Baby swing top with a lace yoke

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



Finished size
About 20½ in (52 cm) at the chest and about 11¾ in (30 cm) at the neck
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Lace of shells in rows, V-stitch in rounds, button loops

Yarn
Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: lavender, main color **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 80 g in all, 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 flat buttons, 3/8 in (10 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	Around the neck, buttoned	Yoke depth, without the neckband	Length from the neck to the hem	Around each armhole	Around the hem
Newborn	14 in (35.5 cm)	about 175 yd (160 m)	17 in (43 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	25¼ in (64 cm)
0-3 months	16 in (40.5 cm)	about 210 yd (192 m)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	28 in (71 cm)
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 230 yd (210 m)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	29¼ in (74.5 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 280 yd (256 m)**	**20½ in (52 cm)**	**11¾ in (30 cm)**	**3½ in (9 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**30¾ in (78 cm)**

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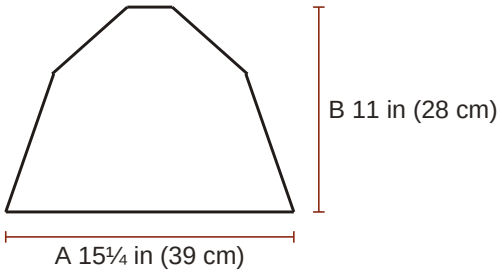
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 305 yd (279 m)	21¼ in (54 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	32 in (81.5 cm)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 335 yd (306 m)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	33¼ in (84.5 cm)

Schematic



Laid flat, front up, without the caps
A half the way around the hem
B the length from the neck to the hem

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ 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 29; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 14 rows of double crochet on 27 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. Edgings and first rows: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 18 sts and 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Lace and V-stitch: a row of shells and a round of V-stitch are each as high as a row of double crochet. Count every dc and every ch as 1 st: each V is 3.

Notes

- Baby sizes, newborn to 24 months, by chest.
- The finished chest is from 2¼ in (5.5 cm) to 3 in (7.5 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The yoke, the caps and the back edging are worked in rows; odd-numbered rows of the yoke and the caps are right side rows. The body and the daisy are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The turning chain of a row, and the chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet), never count as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the first stitch, at the base of the chain, except where a round begins with a sl st to a chain space: there the first stitches go in that space.
- To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the chain, not into it.
- Where the words say to work in the next ch-1 sp or ch-2 sp, pass over any dc that lie before that space and are not named. A V is (dc, ch 1, dc) in one place.
- In rnd 2 of the body work into each underarm ch as into a st.
- Left and right are those of the baby who wears the top.

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- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- 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.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 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.
(50 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yoke

Yarn A, lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	The yoke is worked from the neck down, in rows that are open at the middle of the back. With yarn A, ch 51.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(50 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 16 times**, dc in last st	(66 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**skip next st, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 16 times**, dc in last st	(66 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 16 times**, dc in last st	(66 dc, 16 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rows 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 16 times**, dc in last st	(66 dc, 16 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rows 7 to 8** 7 8	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 16 times**, dc in last st	(98 dc, 16 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 16 times**, dc in last st	(130 dc)
☐ **End**	Row 9 is a right side row. Do not fasten off.	

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Body

Yarn A, lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 9 of the yoke. Do not turn. With the right side facing, join the row into a ring with a sl st in its first dc, so that the right side is outward: the opening above the join is the middle of the back. The rounds of the body are numbered from 1. Colors: rnds 1 to 16 yarn A; rnd 17 yarn B.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; dc in next 20 sts, ch 6 (underarm), skip next 25 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 40 sts, ch 6 (underarm), skip next 25 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 20 sts; join with sl st in first dc (80 dc, 12 ch)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 46 times**; join with sl st in first dc (92 dc, 46 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 16**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 1, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 45 times**; join with sl st in first dc (92 dc, 46 ch-1 sps)
	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; sc in same sp, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 22 times**; join with sl st in first sc (23 sc, 115 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Flutter cap: make 2, one at each armhole

Yarn A, lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn A; row 3 yarn B. Hold the top with the right side facing and the 25 sts of row 9 of the yoke that rnd 1 of the body skipped uppermost. Join yarn A in the first of them, at the right-hand end; ch 2, (dc, ch 1, dc) in that st, [skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st] 12 times (26 dc, 13 ch-1 sps). This is row 1, a right side row.
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 13 times**, dc in last st (28 dc, 13 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, sc in last st (8 sc, 35 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. If there is a small gap at either end of an underarm chain, close it with a new length of yarn A of about 8 in (20 cm).

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Back edging

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the top with the right side facing and the right back edge of the opening, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn B at the neck, in the end of the neckband; ch 1, sc in the end of the neckband, sc in the end of row 1 of the yoke, 2 sc in the end of each of rows 2 to 9 (18 sc), to the foot of the opening; go straight on up the left back edge: 2 sc in the end of each of rows 9 to 2, sc in the end of row 1 of the yoke, sc in the end of the neckband (18 sc). There are 36 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, ch 3, skip next 2 sts, [sc in next 5 sts, ch 3, skip next 2 sts] twice, sc in next 19 sts	(30 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The three ch-3 sps are the button loops, on the left back edge.	

Daisy

Yarn A, lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**(sc, ch 4, sc) in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(16 sc, 8 ch-4 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of yarn B of about 14 in (35 cm) for sewing. Each ch-4 sp is a petal. The daisy is about 1¼ in (3 cm) across.	

Assembly

1. Neckband: Hold the yoke with the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost. Join yarn B in the first ch made, at the left back edge of the opening (as worn), under the last sc of row 1; ch 1, sc in each of the 50 chs that carry a sc, to the right back edge (50 sc). This is row 1, a right side row, and the only row. Fasten off.

2. Buttons: they lie on row 2 of the back edging, along the right back edge, as worn, where row 2 is plain sc. Count the sts of row 2 from the neck down that edge. Sew the three buttons firmly to row 2 with sewing thread, between sts 2 and 3, 9 and 10, and 16 and 17, each opposite a button loop. Buttoned, the two edges meet, row 2 against row 2, and do not lap.

3. Daisy: row 2 of the yoke, its first row of dc, has 66 sts; the middle of the front lies between sts 33 and 34 of it. Lay the daisy there, right side up, its middle on the top of row 2, and with its own end of yarn B sew down every petal at its tip and the middle all around, so that nothing hangs loose.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 2,512 stitches (706 in the yoke, 1,610 in the body, 71 in each flutter cap, 30 in the back edging, 24 in the daisy).

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