Vintage style baby dress with a collar

6-12 months, to fit chest 18 in (45.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 20 in (51 cm) at the chest and about 15 in (38 cm) long
To fit a chest of 18 in (45.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Simple shaping, stitches in the back loop, a collar sewn on

Yarn
Fine (2), 2 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: powder blue, main color **about 525 yd (480 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm cream, contrast **about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 180 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, 2 buttons, ½ in (12 mm) across and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

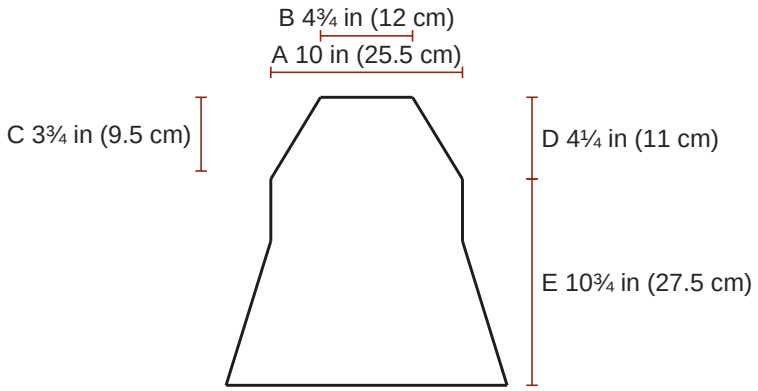
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

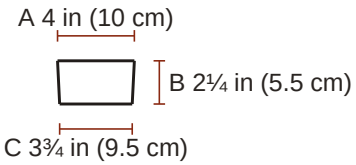
Size	To fit chest	Yarn, an estimate	Chest	Length from the neckband	Yoke depth	Sleeve from the underarm	Upper sleeve	Neck around (buttoned)	Back opening	Hem around	Sleeve band around	Collar depth
0-3 months	16 in (40.5 cm)	about 505 yd (462 m)	17¾ in (45 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	26¾ in (68 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)
3-6 months	17 in (43 cm)	about 585 yd (535 m)	19 in (48.5 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	28 in (71 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)
6-12 months (this file)	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**about 640 yd (585 m)**	**20 in (51 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**2¼ in (5.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**3¾ in (9.5 cm)**	**29¼ in (74.5 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**1½ in (4 cm)**
12-18 months	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 720 yd (658 m)	21 in (53.5 cm)	16¼ in (41.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	30¾ in (78 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)

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Schematic



Body
A half the chest
B across the neck opening
C the back opening
D the yoke depth
E below the yoke



Sleeve, laid flat
A half the top of the sleeve
B the sleeve
C half the cuff

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.

Notes

- On a baby: sew every button on very firmly, and look at each one before every wear.
- The finished chest is from 1¾ in (4.5 cm) to 2 in (5 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- Worked from the neck down in one piece. The yoke begins at the middle of the back. Its first rows are worked flat, back and forth, for the back opening; row 1 is a right side row, and so is the last of them, which is joined into a ring. From there the rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you. The neckband and the edging of the opening are worked at the end.
- The rows and rounds begin at the middle of the back, so the first and the last section of each row or round are the two halves of the back.
- The neck is small, so that it stays on the shoulders; the head goes through the opening at the back, which fastens with two buttons.
- The chain at the start of a round or row (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base. In the rows, work the last stitch into the last stitch of the row below, and never into the turning chain.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- At the underarms, work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next round. The sleeves are worked into the free side of these chains.
- A pintuck is a round of cream single crochet in the back loop only and, on it, a round of blue half double crochet in the back loop only. The cream round leaves free the front loops of the blue round below it, and the blue round those of the cream round; these two lines of loops stand up as fine ridges on the right side, and nothing is worked into them.

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- 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.

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, **WS** wrong side, the back.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(54 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)): Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

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.

Yoke, back opening

Yarn A, powder blue.

