Baby vest with buttons and pockets

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 11 in (28 cm) long
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Front post stitches in rows, easy shaping, buttonholes

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In waffle stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: gray blue, main color — **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: walnut, contrast — **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 100 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, tape measure, 5 buttons, ½ in (13 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 (buttoned)	Length from the shoulder	Armhole depth, without the band	Across the back between the armholes	Back neck, without the band
Newborn	14 in (35.5 cm)	about 170 yd (155 m)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)
0-3 months	16 in (40.5 cm)	about 200 yd (183 m)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 230 yd (210 m)	19¾ in (50 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 255 yd (233 m)**	**20½ in (52 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 280 yd (256 m)	22 in (56 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 330 yd (302 m)	22¾ in (58 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)

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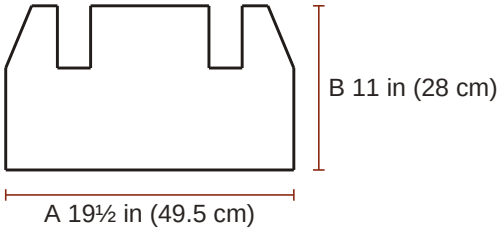
Schematic



One piece
A the whole width
B the length from the shoulder

Gauge

16 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in waffle stitch.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 26. Row 1 (RS): Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. Row 2: Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across. Row 3: Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, [fpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts] 7 times, fpdc around next st, dc in last st. Row 4: Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, dc in next st, [fpdc around next 2 sts, dc in next st] 7 times, dc in last st. Rows 5 to 14: Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 5 more times. The swatch of 14 rows is about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) high. Measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Hem rib and bands: 16 sts and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet) worked in the back loop only. Pocket welts: single crochet, 16 sts and 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

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 body, the fronts, the back, the front band and the pockets are worked in rows. Odd-numbered rows of the body and the pockets are right side rows. The armhole bands are worked in rounds that are not turned, with the right side facing you.
- The turning chain (ch 2 for rows of double crochet and post stitches, ch 1 for single crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round of an armhole band never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- Waffle stitch: the upright ribs stand on the right side, and the rows of the wrong side lie between them as hollows. The first and the last stitch of every row is a double crochet or a dc2tog, even where the order of the post stitches would ask for an fpdc.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Left and right are those of the baby who wears the vest. The left front laps over the right front.
- 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.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.

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- 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.
- Across the back between the armholes, without the bands 8 in (20.5 cm).

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.
ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 25 times: work what is inside 25 times in all.
(4 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

Hem rib

Yarn A, gray blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 78**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(4 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 53 54 55 56 57
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78

☐ **End**	Fasten off. The hem rib is about 1 in (2.5 cm) deep and 18¼ in (46.5 cm) long.	

Body

Yarn A, gray blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A in the end of the row at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 2, dc in the end of each of the 78 rows of the hem rib (78 dc). This is row 1, a right side row. The body is one piece, from one front edge around the back to the other front edge.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(78 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next st, **[**fpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 25 times**, fpdc around next st, dc in next st	(52 dc, 26 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, **[**fpdc around next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 24 times**, fpdc around next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts	(28 dc, 50 fpdcs)

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☐ **Rows 5 to 14**	Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 5 more times	(28 dc, 50 fpdcs)

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **End**	Row 14 is a wrong side row. Do not fasten off.	

Right front, as worn

Yarn A, gray blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 14 of the body. The right front is worked on the first 14 sts of the next row, a right side row. The neck edge is at the beginning of that row: a st is lost there in each of rows 15 to 21.	
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, **[**dc in next 2 sts, fpdc around next st**] 3 times**, dc in next 3 sts, leave the last 64 sts unworked	(10 dc, 3 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts**] 3 times**, dc in next st, fpdc around next st, dc2tog	(5 dc, 7 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, [fpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts] twice, fpdc around next st, dc in next 3 sts	(8 dc, 3 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts**] 3 times**, dc2tog	(4 dc, 6 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in next st, fpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts, fpdc around next st, dc in next 3 sts	(7 dc, 2 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 2, turn; [dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts] twice, dc in next st, dc2tog	(4 dc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts, fpdc around next st, dc in next 3 sts	(6 dc, 1 fpdc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; [dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts] twice, dc in next st	(3 dc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 3 sts, fpdc around next st, dc in next 3 sts	(6 dc, 1 fpdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; [dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts] twice, dc in next st	(3 dc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **End**	The 7 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Back

Yarn A, gray blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 14 of the body. With the right side facing, skip the next 9 sts of row 14 after the right front, for an underarm, and join yarn A in the next st; the back is worked on 32 sts, the first of them the st of the join.	
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 2 sts, fpdc around next st**] 10 times**, dc in next 2 sts, leave the last 23 sts unworked	(22 dc, 10 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next st, fpdc around next st, **[**dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts**] 9 times**, dc in next st, fpdc around next st, dc in next st	(12 dc, 20 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 2 sts, fpdc around next st**] 10 times**, dc in next 2 sts	(22 dc, 10 fpdcs)
☐ **Rows 18 to 23**	Repeat Rows 16 and 17, 3 more times	(22 dc, 10 fpdcs)

