Striped baby harem pants

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



Finished size
About 19 in (48.5 cm) at the waist and about 26 in (66 cm) at the hip
To fit a waist of 18½ in (47 cm) and a hip of 19 in (48.5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches in rounds, ribs, one short seam

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: mustard, main color	**about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oat, contrast	**about 165 yd (151 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gray, the ankle cuff and the waistband	**about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 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, elastic 1 in (2.5 cm) wide, a safety pin, sewing thread and a sewing needle 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.

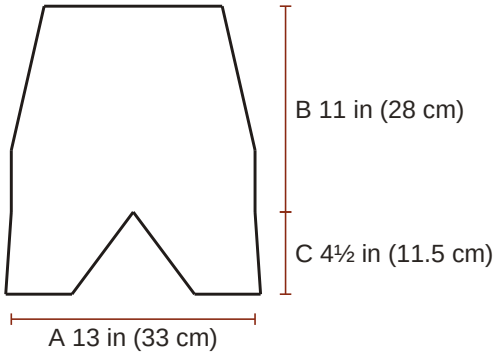
Sizes

Size	To fit waist	Yarn, an estimate	Waistband before the elastic	Around the hip	Waist to crotch, front and back alike	Around each leg	Around each ankle cuff	Inside leg with the cuff	From the waist to the end of the cuff
Newborn	13½ in (34.5 cm)	about 260 yd (238 m)	14 in (35.5 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)
0-3 months	16½ in (42 cm)	about 340 yd (311 m)	17 in (43 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)
3-6 months	17½ in (44.5 cm)	about 430 yd (393 m)	18 in (45.5 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**about 500 yd (457 m)**	**19 in (48.5 cm)**	**26 in (66 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**15¼ in (38.5 cm)**

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12-18 months	19½ in (49.5 cm)	about 610 yd (558 m)	20 in (51 cm)	28 in (71 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)
18-24 months	20 in (51 cm)	about 730 yd (668 m)	21 in (53.5 cm)	30 in (76 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)

Schematic



Laid flat, front up
A half the way around the hip
B the waist to crotch, front and back alike
C the lower part

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. Ankle cuffs: 16 sts and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet) worked in the back loop only. Waistband: one round of double crochet (UK: treble) is about ½ in (1.3 cm) high and four rounds of post stitches about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm).

Notes

- Baby sizes, newborn to 24 months, by waist and hip; choose by the hip.
- Around the hip the pants are from 5 in (12.5 cm) to 9 in (23 cm) wider than the body, by the size: they are meant to be full, with room for a diaper (UK: nappy). Before the elastic draws it in, the waistband is as wide as the hip measurement, and its ribs stretch, so that it pulls on. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The ankle cuffs and the bow cord are worked in rows. The legs, the body and the waistband are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet and post stitches) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined; a post stitch goes around that stitch.
- 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.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.

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- Left and right are those of the baby who wears the pants. The front and the back are alike.
- The crotch hangs low and the fabric gathers at the waist and at the ankles.
- The stripes step by one round where the rounds are joined: at the inside of each leg and at the middle of the back.
- To work a post stitch around a dc2tog, take the hook around both of its legs together.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.
- 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.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(6 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.

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.

Ankle cuff: make 2

Yarn C, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(6 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing. Bring the foundation chain up to row 30 to make a ring, and whip stitch the 6 chs to the 6 sts of row 30 with that end. The cuff is about 1½ in (4 cm) deep and 7 in (18 cm) around, not stretched. The seam will lie at the inside of the leg.	

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First leg

Yarn A, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 4 yarn A; rnds 5 and 6 yarn B; rnd 7 yarn C; rnds 8 and 9 yarn B; rnd 10 yarn A. Hold an ankle cuff with the neater side of its seam outward and either long edge uppermost. Join yarn A in the end of the row to the left of the seam; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 30 rows of the cuff (30 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1. The beginning of the rounds is the inside of the leg.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; 2 hdc in each of next 30 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 10**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(60 hdc)
	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Second leg

Yarn A, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 4 yarn A; rnds 5 and 6 yarn B; rnd 7 yarn C; rnds 8 and 9 yarn B; rnd 10 yarn A. Hold the other ankle cuff with the neater side of its seam outward and either long edge uppermost. Join yarn A in the end of the row to the left of the seam; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 30 rows of the cuff (30 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1. The beginning of the rounds is the inside of the leg. The second leg is worked as the first leg is, round for round, so that the stripes of the two legs meet.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; 2 hdc in each of next 30 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(60 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 10**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(60 hdc)
	3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Body

Yarn A, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors, counted from rnd 1: 3 rnds yarn A, 2 rnds yarn B, 1 rnd yarn C, 2 rnds yarn B, 1 rnd yarn A; repeat these 9 rnds to the end (the last repeat may stop part way). Lay the two legs side by side with the cuffs toward you and the open edges away from you, right sides outward and the joins of their rounds touching, between the legs: the side that lies uppermost is the back, and the leg at your left is the left leg, as worn. Count the sts of rnd 10 of each leg from its join. Join yarn A in st 5 of the left leg, on the back; ch 1, hdc in each of sts 5 to 56 of the left leg, around its outer side to the front (52 hdc), then hdc in each of sts 5 to 56 of the right leg, from the front around its outer side to the back (52 hdc). There are 104 hdc in all; join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1. The beginning of the rounds is the middle of the back. The first 4 and the last 4 sts of each leg are left free for the crotch seam.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 30**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(104 hdc)
	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	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Waistband

Yarn C, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the body with the right side facing and rnd 30 uppermost. Join yarn C in the first st of rnd 30, at the middle of the back. The rounds of the waistband are numbered from 1.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, dc2tog**] 8 times**, **[**dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog**] 20 times**; join with sl st in first dc (76 dc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 9**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 38 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc (38 fpdcs, 38 bpdcs)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 50 in (125 cm) for sewing.

Bow cord

Yarn B, oat.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 65.
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (64 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The bow cord is about 14 in (35.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Crotch seam: turn the pants so that the cuffs are uppermost. Between the legs 8 sts of rnd 10 of each leg are free. With a new length of yarn A of about 8 in (20 cm), whip stitch them together one to one, from the front to the back: sts 57 to 60 of the left leg to sts 4 to 1 of the right leg, then sts 1 to 4 of the left leg to sts 60 to 57 of the right leg. Close any small gap at the two ends of the seam with the same yarn.

2. 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 76 sts of rnd 9 to the backs of the 76 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 pants 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.

3. Bow: the 76 sts of rnd 3 of the waistband are counted from the join, at the middle of the back; the middle of the front lies between sts 38 and 39. Tie the bow cord into a bow with two loops about 1¼ in (3 cm) long and lay it there with its knot on rnd 3. With a new length of yarn B of about 24 in (60 cm) sew down the knot, the whole of both loops and both ends, so that nothing hangs loose.

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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