Vintage baby bib with a rose

12 months, to fit neck 10¼ in (26 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 11 in (28 cm) at the neck and about 12 in (30.5 cm) round along the
To fit a neck of 10¼ in (26 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Filet mesh, shells, small flowers

Yarn
Super fine (1), 3 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
22 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: white	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage, the leaf	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 400 yd (366 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, rustproof pins (one for each point of the lace edge), 1 flat button, ½ in (12 mm) across and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

Sizes

Size	To fit neck	Neck	Around along the foundation chain	Depth from the finished	Across the whole bib (buttoned)	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn	8¾ in (22 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	about 100 yd (91 m)
12 months (this file)	**10¼ in (26 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**12 in (30.5 cm)**	**3½ in (9 cm)**	**10½ in (26.5 cm)**	**about 130 yd (119 m)**

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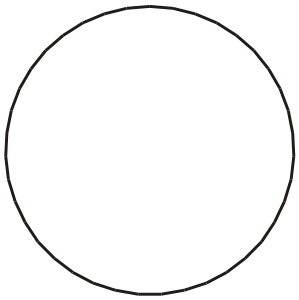
Schematic



Bib, laid flat
A across the whole bib (buttoned)

Gauge

22 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 35; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 18 rows of double crochet on 33 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. Filet and shells: a mesh of 1 dc and 1 ch is as wide as 2 dc; a row of filet is as high as a row of double crochet, about 1/3 in (1 cm). Rows 5 and 6 (the shells and the row after them) fit into each other: the two together are as high as one row of double crochet and one of single crochet, about ½ in (1.5 cm). Single crochet (UK: double crochet): about 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Petals and leaves: work the stitches firmly.

Instructions

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dc double crochet (UK tr), **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **st** stitch.

2 dc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Dc in next 2 sts: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

The ch 2 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.

[ ] 21 times: 21 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (85 dc): the row now has 85; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: RS right side, sp space.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

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.

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Bib

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Start**	The bib is worked around the neck and outward, open at the middle of the back. Row 1 is a right side row. With yarn A, ch 66.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(64 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 21 times**	(85 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next st**] 12 times**	(49 dc, 48 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 12 times**	(109 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 18 times**	(19 sc, 90 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**ch 3, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 3, skip next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 18 times**	(19 dc, 36 ch-3 sps, 18 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st**] 18 times**	(145 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 72 times**	(73 dc, 72 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 18 times**	(163 dc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Lace edge

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Start**	Go on from round 1 of the edging, with the right side facing: do not turn. The lace edge is one row, on the first 163 sc of the round, those of row 9 of the bib.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 27 times**	(28 sc, 162 dc, 27 ch-2 sps)
☐	Fasten off.	

Rose, lower petals

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Start**	With yarn B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 1; 12 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, 5 dc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc, 30 dc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 16 in (40 cm) for sewing.	

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Rose, upper petals

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Start**	With yarn B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 1; 12 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, 3 dc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc, 18 dc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Leaf: make 2

Yarn C, sage.

☐ **Start**	With yarn C, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 1; 4 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(4 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1; [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] twice; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1; [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice; join with sl st in first sc	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1; [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice; join with sl st in first sc	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(10 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1; [sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] twice; join with sl st in first sc	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1; [sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] twice; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 8**	Ch 1; [sc in next st, sc2tog] twice; join with sl st in first sc	(4 sc)
☐	The last round is the base. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 10 in (25 cm) for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, with the joins up the middle of one side: that side is its back, with sts 2 to 3 of the last round in front and the other 2 sts behind.	

Assembly

1. Edging: With the right side facing and row 9 of the bib uppermost, join yarn A in the first st of row 9, at the right-hand end. Ch 1; sc in each of the 163 sts of row 9; down the left back edge (as worn) to the neck, along rows 1 to 9 of the bib, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (17 sc); along the neck, sc in the free side of each of the 64 chs under row 1; up the right back edge, along rows 1 to 9 of the bib, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (17 sc). There are 261 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is round 1. Do not fasten off.

