Puff stitch baby cardigan

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



Finished size
About 21 in (53.5 cm) at the chest and about 11 in (28 cm) long
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Puff stitches and simple shaping, in one piece from the neck down

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.

You will need

Yarn A: sage, main — **about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, contrast — **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, stitch markers, 5 buttons, 5/8 in (15 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	Chest (buttoned)	Length from the neckband	Yoke depth	Sleeve from the underarm	Upper sleeve	Neck around (buttoned)	Yarn, an estimate
0-3 months	16 in (40.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	about 340 yd (311 m)
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	about 390 yd (357 m)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**21 in (53.5 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**4¾ in (12 cm)**	**7¾ in (19.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**14½ in (37 cm)**	**about 440 yd (402 m)**
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	about 520 yd (475 m)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	about 570 yd (521 m)

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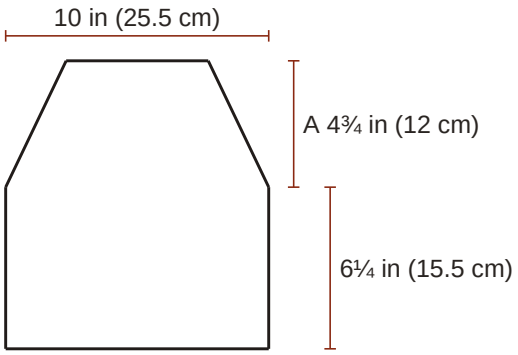
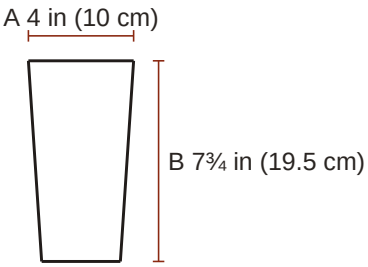
Schematic



Body, laid flat
A the yoke depth



Sleeve, laid flat
A half the top of the sleeve
B the sleeve

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
sp	space

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. It leaves 1 hdc2tog for the next row or round.

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. It leaves 1 fpdc for the next row or round.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post. It leaves 1 bpdc for the next row or round.

spuff (small puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop as tall as the row] 3 times in the same stitch (7 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 7 loops. It leaves 1 spuff for the next row or round.

mpuff (medium puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop as tall as the row] 4 times in the same stitch (9 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 9 loops. It leaves 1 mpuff for the next row or round.

lpuff (large puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop as tall as the row] 5 times in the same stitch (11 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 11 loops. It leaves 1 lpuff for the next row or round.

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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. Single crochet (UK: double crochet): the same sts and 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm). A row of puffs is about as high as a row of half double crochet (UK: half treble). Rib: 8.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- On a baby: sew every button on very firmly, and look at each one before every wear.
- The finished chest is 3 in (7.5 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- Worked from the neck down in one piece. The yoke and body are worked back and forth in rows; row 1 is a right side row. The sleeves are worked in rounds.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for the rib) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base, and the last stitch into the last stitch of the row below.
- The puffs are worked in three sizes, small at the neck and large at the edge of the yoke. The ch after a puff also closes the top of it: pull it snug. In the next row the sc over a puff goes in the top of the puff, and the sc of a space go around its whole chain.
- At the underarms, work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next row. The sleeves are worked into the free side of these chains.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- A row end is the side of the first or the last stitch of a row: work under two strands of it.
- For the rib, always work around the post (the upright part) of the stitch below, not into its top.
- 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.

Instructions

Chosen: 6-12 months, to fit chest 18 in (45.5 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms hdc is half treble, sc is double crochet and sl st is slip stitch.

Yoke

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 55. Colors: rows 1 to 4 yarn A; then, counted from row 5: 2 rows yarn B, 2 rows yarn A; repeat these 4 rows to row 16; row 17 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(54 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 16 times**	**(73 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(73 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, **[**spuff in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 35 times**, spuff in next st, hdc in last st	**(2 hdc, 36 spuffs, 35 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 35 times**, sc in next st	**(73 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 17 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts	**(91 hdc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(91 hdc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, **[**mpuff in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 44 times**, mpuff in next st, hdc in last st	**(2 hdc, 45 mpuffs, 44 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sc in next st	**(91 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next st, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 9 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 10 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts	**(111 hdc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(111 hdc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, **[**lpuff in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts**] 36 times**, lpuff in next st, hdc in last st	**(2 hdc, 37 lpuffs, 36 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st**] 36 times**, sc in next st	**(111 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts	**(128 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 16 to 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(128 hdc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

16 17

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Body

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 17 of the yoke.	
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 18 sts, ch 4 (underarm), skip next 28 sts (one sleeve), hdc in next 36 sts, ch 4 (underarm), skip next 28 sts (one sleeve), hdc in next 18 sts	**(72 hdc, 8 ch)**
☐ **Rows 19 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(80 hdc)**

A box for each row, 19 to 33: tick them off as you go.

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

☐ **Rows 34 to 36**	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 40 times**	**(40 fpdcs, 40 bpdcs)**

A box for each row, 34 to 36: tick them off as you go.

34 35 36

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm; ch 1, hdc in that ch and in the next underarm ch, hdc in each of the 28 sleeve sts and hdc in each of the 2 underarm chs left (32 hdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(32 hdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 9**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(30 hdc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 9: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9

☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	**(28 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 19**	Repeat Rnds 2 to 10, once more	**(24 hdc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 19: tick them off as you go.

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(24 hdc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

☐ **Rnds 22 to 24**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	**(12 fpdcs, 12 bpdcs)**

A box for each round, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neckband

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the first ch of the foundation chain at the right front (as worn); ch 1, sc in each of the 54 chs of the foundation chain, along their free side (54 sc). This is row 1.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(54 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Button band

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A at the neck end of the left front edge (as worn); ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 4 neckband rows, then work down the 33 row ends of the yoke and the body above the rib: [sc in each of the next 4 row ends, 2 sc in the next row end] 6 times, sc in each of the next 3 row ends (39 sc), and 2 sc in each of the 3 row ends of the rib; 49 sc in all. This is row 1.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(49 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Buttonhole band

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A at the lower corner of the right front edge (as worn); ch 1, 2 sc in each of the 3 row ends of the rib, then work up the 33 row ends of the body and the yoke: [sc in each of the next 4 row ends, 2 sc in the next row end] 6 times, sc in each of the next 3 row ends (39 sc), and sc in the end of each of the 4 neckband rows; 49 sc in all. This is row 1.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, **[**ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(39 sc, 5 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(49 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Close any small gaps at the underarms with the yarn ends there.

2. Buttons: lap the buttonhole band over the button band, edge to edge. Mark the place under each buttonhole on the button band and sew the 5 buttons there with the sewing thread. The buttons must hold a child's pull: sew each one on, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread. A loose button is a danger to a baby: see that each one is firm before every wear.

Finishing

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

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