



CrochetRooms

Baby Sweater Pattern (0-3 Months)

Finished Size & Skill Level

- Size: 0-3 months. Finished chest about 20 in (51 cm), to fit a 15-16 in chest with comfortable room to grow
- Total length about 10 in (25 cm); sleeve length about 6 in (15 cm) from underarm
- **Skill level:** Confident beginner - chain, half double crochet, simple increases
- **Time:** about 8-10 hours

Materials

- **Worsted-weight (#4) soft baby yarn:** approx 400 yds (366 m)
- **5 mm (US H-8) crochet hook**
- 4 stitch markers, yarn needle, scissors

Gauge

14 half double crochet stitches x 9 rows = 4 in (10 cm). Check your gauge before starting: garments need to fit, so if your swatch is off, change hook size until it matches.

Abbreviations (US Terms)

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

The turning ch 2 does not count as a stitch. Markers sit in the raglan increase stitches; move them up as you work.

Construction Overview

This pullover is worked top-down as a raglan: you start at the neckline, increase at four raglan seams to shape the yoke, then separate the sleeves and work the body straight down. No seaming required.

Yoke

Neck foundation: Ch 48 loosely (a loose chain keeps the neckline stretchy).

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. (46 hdc)

Place markers: Counting from the start, place a marker in st 7, st 16, st 30, and st 39. This divides the row into 5 sections: front 7 / sleeve 9 / back 14 / sleeve 9 / front 7.

Rows 2-11 (increase rows): Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, hdc in each st across, working (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in each marked st and moving the marker into the ch-2 space. Each row adds 8 sts.

After Row 11 you have 126 sts: front 17 / sleeve 29 / back 34 / sleeve 29 / front 17. The yoke measures about 4.5 in deep.

Divide for Body and Sleeves

Row 12: Ch 2, turn, hdc across the first 17 sts (front), ch 2, skip the next 29 sts (sleeve), hdc across the next 34 sts (back), ch 2, skip the next 29 sts (sleeve), hdc across the last 17 sts (front). (72 sts for the body)

The skipped sleeve stitches rest on hold; you will return to them later.

Body

Rows 13 onward: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across. (72 hdc)

Continue in even rows until the body measures about 5.5 in from the underarm (about 12 rows).

Hem: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across for 2 rows. Fasten off. Total length is now about 10 in.

Sleeves (make 2)

Round 1: Join yarn at the underarm. Working around the armhole, hdc in each of the 29 held sleeve sts and work 4 hdc evenly across the ch-2 underarm chain. Join with a sl st to the first hdc. (33 sts)

Rounds 2-12: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), hdc in each st around. Join with a sl st. (33 sts)

Cuff: Ch 1, sc in each st around for 2 rounds. Join, fasten off, and weave in the ends. Sleeve measures about 6 in from the underarm.

Neckline & Finishing

- Join yarn at the back of the neck and work 1 round of sc evenly around the neck opening. Join and fasten off.
- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.
- Wash gently according to your yarn label and lay flat to dry, shaping the sleeves and body with your hands.
- Try it on the lucky baby (or a doll of similar size) and prepare for the photos.