



CROCHETROOMS

Baby Cardigan

Finished Size & Skill Level

Sizes: **0 to 3 months (3 to 6 months)**. Finished chest: 18 in (45.5 cm) [19 in (48 cm)], designed to fit an actual chest of 16 in (40.5 cm) [17 in (43 cm)] with about 2 in of positive ease. Finished length: 10.5 in (26.5 cm) [11.5 in (29 cm)].

Skill level: Intermediate. You should be comfortable with basic stitches, increasing, and simple garment shaping.

Materials

- #3 DK weight yarn, machine washable: approximately 230 yd (210 m) / 100 g for 0 to 3 months; approximately 300 yd (275 m) / 150 g for 3 to 6 months.
- 4 mm (G-6) crochet hook, or size needed to obtain gauge.
- 3 small buttons, about 0.5 to 0.75 in (1.3 to 2 cm) across.
- 4 stitch markers, tapestry needle, scissors, measuring tape.

Gauge

18 half double crochet stitches and 14 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet, unblocked. Check your gauge before you begin: even half an inch of difference will change the fit of a baby garment. Adjust your hook size if needed to match.

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- rep = repeat

Pattern Notes

The cardigan is worked top down in one piece: first the raglan yoke in rows, then the body in rows, then the sleeves in rounds. The chain 1 at the start of a row or round does not count as a stitch. Numbers for the larger size follow in [brackets]; where only one number appears it applies to both sizes.

Yoke

- **Foundation:** Ch 52 [56].
- **Row 1:** Hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn. (50 [54] hdc)

Place a marker in the following stitches, counting from the start of Row 1: after stitch 8 [9], after stitch 16 [17], after stitch 34 [37], and after stitch 42 [45]. This divides the yoke into left front, sleeve, back, sleeve, and right front.

- **Row 2 (increase row):** Ch 1, hdc in each st to the first marker, *3 hdc in the marked st (move the marker to the center hdc of the 3 just made), hdc in each st to the next marker; rep from * 3 more times, hdc in each st to the end. Turn. (58 [62] hdc)
- **Rows 3 to 13:** Repeat Row 2 eleven more times. Turn at the end of each row. (146 [150] hdc after Row 13)

The yoke should now measure about 3.5 in (9 cm) deep. Your stitch counts are: 20 [21] sts per front, 32 sts per sleeve, 42 [44] sts for the back.

Body

- **Split row:** Ch 1, hdc in the first 20 [21] sts (front), skip the next 32 sts (sleeve), hdc in the next 42 [44] sts (back), skip the next 32 sts (sleeve), hdc in the last 20 [21] sts (front). Turn. (82 [86] hdc)
- **Body rows:** Ch 1, hdc in each st across. Turn. Repeat until the body measures 7 in (18 cm) [7.5 in (19 cm)] from the split, about 10.5 in (26.5 cm) [11.5 in (29 cm)] total from the neck edge. Do not fasten off.
- **Hem:** Ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn. Repeat this row once more. Fasten off.

Sleeves (make 2)

Join yarn with a sl st at the underarm, in the first skipped sleeve stitch.

- **Round 1:** Ch 1, hdc in each of the 32 sleeve sts around, working 2 extra hdc into the underarm gap to close any hole. Join with a sl st to the first hdc. (34 hdc)
- **Rounds 2 onward:** Ch 1, hdc in each st around. Join. Repeat until the sleeve measures 5.5 in (14 cm) [6 in (15 cm)] from the underarm.
- **Cuff:** Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join. Repeat this round once more. Fasten off.

Repeat for the second sleeve.

Button Bands

Buttonhole band (right front): With the right side facing, join yarn at the bottom corner of the right front edge. Ch 1 and work sc evenly up the front edge to the neck (about 2 sc per row end). Turn.

Buttonhole row: Ch 1, sc in the first 3 sts, *ch 2, skip 2 sts, sc in the next 6 sts; rep from * 2 more times. Turn. (3 buttonholes made)

Next row: Ch 1, sc in each st across, working 2 sc into each ch-2 space. Fasten off.

Button band (left front): With the right side facing, join yarn at the neck edge of the left front and work sc evenly down to the hem. Fasten off. Sew the 3 buttons to the left band opposite the buttonholes, stitching each button on very securely.

Finishing

Weave in all yarn ends. Block lightly if desired by laying the cardigan flat, shaping it to the finished measurements, and letting it dry. Check that all buttons are sewn on firmly before giving the cardigan to a baby.