Ribbed baby leggings

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



Finished size

About 17¾ in (45 cm) at the hip and about 18 in (45.5 cm) at the waist

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

Skill

Easy

Ribs worked sideways, easy shaping and seams

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 13 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet rib.

What you need

Yarn A: oat, main color **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: sage, contrast **about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 140 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 and stitch markers.

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	Yarn, an estimate	Around the hip, not stretched	Around the waistband, not stretched	Waist to crotch	Around each leg at the top	Around each ankle above the cuff	Around each cuff, not stretched	Leg from crotch to the end of the cuff
0-3 months	16½ in (42 cm)	about 230 yd (210 m)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)
3-6 months	17½ in (44.5 cm)	about 275 yd (251 m)	16½ in (42 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**about 340 yd (311 m)**	**17¾ in (45 cm)**	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**
12-18 months	19½ in (49.5 cm)	about 390 yd (357 m)	19 in (48.5 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)

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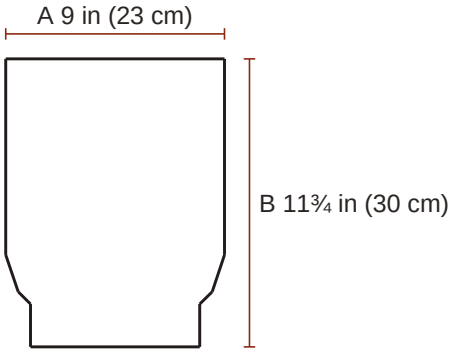
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 445 yd (407 m)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)

Schematic



Leg, waist at the top
A around each leg at the top
B from top to bottom

Gauge

16 stitches and 13 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet rib.

> **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 rib on 24 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6¼ in (16 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. Ankle: 16 sts and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet) in the back loop only. Gusset: 16 sts and 13.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet worked in both loops. Waistband and cuffs: 16 sts to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet (UK: treble); one round of double crochet is about ½ in (1.3 cm) high and four of post stitches are about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) high.

Notes

- The hip is ¾ to 1½ in (2 to 3.5 cm) narrower than the body measurement before the ribs are stretched: they give to lie close over a diaper (UK: nappy). Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The legs and the gusset are worked in rows that are turned. The ch 1 at the start of a row never counts as a stitch: work the first stitch into the stitch at its base. Odd-numbered rows are right side rows; mark the right side of each piece with a stitch marker.
- Row 1 of a leg is worked into the chain; from row 2 every stitch is worked in the back loop only, as the rows say, and the rows become upright ribs. In a row of two kinds of stitch the count at its end says both, in the order they are worked.
- The waistband and the cuffs are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you. The ch 2 at the start of a round never counts as a stitch: work the first stitch at its base (in rnd 1, in the end of the row at the seam). From rnd 2 work the first stitch around the first stitch of the round below.
- 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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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.
RS right side, the one that shows.
[ ] 36 times: work what is inside 36 times in all.
(47 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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.

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.

Leg: make 2

Yarn A, oat.

☐ **Foundation**	Each leg is one piece, worked sideways: the rows run up and down the leg. Odd-numbered rows begin at the ankle and end at the waist; even-numbered rows begin at the waist and end at the ankle. The single crochet at the ankle end of the rows is lower than the half double crochet, so that the leg grows narrower toward the ankle. With yarn A, ch 48.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(47 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across to last 8 sts, sc in back loop only of next 8 sts	(39 hdc, 8 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 15 sts, hdc in back loop only of each st across	(15 sc, 32 hdc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 29**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 13 more times	(15 sc, 32 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 30 in (75 cm) for a middle seam.	

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

Gusset

Yarn A, oat.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 5** — Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across (6 hdc)

2 3 4 5

☐ **End** — Fasten off. Join the pieces now, before the waistband and the cuffs are worked. Use the long ends, at the waist, for the middle seams, and new lengths of yarn A for the others. Leg seams: on the free side of the foundation chain of each leg count 25 chs down from the waist end, and place a marker; on row 29 count 25 sts down from the waist end, and place a marker. The markers are at the crotch, each just below the last ch or st counted. Fold a leg along its length, right sides together, so that the two markers meet and the long edges lie one on the other. Leave the first 3 chs and sts below the markers open for the gusset. From there sew the edges together down to the ankle: 19 chs to 19 sts. Sew the second leg in the same way. Middle seams: turn the first leg right side out, and leave the second wrong side out. Slip the first leg into the second, the waist edges level and the open edges together: the right sides meet, and the foundation chain of each leg lies along row 29 of the other. Sew each of the two pairs of edges, 22 chs to 22 sts, from the waist down, and leave the last 3 above the markers open for the gusset. One of these seams is the front seam and the other the back seam; the leggings are alike front and back. Pull the first leg out again, and turn all of the work wrong side out. Gusset: the opening at the crotch has four edges, and each of them is 6 sts or chs long, 3 above a marker and 3 below it. Put one corner of the gusset at the end of the front seam, the opposite corner at the end of the back seam, and the other two corners at the upper ends of the leg seams. With right sides together sew one side of the gusset to each edge of the opening: the 6 chs of its foundation chain to one edge and the 6 sts of row 5 to the edge across from it, one to one; the ends of its 5 rows to each of the other two edges, a row end to a st or ch, but the end of row 3, the middle row, to 2 of them. Take the markers out, and turn the work right side out.

Waistband

Yarn B, sage.

☐ **Foundation** — With the right side facing and the waist uppermost, join yarn B at the back seam; ch 2, work along the waist edge, in the ends of the 29 rows of the one leg: dc in the end of each of next 4 rows, 2 dc in the end of next row, [dc in the end of each of next 3 rows, 2 dc in the end of next row] 6 times (36 dc); then in the ends of the 29 rows of the other leg: dc in the end of each of next 4 rows, 2 dc in the end of next row, [dc in the end of each of next 3 rows, 2 dc in the end of next row] 6 times (36 dc); 72 dc in all; join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.

☐ **Rnds 2 to 8** — Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 36 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc (36 fpdcs, 36 bpdcs)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

☐ **End** — Fasten off.

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Cuff: make 2

Yarn B, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the ankle uppermost, join yarn B at the leg seam; ch 2, work along the ankle edge, in the ends of the 29 rows of the leg: dc in the end of each of next 28 rows, 2 dc in the end of next row (30 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 15 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc (15 fpdcs, 15 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Work the second cuff in the same way at the other ankle.

Putting it together

Fold the upper half of the waistband, rnds 5 to 8, down over the lower half, to the right side. It is not sewn down: unfold it for a longer rise as the baby grows.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces.

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