the ch-1 sp in the middle of the fan below. The ch-1 sps of rows 3, 6 and 9 that lie in a band are the buttonholes. Ch 60.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(58 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 5 sts, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 16 times**, dc in next 5 sts	(42 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 5 sts, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, skip next st**] 16 times**, dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next 2 sts	(41 dc, 17 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, **[**skip next st, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, skip next st**] 16 times**, dc in next 5 sts	(74 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 5 sts, **[**skip next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, skip next 2 sts**] 16 times**, dc in next 5 sts	(74 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**skip next 2 sts, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, skip next 2 sts**] 16 times**, dc in next 5 sts	(105 dc, 17 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 5 sts, **[**skip next 3 sts, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, skip next 3 sts**] 16 times**, dc in next 2 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts	(106 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 5 sts, **[**skip next 3 sts, (4 dc, ch 1, 4 dc) in next ch-1 sp, skip next 3 sts**] 16 times**, dc in next 5 sts	(138 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 5 sts, **[**skip next 4 sts, (4 dc, ch 1, 4 dc) in next ch-1 sp, skip next 4 sts**] 16 times**, dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next 2 sts	(137 dc, 17 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 4 sts**] 7 times**, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 4 sts**] 8 times**, sc in next 5 sts	(155 sc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Body

☐ **Foundation**	In row 12 work into each of the underarm chs as into a st. Row 13 is the eyelet row for the ribbon: 47 ch-1 sps between the two bands of 5 sts. From row 14 the body is plain. Go on from row 10 of the yoke.	
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 25 sts, ch 5 (underarm), skip next 30 sts (one sleeve), hdc in next 45 sts, ch 5 (underarm), skip next 30 sts (one sleeve), hdc in next 25 sts	(95 hdc, 10 ch)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(105 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 6 sts, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 46 times**, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next 6 sts	(58 dc, 47 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next st**] 46 times**, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next 6 sts	(105 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 15 to 45** — Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across (105 hdc)

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

☐ **End** — Fasten off. Back lap: lay the left back band (as worn) over the right back band, with the right sides outward, so that the outer edge of each band lies on the inner edge of the other and the last 5 sts of row 45 lie on its first 5 sts. Pin it from row 11 to row 45. With new lengths of the yarn, each about 26 in (65 cm), sew the edge of the left band down on the outside along rows 11 to 45, and then the edge of the right band on the inside along the same rows, with small whip stitches. Above row 11 the bands stay open for the buttons.

Front crotch flap

☐ **Foundation** — Hold the romper with the right side of the front facing and row 45 of the body uppermost. The sts of row 45 are numbered 1 to 105, from the right back edge (as worn), as they were worked. Join the yarn in st 47. Ch 1, sc in that st and in each of the next 12 sts (sts 47 to 59; 13 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.

☐ **Rows 2 to 4** — Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across (13 sc)

2 3 4

☐ **End** — Fasten off.

Back crotch flap

☐ **Foundation** — Hold the romper with the right side of the back facing and row 45 of the body uppermost. The sts of row 45 are numbered 1 to 105, from the right back edge (as worn), as they were worked. Join the yarn in st 97. Ch 1, sc in that st and in each of the next 3 sts; sc through both layers in each of the 5 pairs of the lap, the hook put first through the st of the left band and then through the st of the right band behind it; sc in each of sts 6 to 9 (13 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.

☐ **Rows 2 to 14** — Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across (13 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **End** — Fasten off.

Right leg, as worn

☐ **Foundation** — The crotch is still open, so the leg edge is one long line, from the end of one crotch flap to the end of the other. Hold the romper with the right side facing and the leg edge of the right side (as worn) uppermost. Join the yarn in the end of row 14 of the back crotch flap. Ch 1; along rows 1 to 14 of the back crotch flap, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (12 sc); sc in each of sts 10 to 46 of row 45 of the body (37 sc); along rows 1 to 4 of the front crotch flap, sc in the end of the next row, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (3 sc). There are 52 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.

☐ **Row 2** — Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**, **[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times** (44 sc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(44 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left leg, as worn

☐ **Foundation**	The crotch is still open, so the leg edge is one long line, from the end of one crotch flap to the end of the other. Hold the romper with the right side facing and the leg edge of the left side (as worn) uppermost. Join the yarn in the end of row 4 of the front crotch flap. Ch 1; along rows 1 to 4 of the front crotch flap, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row (3 sc); sc in each of sts 60 to 96 of row 45 of the body (37 sc); along rows 1 to 14 of the back crotch flap, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (12 sc). There are 52 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**, **[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 4 times**	(44 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(44 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Front crotch band

