Newborn butterfly wings

Newborn · US terms



Finished size
About 6¾ in (17 cm) at the upper wing and about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) at the lower wing

Skill
Intermediate
Rounds with stitches of different heights, sewing and simple embroidery

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: bright blue, main color	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: deep navy, contrast	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, color 3	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: golden yellow, color 4	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 70 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 and tape measure.

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	Upper wing	Lower wing	Body long	Shoulder loop, length of the strip	Headband around, relaxed	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn (this file)	**6¾ in (17 cm)**	**5¾ in (14.5 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**12¼ in (31 cm)**	**about 170 yd (155 m)**
3 to 6 months	7½ in (19 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	about 220 yd (201 m)

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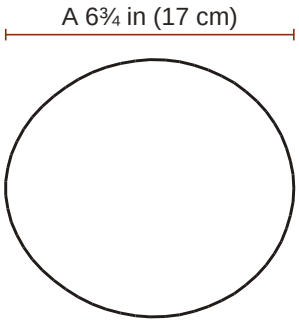
Schematic



Upper wing
A the upper wing

Gauge

16 stitches and 8½ 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 26; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 13 rows of 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. The wings are worked to the gauge of the double crochet rows. Single crochet (UK: double crochet): about 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm); half double crochet (UK: half treble): about 13.5 rows. Headband (single crochet in back loops only): 16 sts and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm), and it stretches.

Notes

- Two sizes, chosen by the loops and the headband.
- No fit is promised beyond the measurements given. Measure around the baby's arm at the shoulder and see that the loops are longer than that, with room to spare.
- The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you. The chain at the start of a round and the turning chain (ch 1 or ch 2) never count as a stitch: work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- The stitches of different heights draw each wing out to a point on one side and bulge it on the other. The two upper wings are alike, and so are the two lower wings.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Sew every part on firmly, with no loose ends. A prop of this kind is for a baby who is awake and watched all the time, as for a picture taken with someone close by. It is not for sleep, for a car seat or for carrying.
- 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.
- Upper wing, from its point to its outer edge 6¾ in (17 cm).

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Instructions

Newborn. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in each of next 12 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 12 times: work what is inside 12 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round 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.

Upper wing: make 2

Yarn D, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn D, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnds 1 and 2 yarn D; rnds 3 to 5 yarn A; rnds 6 and 7 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; 12 dc in ring; join with sl st in first dc	(12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; 2 dc in each of next 12 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(48 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; (dc, tr, dc) in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, **[**tr in next st, 2 tr in next st**] 5 times**, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, **[**2 tr in next st, tr in next st**] 5 times**, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(6 dc, 35 tr, 10 hdc, 10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; hdc in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 3 times**, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 7 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(10 hdc, 46 dc, 1 tr, 14 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 68 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(73 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 24 in (60 cm) for sewing. The 3 sc in one st are at the point of the wing.	

Lower wing: make 2

Yarn D, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn D, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnd 1 yarn D; rnds 2 to 4 yarn A; rnds 5 and 6 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; 12 dc in ring; join with sl st in first dc	(12 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; 2 dc in each of next 12 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; (dc, tr, dc) in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, **[**tr in next st, 2 tr in next st**] 4 times**, 2 tr in next st, **[**2 tr in next st, tr in next st**] 4 times**, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(6 dc, 27 tr, 8 hdc, 6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; hdc in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, [dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts] twice, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc, 36 dc, 1 tr, 10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 52 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(57 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 24 in (60 cm) for sewing. The 3 sc in one st are at the point of the wing.	

Body

Yarn D, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn D, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10** 8 9 10	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnds 12 to 14** 12 13 14	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(9 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnds 16 to 18** 16 17 18	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1; sc2tog 3 times; join with sl st in first sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 24 in (60 cm). Run the end through the tops of the 3 sts, pull it tight and fasten it; the rest of it is for sewing. The beginning end stays inside. The body is not stuffed: press it flat, with the joins of the rounds at the middle of its back. Rnds 1 to 4 are the head, rnd 5 is the neck, the last rnd is the tip of the tail.	

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Shoulder loop: make 2

Yarn B, deep navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Leave an end of about 12 in (30 cm) at the beginning, before the first chain: each short end of the strip is sewn down with the yarn that hangs from it. With yarn B, ch 37.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(36 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing. The two ends of yarn hang from opposite short ends of the strip.	