18 19 20 21 22 23

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☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next st, fpdc around next st, **[**dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts**] 9 times**, dc in next st, fpdc around next st, dc in next st	(12 dc, 20 fpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left front, as worn

Yarn A, gray blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 14 of the body. With the right side facing, skip the next 9 sts of row 14 after the back, for an underarm, and join yarn A in the next st; the left front is worked on the last 14 sts, the first of them the st of the join. The neck edge is at the end of that row: a st is lost there in each of rows 15 to 21.	
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2; dc in next 3 sts, **[**fpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, dc2tog	(10 dc, 3 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, fpdc around next st, **[**dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts**] 3 times**, dc in next st	(5 dc, 7 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 3 sts, [fpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts] twice, fpdc around next st, dc2tog	(8 dc, 3 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, **[**fpdc around next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 3 times**	(4 dc, 6 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 3 sts, fpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts, fpdc around next st, dc in next st, dc2tog	(7 dc, 2 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, [dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts] twice, dc in next st	(4 dc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 3 sts, fpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog	(6 dc, 1 fpdc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; [dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts] twice, dc in next st	(3 dc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 3 sts, fpdc around next st, dc in next 3 sts	(6 dc, 1 fpdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; [dc in next st, fpdc around next 2 sts] twice, dc in next st	(3 dc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **End**	The 7 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing. Shoulder seams: lay the fronts on the back, right sides together, and with their own ends whip stitch the 7 sts of row 24 of the right front to the 7 sts of row 24 of the back beside the right armhole, and the 7 sts of the left front to the 7 sts of the back beside the left armhole, st to st. The 18 sts between them are the back neck.	

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Front band

Yarn A, gray blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the vest with the right side facing and the right front edge, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn A at the lower edge of the hem rib; ch 1, sc in each of the 4 sts or chs at this end of the hem rib (4 sc); in the ends of rows 1 to 14 of the body, [2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, sc in the end of the next row] 4 times, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (24 sc); up the neck edge of the right front, in the ends of rows 15 to 24, 2 sc in the end of each of the 10 rows (20 sc); sc in each of the 18 sts of the back neck (18 sc); down the neck edge of the left front, in the ends of rows 24 to 15, 2 sc in the end of each of the 10 rows (20 sc); in the ends of rows 14 to 1 of the body, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 4 times (24 sc); sc in each of the 4 sts or chs at the other end of the hem rib (4 sc). There are 114 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(114 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 88 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, **[**sc in back loop only of next 3 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sc in back loop only of next 4 sts	(104 sc, 5 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in back loop only of next 3 sts**] 4 times**, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in back loop only of next 88 sts	(114 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The ch-2 sps of row 3 are the five buttonholes, on the left front.	

Right armhole band, as worn

Yarn A, gray blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the vest with the right side facing and the right armhole, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn A in the first of the 9 skipped sts of the underarm, at the edge of the right front; ch 1, sc in each of the 9 sts of the underarm (9 sc); up the back, in the ends of rows 15 to 24, [2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, 2 sc in the end of the next row (17 sc); down the right front, in the ends of rows 24 to 15, 2 sc in the end of the next row, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 3 times (17 sc). There are 43 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(43 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left armhole band, as worn

Yarn A, gray blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the vest with the right side facing and the left armhole, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn A in the first of the 9 skipped sts of the underarm, at the edge of the back; ch 1, sc in each of the 9 sts of the underarm (9 sc); up the left front, in the ends of rows 15 to 24, [2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, 2 sc in the end of the next row (17 sc); down the back, in the ends of rows 24 to 15, 2 sc in the end of the next row, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 3 times (17 sc). There are 43 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(43 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Pocket: make 2

Yarn A, gray blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 14. Colors: rows 1 to 6 yarn A; rows 7 and 8 yarn B.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(12 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next st, **[**fpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, fpdc around next st, dc in next st	(8 dc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, [fpdc around next 2 sts, dc in next st] twice, fpdc around next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts	(6 dc, 6 fpdcs)
☐ **Rows 5 to 6** 5 6	Repeat Rows 3 and 4, once more	(6 dc, 6 fpdcs)
☐ **Rows 7 to 8** 7 8	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of yarn B of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing. The last two rows are the welt. The pocket is about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and 3 in (7.5 cm) high.	

Assembly

1. Pockets: lay a pocket on each front, right side up, welt uppermost, its foundation chain along the line between rows 2 and 3 of the body. On the right front it lies on the 4th to the 15th st from the front edge, where the front band begins; on the left front it lies on the 4th to the 15th st from that front edge. With a new length of yarn A of about 24 in (60 cm) for each pocket, whip stitch it down one side from the line below the welt, along the lower edge and up the other side to the line below the welt; sew down the two ends of the welt with yarn B, the one with the end that hangs there, the other with a new length of about 8 in (20 cm). The top stays open.

2. Buttons: lap the left front over the right front, so that the whole left band lies on the whole right band: row 4 of the left band on row 1 of the right band, and row 3 of the left band, with the buttonholes, on row 2 of the right band. Sew the five buttons firmly to the right front band with sewing thread, on its row 2. Count the sts of row 2 of the right front band from the lower edge: the buttons lie between sts 5 and 6; 10 and 11; 15 and 16; 20 and 21; and sts 25 and 26, each opposite a buttonhole.

Finishing

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

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