Baby leg sack with ribbed top

0 to 3 months · US terms



Finished size
About 9¾ × 18¾ in (25 × 48 cm)
About 19½ in (49.5 cm) round and 18¾ in (47.5 cm) long, the rib of 3½ in (9 cm) counted. To fit a baby up to 17½ in (44.5 cm) round the hips over the diaper

Skill
Easy
It is worked in joined rounds without a seam; the sides are single and double crochet by turns.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: heathered clay, the sack **about 425 yd (389 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oat, the three stripes **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Fiber: soft wool or wool blend

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), 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	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
0 to 3 months (this file)	**a baby up to 17½ in (44.5 cm) round the hips over the diaper**	**9¾ × 18¾ in (25 × 48 cm)**	**about 475 yd (434 m)**
3 to 6 months	a baby up to 19¼ in (49 cm) round the hips over the diaper	10¾ × 21 in (27 × 53 cm)	about 580 yd (530 m)
6 to 12 months	a baby up to 21 in (53.5 cm) round the hips over the diaper	11½ × 23½ in (29 × 60 cm)	about 705 yd (645 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
FPhdc	front post half double crochet (UK front post half treble)
BPhdc	back post half double crochet (UK back post half treble)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

18 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

The griddle stitch of the sides has the same 18 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

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 11 the bottom should measure about 6½ in (16.5 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.

Before you start

- 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 right side, the outside, faces you all the way. Begin the sides with a single crochet, and from then on begin the rounds by turns with a double crochet and with a single crochet, so that a double crochet always stands on a single crochet and a single crochet on a double crochet. This is the griddle stitch. The chain of 2 before a round that begins with a double crochet does not count as a stitch either.
- 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, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- For a longer sack choose the next size up. Or work more rounds of A between the third stripe and the ribbed top, an even number of them and 12 at the most; 4 rounds more are about 1¼ in (3 cm) and take about 40 yd (37 m) of A. The number of every round of the ribbed top then goes up by as many.

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- Measure the baby round the hips over the diaper, and from the waist down to the heel with the leg held straight. The sack is 2 in (5 cm) more round than the widest baby it is for; without its rib it should be at least as long as the second measure. The rib lies at about three quarters of the width of the sack and stretches to all of it. The sack is worn with its top at the waist, below the arms.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 17: A. Rounds 18 to 20: B. Rounds 21 to 22: A. Rounds 23 to 24: B. Rounds 25 to 26: A. Round 27: B. Rounds 28 to 61: A.

Instructions

Chosen: 0 to 3 months. 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, FPhdc is front post half treble and BPhdc is back post half treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, heathered clay; B, oat.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, 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)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(72 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(80 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, hdc in next 5 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(88 hdc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 11.** The bottom should measure about 6½ in (16.5 cm) across. Anything from 6¼ in (16 cm) to 6¾ in (17 cm) is near enough.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 18**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	With A, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	With B, ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	With A, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, sc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(44 dc, 44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(44 sc, 44 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 31 to 49**	Repeat rnds 29 and 30 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 30, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 29.	

A box for each round, 31 to 49: tick them off as you go.

☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48 ☐ 49

Ribbed top

☐ **Rnd 50**	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(88 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 51 to 61**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 44 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	**(44 FPhdc, 44 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 51 to 61: tick them off as you go.

☐ 51 ☐ 52 ☐ 53 ☐ 54 ☐ 55 ☐ 56 ☐ 57 ☐ 58 ☐ 59 ☐ 60 ☐ 61

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

Putting it together

Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, the inside: the tail of the magic ring round the middle of the bottom, the tails of the color changes under stitches of their own color.

Finishing

- Wash the sack in the way the yarn band says and dry it flat.

In all: 61 rounds; 4,928 stitches.

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