Newborn cocoon and hat set

Newborn · US terms



Finished size

About 18¼ in (46.5 cm) round and 19¼ in (49 cm) long with the top unfolded, for a baby up to 16¼ in (41.5 cm) round over the arms, with a hat about 12 in (30.5 cm) round and 6 in (15 cm) deep from the middle of the crown to the edge

Skill

Easy

It is half double crochet in joined rounds. There are four rounds of puffs, three on the cocoon and one on the hat, and both pieces end in ribbing.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: sage, the cocoon and the hat	**about 375 yd (343 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the bands	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dusty rose, the puffs	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 240 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: soft acrylic or cotton blend

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn (this file)	**18¼ in (46.5 cm) round, 19¼ in (49 cm) long**	**about 485 yd (443 m)**
Up to 3 months	20½ in (52 cm) round, 22 in (56 cm) long	about 600 yd (549 m)

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Gauge

14 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 8 the bottom should measure about 6 in (15 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. A range that is near enough is printed after that round. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Notes

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Put the marker in the first stitch of each round, where the round is joined.
- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The cocoon and the hat are worked with the right side, the outside, facing you all the way. Where puffs and half double crochet stand by turns, each puff is worked with the same side facing; push it outward with a finger.
- FPhdc and BPhdc, front and back post half double crochet: work a half double crochet round the post of the stitch below instead of into its top. For FPhdc put the hook in from the front, behind the post, and out to the front again. For BPhdc put it in from the back, in front of the post, and out to the back again. In the first round of ribbing the posts are those of half double crochet; from then on a front post goes over a front post and a back post over a back post.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- For a longer cocoon work more rounds of A before the bands; 5 rounds are about 2 in (5 cm) and take about 35 yd (32 m) of A. The number of every later round of the cocoon then goes up by as many.
- The half double crochet of this set stretches by about a tenth of its width. Measure the baby round the body over the arms, at the widest place, and from the shoulders to the feet with the knees drawn up. The cocoon is 2 in (5 cm) more round than the widest baby it is for, and unfolded it should be at least as long as the second measure. Measure the head too; the hat is to be about 1 in (2.5 cm) less round.
- The length of the cocoon runs from the middle of the bottom to the edge, along the fabric, and the depth of the hat from the middle of the crown; the ribbed rounds are counted at the gauge like the others.
- Colors, round by round. Cocoon. Rounds 1 to 23: A. Round 24: B. Round 25: C. Round 26: B. Round 27: A. Round 28: B. Round 29: C. Round 30: B. Round 31: A. Round 32: B. Round 33: C. Round 34: B. Rounds 35 to 48: A. Hat. Rounds 1 to 8: A. Round 9: B. Round 10: C. Round 11: B. Rounds 12 to 15: A.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

FPhdc round the stitch below, from the front, **BPhdc** round the stitch below, from the back, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.

(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Special stitches

puff: [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 7 loops on hook. Push it out to the right side.

Cocoon

Yarns in order of use: A, sage; B, cream; C, dusty rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, hdc in next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 8.** The bottom should measure about 6 in (15 cm) across. Anything from 5¾ in (14.5 cm) to 6½ in (16.5 cm) is near enough.

Sides

☐ **Rnds 9 to 23**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)

9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

Bands

☐ **Rnd 24**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	With C, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first puff to join	(32 puffs, 32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	With C, ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, puff in next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc, 32 puffs)
☐ **Rnd 30**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 33**	With C, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first puff to join	(32 puffs, 32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 36 to 41**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(64 hdc)

36 37 38 39 40 41

Ribbed top

☐ **Rnds 42 to 48**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 32 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	(32 FPhdc, 32 BPhdc)

42 43 44 45 46 47 48

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Hat

Yarns in order of use: A, sage; B, cream; C, dusty rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 6 hdc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(6 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 2 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(30 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 5 times**, hdc in next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)

Band

☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With C, ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, puff in next st**] 21 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(21 hdc, 21 puffs)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(42 hdc)

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Ribbed brim

☐ **Rnds 13 to 15** 13 14 15	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 21 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join (21 FPhdc, 21 BPhdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, the tail of the magic ring round the middle of the bottom and of the crown. Only the tail of round 48 of the cocoon is woven in on the right side of the ribbing, which the fold hides.

2. Fold the ribbed top of the cocoon down once to the outside, along the last round before the ribbing. The joins of the rounds are at the back.

Finishing

- Wash both pieces in the way the yarn band says and dry them flat.

In all: 2 pieces.

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