Easy diaper cover

6-12 months, to fit waist 18½ in (47 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 22 in (56 cm) at the hip and about 21 in (53.5 cm) at the waist

To fit a waist of 18½ in (47 cm) and a hip of 19 in (48.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches, simple shaping and seams

Yarn

Light (3), 2 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: denim, main color **about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: white, contrast **about 35 yd (32 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.

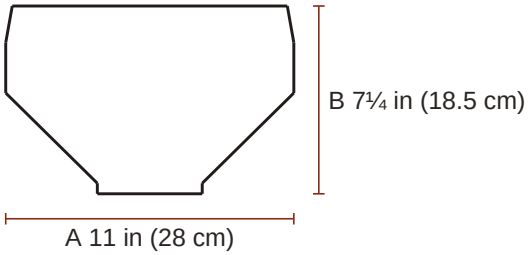
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	To fit waist	Around the hip	Waist before it is drawn in	Waist to crotch seam	Around each leg opening	Yarn, an estimate
0-3 months	16½ in (42 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	about 140 yd (128 m)
3-6 months	17½ in (44.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	about 170 yd (155 m)
6-12 months (this file)	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**22 in (56 cm)**	**21 in (53.5 cm)**	**7¼ in (18.5 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**about 180 yd (165 m)**
12-18 months	19½ in (49.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	about 200 yd (183 m)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	about 225 yd (206 m)

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Schematic



Laid flat
A half the way around the hip
B the waist to crotch seam

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.

Notes

- The hip is about 3 in (7.5 cm) wider than the body measurement, to go over a diaper (UK: nappy). The waist, before the cord is drawn in, is about 2 in (5 cm) wider than the hip measurement, so that it pulls on. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The body and the leg edgings are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you. The flaps are worked in rows that are turned.
- The chain at the start of a round or of a row (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.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Stitches worked evenly along row ends: about 6 sc in every 5 rows.
- 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.
- 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.

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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, **sp** space.

RS right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 20 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 42 times: work what is inside 42 times in all.

(84 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.

Body

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Work the foundation chain loosely: it must open as wide as the hips in a diaper (UK: nappy). With yarn B, ch 84; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain. Colors: rnds 1 to 4 yarn B; rnds 5 to 12 yarn A.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 42 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(42 dc, 42 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 42 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 12**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(88 hdc)
6 7 8 9 10 11 12		
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Front flap

Yarn A, denim.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, skip the first 25 sts of rnd 12 of the body (the rounds began at the middle of the back) and join yarn A in the next st; the flap is worked in rows on the next 38 sts, the joining st the first of them.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(18 hdc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 12 to 13** 12 13	Repeat Rows 10 and 11, once more	(16 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back flap

Yarn A, denim.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, skip the next 6 unworked sts of rnd 12 after the front flap and join yarn A in the next st; the flap is worked in rows on the next 38 sts, the joining st the first of them, past the beginning of the round (6 sts stay free between the flaps at each side).	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(18 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 13** 12 13	Repeat Rows 10 and 11, once more	(16 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 20 in (50 cm) for the crotch seam. Crotch seam: lay the 16 sts of the last row of the back flap against the 16 sts of the last row of the front flap, right sides together, and whip stitch them through both loops with the long end. Turn the right side out.	

Leg edging: make 2

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at one end of the crotch seam; ch 1, 15 sc evenly along the 13 row ends of one flap, sc in each of the 6 free sts at the side and 15 sc evenly along the 13 row ends of the other flap (36 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(36 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cord

Yarn A, denim.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 141.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(140 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The cord is about 30½ in (77.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Thread the cord through the spaces of rnd 3 of the body, in and out, beginning and ending at the middle of the front (the side away from the beginning of the rounds: between spaces 21 and 22 of the 42, counted from the join; go in at space 22 from the outside, out at the next space, and so on around to space 21, where the cord comes out again). Knot each end of the cord and weave its yarn end into the knot.

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2. Draw the waist in until it sits well, and tie a bow. For a baby, see that the waist still pulls on over the diaper, then sew the bow and the two ends of the cord flat to the waistband with a few stitches, so that nothing hangs loose; snip these stitches when the waist is to be let out.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 1,778 stitches (998 in the body, 248 in the front flap, 248 in the back flap, 72 in each leg edging, 140 in the cord).

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