Striped baby leggings

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



Finished size

About 20½ in (52 cm) at the hip and the waistband and about 7¾ in (19.5 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 in rows with easy shaping, seams, post stitch ribs

Yarn

Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: teal, main color	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, color 3	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 130 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, elastic 1 in (2.5 cm) wide and as long as the waist your size is to fit (see SIZES), a safety pin, sewing thread and a sewing needle, stitch markers and pins.

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	Hip and the waistband	Waist to crotch, with the waistband	Around each leg at the top	Around each cuff, not stretched	Inside leg with the cuff
Newborn	13½ in (34.5 cm)	about 235 yd (215 m)	15 in (38 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)
0-3 months	16½ in (42 cm)	about 305 yd (279 m)	17¾ in (45 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)
3-6 months	17½ in (44.5 cm)	about 365 yd (334 m)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**about 440 yd (402 m)**	**20½ in (52 cm)**	**7¾ in (19.5 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**

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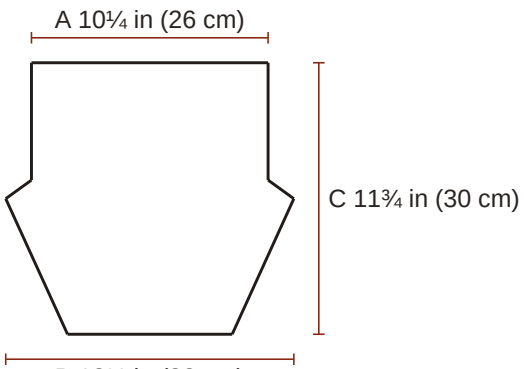
12-18 months	19½ in (49.5 cm)	about 515 yd (471 m)	21¼ in (54 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	9 in (23 cm)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 595 yd (544 m)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)

Schematic



Leg
A half the hip and the waistband
B around each leg at the top
C from top to bottom

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 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 28; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 22 rows of half double crochet on 27 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 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. Hearts: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 18 sts and 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Waistband and cuffs: one round of double crochet (UK: treble) is about 3/8 in (1 cm) high and four rounds of post stitches about 1½ in (3.8 cm).

Notes

- Baby sizes, newborn to 24 months, by waist, hip and leg; choose by the hip.
- Around the hip the leggings are from ¾ in (2 cm) to 1½ in (4 cm) wider than the body, by the size, so that they lie close over a diaper (UK: nappy); the fabric stretches. The waistband is as wide as the hip of the leggings, so that it pulls on, and the elastic draws it in. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The legs and the hearts are worked in rows; odd-numbered rows are right side rows. The waistband and the cuffs are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The turning chain, ch 1, 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 2 at the start of a round of the waistband or a cuff never counts as a stitch. From rnd 2 work the first stitch around the first stitch of the round below.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.

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- Color changes in the legs: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Each yarn rests for two rows: carry it loosely up the edge of the rows, where a seam will hide it.
- Left and right are those of the baby who wears the leggings. The two legs are alike, and so are the front and the back, but for the hearts.
- 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.

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.

3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **dc in each of next 3 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 46 times: work what is inside 46 times in all.

(32 hdc): the stitches you have when the row 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.

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, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	The leg is worked from the ankle up. Its two long edges meet at the inside of the leg; the middle of the rows is its outer side. With yarn A, ch 33. Colors, counted from row 1: 2 rows yarn A, 2 rows yarn B; repeat these 4 rows to the end (the last repeat may stop part way).	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(34 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(34 hdc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5** 4 5	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, once more	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 7** 6 7	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 10** 9 10	Repeat Rows 7 and 8, once more	(42 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 11 to 12** 11 12	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(46 hdc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 15** 14 15	Repeat Rows 12 and 13, once more	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 17** 16 17	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(52 hdc)
☐ **Rows 19 to 22** 19 20 21 22	Repeat Rows 17 and 18, 2 more times (54, 56 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rows 23 to 24** 23 24	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(46 hdc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 44** 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(46 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Place a marker at each end of row 22: the crotch.	

Heart: make 2

Yarn C, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	The heart is worked from its point up. With yarn C, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(1 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in next st	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 10** 5 6 7 8 9 10	Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 3 more times (7, 9, 11 sc at the ends of the repeats)	(11 sc)

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☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, sl st in next st, sc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st (4 sc, 12 dc, 1 sl st)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 24 in (60 cm) for sewing. The heart is about 2½ in (6.5 cm) wide and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) high. Join the pieces now, before the waistband and the cuffs are worked. Hearts: lay both legs flat, right side up, the ankle toward you. The leg on which the heart lies in the right-hand half is the right leg, as worn; the one on which it lies in the left-hand half is the left leg. Each heart lies right side up, with its point toward the ankle. The point lies on the line between rows 6 and 7 of the leg, and the whole heart lies above that line, on rows 7 to 15. To find the place of the point along the line, count the sts of row 7, which has 40: the point lies at the foot of the 10th st from the right-hand edge of the right leg, and at the foot of the 10th st from the left-hand edge of the left leg. The dip between the two lobes lies straight above the point, so that the rows of the heart lie along the rows of the leg. Keep the heart flat and whip stitch it down all around with its own end. Leg seams: fold each leg along its length, right side inward, so that its two long edges meet. With a new length of yarn A of about 18 in (45 cm) whip stitch the ends of rows 1 to 22 together from the ankle to the markers, row to row, so that the stripes meet. Middle seam: turn the right leg right side out and leave the left leg wrong side out. Slip the right leg into the left leg, waist edges level, leg seam on leg seam, and the hearts both on the same side: the right sides meet. With a new length of yarn A of about 32 in (80 cm) whip stitch the open edges of the two legs together in one line, from the waist at the front down to the leg seams and up to the waist at the back: the ends of rows 44 to 23 of the one leg to the ends of rows 44 to 23 of the other, row to row, then the ends of rows 23 to 44 in the same way. Pull the right leg out and turn the work right side out. The hearts are on the front.

Waistband

Yarn C, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the leggings with the right side facing and the waist uppermost. Join yarn C at the back seam, in the first st of row 44 to the left of it; ch 2, dc in each of the 46 sts of row 44 of the one leg, then dc in each of the 46 sts of row 44 of the other leg (92 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnds 2 to 9**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 46 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc (46 fpdcs, 46 bpdcs)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 54 in (135 cm) for sewing.

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Cuff: make 2

Yarn C, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold a leg with the right side out and the ankle uppermost. Join yarn C at the leg seam, in the free side of the first ch to the left of it; ch 2, dc in each of the 32 chs of the foundation chain of the leg, along their free side (32 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc (16 fpdcs, 16 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Work the second cuff at the other ankle in the same way.

Putting it together

Waistband: fold rnds 6 to 9 of the waistband to the inside, behind rnds 2 to 5, and with the yarn end whip stitch the tops of the 92 sts of rnd 9 to the backs of the 92 sts of rnd 1, one to one, with stitches that do not show on the right side; begin at the join and leave the last 2 in (5 cm) before it open. Pin the fold while you sew it. Cut a piece of elastic 1 in (2.5 cm) wide and 18½ in (47 cm) long, draw it through the casing with a safety pin, lap its two ends 1 in (2.5 cm) and sew them together firmly with sewing thread. The elastic is now 17½ in (44.5 cm) around, 1 in (2.5 cm) less than the waist: try the leggings on over the diaper (UK: nappy) before you sew its ends and take it in or let it out as you like. Sew the rest of the casing shut with the yarn end.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces.

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