Headband

Yarn A, bright blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 52**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(5 sc)

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 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm). Sew the last row to the foundation chain, 5 sts to 5 chs, without twisting the band.	

Antenna: make 2

Yarn B, deep navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing. Both ends of yarn hang from the same end of the antenna.	

Antenna tip: make 2

Yarn D, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn D, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; sc2tog 4 times; join with sl st in first sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm). Tuck the beginning end into the tip as a stuffing, run the last end through the tops of the 4 sts, pull it tight and fasten it; the rest of it is for sewing.	

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Assembly

1. Dots: with yarn C work a French knot in each of these sts of the navy border round (rnd 6 of an upper wing, rnd 5 of a lower wing), just below its top: on each upper wing in sts 16, 21, 26, 31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56 and 61; on each lower wing in sts 18, 23, 28, 33, 38 and 43. French knot: bring the needle up, wind the yarn twice around it, and go down close to where it came up, holding the yarn taut.

2. Veins: with yarn B work straight lines of chain stitch on each wing, spread like a fan, from the edge of the golden middle to the navy border, 6 lines on an upper wing and 4 on a lower wing; none of them crosses the golden middle or another line. On each upper wing the lines begin at the tops of sts 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 of rnd 2, the last golden round, and end, in the same order, at the tops of sts 19, 24, 30, 35, 41 and 46 of rnd 5, the last blue round. On each lower wing they begin at the tops of sts 5, 6, 8 and 9 of rnd 1, the golden round, and end, in the same order, at the tops of sts 16, 22, 29 and 35 of rnd 4, the last blue round. Chain stitch: bring the needle up at the beginning of the line; put it in again at the same place and bring it out ¼ in (6 mm) farther along the line, with the yarn looped under its point, and draw it through; put it in again inside that loop, and go on in the same way. Hold the last loop down with a small stitch over it.

3. Join the wings: lay the four wings right side up, the points of all four meeting in the middle. The two lower wings point down and outward, about halfway between straight down and straight out to the side, so that their inner edges touch along the middle line below the points and do not overlap. The two upper wings point outward and up, a quarter of the way from straight out to straight up: 2 in (5 cm) above the points, where the top of the head will lie, their inner edges are about 1 in (2.5 cm) apart. The lower edge of each lies over the upper edge of the lower wing beside it. Use the yarn B ends of the wings: sew the four points together; sew the inner edges of the two lower wings to each other, edge to edge, for 1 in (2.5 cm) down from the points; and sew the lower edge of each upper wing to the lower wing under it for 1½ in (4 cm) from the points.

4. Body: lay the body, pressed flat, over the place where the points meet, the joins of its rounds down, its head upward and its middle (rnd 10) on the points. With its end, beginning at the tail, sew one side down to the wings under it as far as the neck, go across under the neck, and sew the other side down from the neck to the tail. The head lies over the gap between the two upper wings; it is not sewn and stays free.

5. Shoulder loops: turn the wings over. Each loop is sewn to the back by its two short ends, one loop on each side of the middle line of the body: the short end from which the yarn of the last row hangs against rnd 7 of the body, above the points, sewn to the back of the body, or to the wing that lies over it there, with that yarn; the other short end against rnd 13 of the body, below the points, where the lower wings lie over the back of the body, sewn to the wing and through the wing to the body with the yarn left at the beginning of the strip. Sew over each place several times. The rest of the loop is free. The baby's arms go through the loops, and the body lies between the shoulders.

6. Antennas: the end from which the yarn hangs is the foot of an antenna. With the end of a tip sew its closed last round to the other end of the antenna, the top. With the end of the antenna sew its foot, ½ in (1.3 cm) of it, flat to the right side of the headband, across from the seam of the band: the foot lies just below one long edge of the band, and the antenna stands up past that edge. The two feet are ½ in (1.3 cm) apart, middle to middle.

Finishing

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

In all: 10 pieces; 1,739 stitches (325 in each upper wing, 231 in each lower wing, 159 in the body, 72 in each shoulder loop, 260 in the headband, 12 in each antenna, 20 in each antenna tip).

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