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the romper with the right side of the front facing and the end of the front crotch flap uppermost. Join the yarn in the end of row 3 of the right leg (as worn), at the right-hand end. Ch 1; along rows 1 to 3 of the right leg, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc); sc in each of the 13 sts of row 4 of the front crotch flap (13 sc); along rows 1 to 3 of the left leg, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc). There are 19 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back crotch band

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the romper with the right side of the back facing and the end of the back crotch flap uppermost. Join the yarn in the end of row 3 of the left leg (as worn), at the right-hand end. Ch 1; along rows 1 to 3 of the left leg, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc); sc in each of the 13 sts of row 14 of the back crotch flap (13 sc); along rows 1 to 3 of the right leg, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc). There are 19 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(19 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Right leg frill, as worn

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the romper with the right side facing and the edge of the right leg (as worn) uppermost. The frill is worked in rows on the 44 sts of row 3 of the right leg; the crotch bands are left. Join the yarn in the st of row 3 at the right-hand end.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2; dc in first st, **[**skip next st, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, skip next st**] 14 times**, dc in last st (58 dc, 14 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, skip next 2 sts**] 14 times**, dc in last st (86 dc, 14 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Left leg frill, as worn

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the romper with the right side facing and the edge of the left leg (as worn) uppermost. The frill is worked in rows on the 44 sts of row 3 of the left leg; the crotch bands are left. Join the yarn in the st of row 3 at the right-hand end.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2; dc in first st, **[**skip next st, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, skip next st**] 14 times**, dc in last st (58 dc, 14 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-1 sp, skip next 2 sts**] 14 times**, dc in last st (86 dc, 14 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Cap sleeve: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the romper with the right side facing and the neck downward. The cap is worked in rows on the 30 sts of row 10 of the yoke that were skipped for a sleeve; the underarm chs are left. Join the yarn in the first of these sts, at the right-hand end.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2; dc in next 14 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 15 sts (31 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog (29 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next st, 5 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st**] 7 times** (8 sc, 35 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. At each side sew the end of row 1 of the cap to the 2 underarm chs beside it with a yarn end. Work the second cap in the same way at the other armhole.

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Neck edging

☐ **Foundation**	In row 2 each picot is ch 3 and 1 sl st in the first of these 3 chs, worked right after the sc named before it. Hold the romper with the right side facing and the foundation chain of the yoke uppermost. Join the yarn in the first ch at the right-hand end that holds a dc of row 1 (at the left back edge, as worn). Ch 1, sc in each of the 58 chs that hold the dc of row 1, along their free side (58 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 19 times**, sc in next st	(58 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Ribbon: cut a piece of the ribbon 23½ in (59.5 cm) long. On row 13 of the body there are 47 ch-1 sps, numbered from the right back edge (as worn). Bring one end of the ribbon from the inside out through sp 1, take it in through sp 2, out through sp 3 and so on, to sp 23, where it comes out. Pass by sp 24, the middle one: the ribbon lies over it on the outside, and goes in through sp 25. Go on out and in by turns to sp 47, where it goes in. Lay the ribbon flat, without pulling the body in. Turn ½ in (1.2 cm) of each end under twice on the inside, and sew it down there. With sewing thread, sew the ribbon on the inside to the back of every dc of row 13 that it crosses, so that no loop of it can be drawn out.

2. Bow: cut a piece of the ribbon 5 in (12.5 cm) long and one 1½ in (4 cm) long. Lap the two ends of the long piece ½ in (1.2 cm), sew the lap, and press the ring flat with the lap at the middle of its back. Wrap the short piece around the middle, over the lap, and sew its ends together at the back. Sew the bow to the ribbon at the middle of the front: along the middle, and at all four corners of its loops. Nothing hangs free.

3. Buttons: lay the left back band (as worn) over the right one. Sew the 3 buttons to the outside of the right back band (as worn), on the 3rd st from its edge, one over each of rows 3, 6 and 9 of the yoke: there the buttonholes of the left band, in the same rows, lie over them. Sew each one on with sewing thread, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread: it must hold when a baby pulls. See that each one is firm before every wear.

4. Crotch snaps: cut 2 pieces of the cotton tape, each 4¾ in (12 cm) long. Turn ¼ in (0.6 cm) of each end of a piece under, so that it is as long as a crotch band. Lay one piece on the wrong side of the front crotch band and one on the wrong side of the back crotch band, the middle of the tape over the line between rows 2 and 3, and sew it down all round with sewing thread, with small stitches that do not show on the right side. The front band closes over the back band, so that the 4 rows of the one lie on the 4 rows of the other. Sew the 3 ball halves of the snaps to the wrong side of the front crotch band, on the tape, and the 3 socket halves to the right side of the back crotch band, through the tape: each on the line between rows 2 and 3, one over each of sts 2, 10 and 18 of the 19 sts. (The places are the same counted from either end.) Sew each one on with sewing thread, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread: it must hold when a baby pulls. See that each one 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: 5,608 stitches.

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