Baby Jacket

Sets of a jacket and a matching hat will be most welcome

Our baby jacket is simple in design but can be adapted to the skill of the maker. Add a tab fastening, put buttons and loops all down the front or use your favourite crochet trim.

Please crochet in different colours to give families a choice.

Requirements

Please use new yarn.

While we appreciate that individuals have different abilities and as these are gifts for babies and families who have gone through so much, we would appreciate a high quality of crochet and sewing up.

All sewing MUST be fastened securely.

Post to us

Please enclose with your package your name, email address and/or home address with the quantity made. This will allow us to contact you with our thanks:

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What you will need:

Materials

100g double knitting yarn

3.5mm crochet hook (or size required to achieve correct tension)

Yarn needle

Scissors

Buttons as required

Stitches & Abbreviations - UK crochet terms

ch - chain

slst - slip stitch

dc - double crochet

htr - half treble

tr - treble

scdec3 - single crochet next 3st together to form decrease

RS - right side of work

WS - wrong side of work

st - stitch

NB. Chain 2 at beginning of each row does NOT count as a stitch.

Size

To fit 3-6 months

Chest size 18"/46cm (actual size 20"/51cm)

Length 10.5"/27cm

Sleeve length 6.5"/17cm

Tension

4 tr stitches = 1"/2.5cm using 3.5mm hook.

Use larger or smaller hook to achieve correct tension or, alternatively for more experienced crocheters, add or reduce the number of starting chains to achieve correct width (10"/27cm for back)

Left Front

Row 1: *ch22 loosely, 1tr in third ch from hook, 1tr in each remaining ch across (20st)

Row 2: turn work, ch2, 1tr in each stitch across (20 st)

Repeat Row 3 until work measures 8"/20cm ending on a RS row*

Back

Row 1: ch42 loosely (or use a hook one size larger), 1tr in third chain from hook, 1tr in each remaining chain across (40st)

Row 2: turn, ch2 (does not count as a stitch), 1tr into first stitch, 1tr into each remaining stitch across (40 st)

Repeat Row 2 until back measures 10"/27cm. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Shape Neck

WS - turn and work 13tr across the row (7 stitches left unworked), turn (13st)

RS - **continue to work in rows until work measures the same length as Back. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.**

Right Front

Work as Left Front from * to * ending on a WS row, (20st), turn

RS - ch2, starting in first st work 13 trc (13 st)

Work as Left Front from ** to **

Sleeves

Row1: ch27 loosely, 1sc in second chain from hook, 1sc in each chain across (26st)

Row 2: turn work, ch1, 1 sc in first st. 1sc in each st across (26st)

Row 3: ch2, 1tr in first st, 1tr in each stitch across (26st)

Continue in pattern increasing one stitch at each end of 3rd and every following 4th row until there are 34sts.

Continue straight until sleeve measures 6.5"/17cm. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

To make up

Sew shoulder seams

Sew in sleeves

Join sleeve seam and side seams

Sew on buttons and attach tab

Front Edging

Starting at bottom right edge, work one row of single crochet (sc) or half treble crochet (htr) up the front edge, working 2sts into each edge stitch, work 3sc in outside corner st, scdec3 into three sts at inner corner of neck.

Continue around neckline repeating decrease and increase sts at opposite corners.

Continue down to bottom left edge, slip st into bottom edge and fasten off.

Weave in ends.

Tab

Row 1: ch17, sc in second chain from hook. 1sc in each chain across (15 st)

Row 2: turn, ch1, sc into first st and each stitch across (15 st)

Row 3: turn, ch1, 1sc in first two st, ch2, skip next 2 st, 1sc into next st to end

Row 4: turn, ch1, 1sc into each st across (15st)

Work a further 2 rows and fasten off. Weave in ends.

Alternative to Tab Closure

Add button(s) in place of tab closure - decide how many buttons, mark placement with pins on one side of jacket. On opposite side, make a loop in the border by chaining 6 st between 2 stitches to match button placement.

For More Experienced Crocheters

A different pattern and/or edging working to finished jacket sizing.