2. Button loop: With the right side facing, join yarn A with a sl st in the first of the 17 sc of the right back edge, the one next to the neck. Ch 8, skip the next 2 sc of that edge, away from the neck, and sl st in the next sc. Turn; work 11 sc over the chain, into the loop, and sl st in the sc where the loop begins (11 sc). This is the only row. Fasten off.

3. Leaves: they are sewn to the bib before the rose, which hides their bases. With its yarn end sew the base of each leaf closed, 2 sts to 2 sts. The middle of the front of row 9 of the bib is st 82, counted from the first st of the row. Lay the leaves on the right side of the bib, low on the left side (as worn), with their backs (the sides with the joins) down and each along row 7. First leaf: its base in line with st 100 of row 9, and its tip toward the middle of the front, in line with st 91 of row 9. Second leaf: its base in line with st 104 of row 9, and its tip away from the middle of the front, in line with st 113 of row 9. Sew each leaf flat to the bib all round, close to its edge, with its own end.

4. Rose: lay the upper petals on the lower petals, right sides up, the rings one on the other and the upper petals over the dips between the lower ones, and sew them together around the ring with the end of the upper petals. The petals

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of the upper layer stay free. Lay the rose on the right side of the bib, its middle on row 7, in line with st 102 of row 9, between the leaves, so that the lower petals cover the bases of both. Sew the lower petals down all round, close under their edges, with their own end, through the leaves where they lie on them; then sew through the middle of both layers and the bib four times with a new length of yarn B, about 12 in (30 cm) long.

5. Button: with the two back edges lying side by side at the neck, sew the button to the right side of the bib on the left back edge, over the end of row 1 at the neck, just inside the edging, where the loop reaches it. Sew it on with the sewing thread, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread: it must hold a baby's pull. See that it is firm before every use.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says. Lay the bib wet on a towel, right side up, the two back edges side by side, and pat it out round and flat to the measurements. Put a rustproof pin through the ch-2 space at each of the 27 points of the lace edge, leave the bib until it is dry, and count the pins as you take them out.
- Weave in every end on the wrong side.

In all: 5 pieces; 1,220 stitches (834 in the bib, 190 in the lace edge, 48 in the rose, lower petals, 36 in the rose, upper petals, 56 in each leaf).

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.

Notes

- Two sizes, chosen by the neck.
- Around the neck the buttoned bib is from ½ in (1.5 cm) to ¾ in (2 cm) wider, at its finished inner edge, than the neck it is for. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The bib is worked back and forth in rows; odd-numbered rows are right side rows. The edging, the petals and the leaves are worked in rounds. The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- In rows, the last stitch goes into the last stitch of the row below, never into the turning chain.
- How the bib is measured: buttoned and lying flat, the two back edges side by side. The sc worked along the neck lie inside the ring of the foundation chain, so the finished neck opening is about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller around than that ring; work these sc a little firmly, so that they lie flat. The depth is that of the sc along the neck, the rows of the bib, the sc along the last row and the lace edge together; rows 5 and 6 fit into each other and count together as one sc and one dc, as GAUGE says, and the lace edge counts as one dc. The measure across is twice the depth and the width of the neck opening.
- To work into a chain space, put the hook under the whole chain. The spaces of the filet rows are counted apart from the stitches.
- In the shell row, 5 dc are worked into one stitch. In the row after it, each sc goes into the middle (3rd) dc of a shell and each dc into an sc between two shells, so that the tops of both are at one height.
- The increases are spread over the rows, so that the bib lies flat as it grows: the stitches of row 1, worked on the plain neck chain, fan apart at their tops when row 2 is worked into them. Row 3 widens too: the last mesh of each of its repeats skips no stitch ("ch 1, dc in next st"). The ch-3 spaces of row 6 are arches and may stand up a little: they leave room for the wider row 7, whose stitches fill them.
- Choose a cotton that can be washed often. A bib is for mealtimes: use it with someone watching, and take it off afterward. Sew every part on firmly, through the fabric several times, weave the ends in well, and look at them before each use.

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