Diaper cover with suspenders

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



Finished size
About 22 in (56 cm) at the hip and about 20 in (51 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, simple shaping and two short seams

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 (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: chambray, main color **about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: biscuit, contrast **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 110 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, 2 wooden buttons, 5/8 in (15 mm) across and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

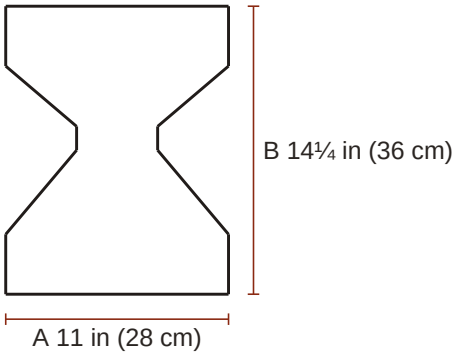
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Waist	Yarn, an estimate	Around the hip	Around the waistband	Front waist to the middle of the crotch	Back waist to the middle of the crotch	Around each leg opening
Newborn	13½ in (34.5 cm)	about 165 yd (151 m)	17 in (43 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	7 in (18 cm)
0-3 months	16½ in (42 cm)	about 215 yd (197 m)	20 in (51 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)
3-6 months	17½ in (44.5 cm)	about 230 yd (210 m)	21 in (53.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**about 265 yd (242 m)**	**22 in (56 cm)**	**20 in (51 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**8¾ in (22 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**
12-18 months	19½ in (49.5 cm)	about 300 yd (274 m)	23 in (58.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)

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Schematic



Cover
A half the way around the hip
B from top to bottom

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. Straps: 16 sts and 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet). Edgings: 16 sts to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet (UK: treble); one round of single crochet, one of double crochet and one of post stitches are about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) high together.

Notes

- The hip is 3 in (7.5 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size, to go over a diaper (UK: nappy). Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The cover is worked in rows that are turned. The ch 1 at the start of a row never counts as a stitch: work the first stitch of the row into the first stitch, at the base of the ch 1.
- The waistband and the leg edgings are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you. The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch: work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- To work 3 sc in a ch-3 sp, put the hook into the space under the chain, not into the chs.
- To work a post stitch around a dc2tog, take the hook around both of its legs together.
- 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.
- 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.

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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, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in each of next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(44 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.

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.

Cover

Yarn A, chambray.

☐ **Foundation**	The cover is one piece: it begins at the front waist, goes down to the crotch and up again to the back waist. Rows 1 to 10 are the front, above the legs; rows 11 to 20 shape the front leg edges; rows 21 to 24 are the crotch; rows 25 to 38 shape the back leg edges; rows 39 to 48 are the back, above the legs. With yarn A, ch 45.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(44 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		
☐ **Rows 11 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(28 hdc)
11 12 13 14		
☐ **Rows 15 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(16 hdc)
15 16 17 18 19 20		
☐ **Rows 21 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(16 hdc)
21 22 23 24		
☐ **Rows 25 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts	(32 hdc)
25 26 27 28		
☐ **Rows 29 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in next st	(36 hdc)
29 30		
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(36 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 32 to 39**	Repeat Rows 30 and 31, 4 more times (38, 40, 42, 44 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(44 hdc)

32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39

☐ **Rows 40 to 48**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)

40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing. Side seams: fold the piece at the crotch, right sides together, so that the foundation chain lies along row 48. At each side sew the ends of rows 1 to 10 to the ends of rows 48 to 39, row 1 to row 48 and row 10 to row 39, with the long end at one side and a new length of yarn A at the other. Turn the right side out.

Waistband

Yarn A, chambray.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the waist uppermost, join yarn A at the right side seam (as worn); ch 1, beginning in the st next to the seam, sc in each of the 44 sts of row 48 of the cover piece, across the back, then sc in each of the 44 chs of the foundation chain of the cover piece, along their free side, across the front (88 sc); the ch skipped at the start of row 1 stays free; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 9 sts, dc2tog**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(80 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 40 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(40 fpdcs, 40 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Leg edging: make 2

Yarn B, biscuit.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the lower end of a side seam; ch 2, work along the leg edge, in the ends of the 28 rows that go from this seam down to the crotch and up again to this seam (at the right side seam, as worn, from row 11 to row 38; at the left side seam from row 38 to row 11): [dc in the end of each of next 3 rows, 2 dc in the end of next row] 4 times, [dc in the end of each of next 2 rows, 2 dc in the end of next row] 4 times (36 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 18 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc (18 fpdcs, 18 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Work the second leg edging in the same way at the other side seam.

Strap: make 2

Yarn B, biscuit.

☐ **Foundation**	Each strap is about 18½ in (47 cm) long. Its last rows have two buttonholes, rows 74 and 81: the strap can be buttoned at either, so that it grows with the baby. Measure the strap at the end of row 73: it should be about 15¾ in (40 cm) long. If it is not, add or take away plain rows there, two at a time, and then go on with row 74 as it is written: the rows that were added or left out do not change the row numbers. With yarn B, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 73**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 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 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57

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58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73

☐ **Row 74**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, sc in next st	(2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 75**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 76 to 82**	Repeat Rows 69 to 75, once more	(5 sc)
76 77 78 79 80 81 82		
☐ **Rows 83 to 86**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
83 84 85 86		
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Pocket

Yarn A, chambray.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 13. Colors: rows 1 to 9 yarn A; rows 10 and 11 yarn B.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		
☐ **Rows 10 to 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
10 11		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) of yarn B. Join a new length of yarn A, about 24 in (60 cm), for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Pocket: lay the cover with its front up and the waist uppermost. Lay the pocket on the front, right side up, its biscuit edge uppermost. The rows of the front are counted from the waist down: the lower edge of the pocket lies along the lower edge of row 13, on the middle 12 of its 32 sts, with 10 sts free at each side. Whip stitch with yarn A from the top of row 9 at one side, down that side, along the lower edge and up the other side to the top of row 9 there; leave the top open. The ends of rows 10 and 11, the two biscuit rows, are sewn down with yarn B: at the side where row 11 ends with the end left there, and at the other side with a new length of yarn B, about 8 in (20 cm).

2. Straps: the sts of rnd 2 of the waistband are counted from the join, at the right side seam (as worn): sts 1 to 40 are the back, with the middle of the back between sts 20 and 21, and sts 41 to 80 are the front, with its middle between sts 60 and 61. Lay the end of a strap that has no buttonholes (the foundation chain) flat on the inside of the back waistband, the foundation chain along rnd 1, so that the strap goes up past rnd 3 and its 5 sts lie over sts 11 to 15, and sew it down all round with a new length of yarn B, about 14 in (35 cm). Sew the second strap over sts 26 to 30 in the same way.

3. Buttons: sew one over st 51 and one over st 70 of rnd 2 of the waistband, on the right side, 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. See that each one is firm before every wear.

4. Cross the straps at the back: the strap from the right half of the back (as worn) goes over the left shoulder to the button on the left half of the front, and the strap from the left half of the back goes over the right shoulder to the button on the right half of the front. Button each at the buttonhole that suits.

Finishing

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

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