☐ **Foundation**	In this size the front has 2 sts more than the back. With yarn A, ch 55.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(54 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts	(64 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts	(74 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(74 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts	(84 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts	(94 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(94 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts] twice, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 9 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts	(106 hdc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts**] 4 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 5 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts	(116 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(116 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts**] 5 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts	(126 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts**] 4 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 5 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts	(136 hdc)

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☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(136 hdc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Yoke

Yarn A, powder blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 13 of the back opening, a right side row. Do not turn. With the right side facing, join the row into a ring with a sl st in its first hdc, so that the right side is outward. From here the yoke is worked in rounds.	
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1; hdc in next 6 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 4 times**, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts**] 5 times**, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(146 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** 15 16	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(146 hdc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Body and skirt

Yarn A, powder blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 16 of the yoke. Colors: rnds 17 to 20 yarn A; rnds 21 and 22 yarn B; rnds 23 to 44 yarn A; rnd 45 yarn B; rnds 46 and 47 yarn A; rnd 48 yarn B; rnds 49 and 50 yarn A; rnd 51 yarn B; rnds 52 and 53 yarn A; rnds 54 to 57 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1; hdc in next 20 sts, ch 4 (underarm), skip next 32 sts (one sleeve), hdc in next 42 sts, ch 4 (underarm), skip next 32 sts (one sleeve), hdc in next 20 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(82 hdc, 8 ch)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 20** 18 19 20	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(90 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 21 to 22** 21 22	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(90 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 36 times**, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(132 dc)
☐ **Rnds 24 to 44** 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(132 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 45**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(132 sc)
☐ **Rnd 46**	Ch 1; hdc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(132 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 47 to 52** 47 48 49 50 51 52	Repeat Rnds 44 to 46, 2 more times	(132 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 53**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(132 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 54**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(132 sc)
☐ **Rnds 55 to 56** 55 56	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(132 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 57**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 22 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(22 sc, 110 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, powder blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 7 yarn A; rnds 8 and 9 yarn B. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm; ch 1, hdc in that ch and in the next underarm ch, hdc in each of the 32 sleeve sts and hdc in each of the 2 underarm chs left (36 hdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 6** 3 4 5 6	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; **[**hdc2tog**] 10 times**, **[**hdc in next st, hdc2tog**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(34 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 9** 8 9	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(34 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neckband

Yarn B, warm cream.

☐ **Foundation**	The neckband is not joined. With the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost, join yarn B in the first ch made, at the left back edge of the opening (as worn), under the last hdc of row 1; ch 1, sc in each ch across (54 sc), to the right back edge; the 1 ch skipped at the start of row 1 is left. This is row 1.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(54 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Opening edging

Yarn B, warm cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the neck end of the right back edge of the opening (as worn); ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 2 neckband rows, sc in the end of each of the 13 rows of the opening down to its foot; then go straight on up the left back edge, sc in the end of each of the 13 rows of the opening and sc in the end of each of the 2 neckband rows (30 sc). This is row 1.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next 5 sts, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st	(27 sc, 2 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Row 2 goes down the left back edge and up the right back edge; the sc2tog turns it at the foot of the opening, and the 2 ch-3 sps are the button loops, the last of them at the neck. No row is worked into them. Fasten off.	

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Collar half: make 2

Yarn B, warm cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Leave an end of about 20 in (50 cm) before the first ch: the half is sewn on with it. With yarn B, ch 28.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts] twice, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts	(33 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(31 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts	(33 hdc)
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**skip next st, 5 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st**] 8 times**	(9 sc, 40 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Close any small gaps at the underarms with the yarn ends there.

2. Opening: lay the edging of the right back over the edging of the left back and sew its lower end down with a few stitches at the foot of the opening. Mark the place under each loop on the left back, where the edging meets the yoke or the neckband, and sew the 2 buttons there with the sewing thread, so that the loops go over them without pulling. 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. A loose button is a danger to a baby: see that each one is firm before every wear.

3. Collar: lay a collar half on the right side of the yoke, with its right side up and the scallops away from the neck. The 27 chs under its row 1 lie along the foot of the neckband, with the long end of yarn B at the right-hand end. Begin at the left back edge of the opening (as worn): with the long end and the yarn needle, sew these chs to sts 1 to 27 of row 1 of the neckband, 1 ch to 1 st, as far as the middle of the front. Sew the second half to sts 28 to 54 in the same way, from the middle of the front, where its long end lies, to the right back edge of the opening. The two halves meet at the middle of the front, between sts 27 and 28 of the 54; their scallops are not sewn down.

Finishing

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

In all: 8,063 stitches (1,274 in the yoke, back opening, 438 in the yoke, 5,160 in the body and skirt, 382 in each sleeve, 54 in the neckband, 27 in the opening edging, 173 in each collar half).

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