



MATERIALS

Bernat® Softee Baby™ (5 oz/140 g; 362 yds/331 m)

Sizes 6 12 18 mos

Contrast A Aqua (30201) 1 1 1 **ball**

Contrast B Antique White (30008) 1 1 1 **ball**

Sizes U.S. C/2 (3.25 mm) and U.S. G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook **or sizes needed to obtain gauge.** Stitch markers. 7 buttons. Yarn needle.



CROCHET | SKILL LEVEL: **INTERMEDIATE**

ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximately

Beg = Beginning

Ch = Chain(s)

Cont = Continue(ity)

Dec = Decrease

Hdc = Half double crochet

Hdc2tog = Yoh and draw up a loop in each of next 2 stitches.

Yoh and draw through all loops
on hook

Inc = Increase

SIZES

To fit chest measurement

6 mos 17" [43 cm]

12 mos 18" [45.5 cm]

18 mos 19" [48.5 cm]

GAUGE

16 hdc and 11.5 rows = 4" [10 cm]
with larger hook.

Pat = Pattern

Rem = Remaining

Rep = Repeat

$$\mathbf{Rnd}(s) = \text{Round}(s)$$

RS = Right side

Sc = Single crochet

Sl st = Slip stitch

Sp(s) = Space(s)

$$\mathbf{St}(\mathbf{s}) = \text{Stitch}(\mathbf{es})$$

WS = Wrong side

Yoh = Yarn over hook

INSTRUCTIONS

Notes:

- Romper is worked in one piece beginning at front neck and working down.
- Body section is worked in the round, turning at end of each round to maintain consistent texture with sections that are worked flat.
- Whale Applique is worked on smaller hook and sewn on during Finishing.

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus (.). Numbers for each size are shown in the same color throughout the pattern. When only one number is given in black, it applies to all sizes.

Ch 2 at beg of row or rnd **does not** count as st.

ROMPER

Front Bib: Beg at neck edge, with larger hook and B, ch **20 (20-24)**.

1st row: (RS). 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. 1 hdc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. **18 (18-22)** hdc.

2nd row: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc to end of row. Turn.

3rd row: Ch 2. 2 hdc in first hdc. 1 hdc in each hdc to last hdc. 2 hdc in last hdc. Turn.

Rep last 2 rows **2 (3-3)** times more. **24 (26-28)** hdc.

Next 2 (2-4) rows: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc to end of row. Turn.

1st rnd: Make Back and Join Front Bib: (WS). Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc to end of row. Ch **40 (44-44)** for Back. Join with sl st to first hdc to create rnd (taking care not to twist ch). Turn.

Next rnd: (RS). Ch 2. 1 hdc in each of next **40 (44-44)** ch. 1 hdc in each hdc to end of rnd. **64 (70-72)** hdc. Join with sl st to first hdc. Turn.

Next rnd: (WS). Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to first hdc. Turn.

Next rnd: (RS). Ch 2. 1 hdc in each of first **7 (6-5)** hdc. *2 hdc in next hdc. 1 hdc in each of next **7 (6-5)** hdc. Rep from * to last hdc. 2 hdc in last hdc. Join A with sl st to first hdc. **72 (80-84)** hdc. Turn.

Proceed in Stripe Pat as follows, taking care to maintain color changes and carry unused color up WS of work:

Next 2 rnds: With A, ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to first hdc. Turn. Join B at end of 2nd rnd.

Next 2 rnds: With B, ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to first hdc. Turn. Join A at end of 2nd rnd.

Next 2 rnds: With A, ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to first hdc. Turn. Join B at end of 2nd rnd.

Rep last 4 rnds once more.

Next 2 rnds: With B, ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to first hdc. Turn. Join A at end of 2nd rnd. Break B.

Next rnd: With A, ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to first hdc. Turn.

Rep last rnd until work from first rnd where Back chain is joined measures **6½ (7-8)" [16.5 (18-20.5) cm]**, ending on WS rnd. Fasten off.

Divide for crotch: Lay piece flat with Bib in center and place markers in last rnd on each side.

Back Panel: 1st row: (RS). Skip first **4 (5-5)** hdc from side marker. Join A with sl st to next hdc. Ch 2. 1 hdc in same sp as join. 1 hdc in each of next **27 (29-31)** hdc. **Turn.** Leave rem sts unworked.

2nd row: Ch 2. Hdc2tog over first 2 sts. 1 hdc in each hdc to last 2 hdc. Hdc2tog over last 2 sts. Turn.

3rd row: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each st to end of row. Turn.

Rep last 2 rows **3 (4-4)** times more. **20 (20-22)** sts.

Next row: Ch 2. Hdc2tog over first 2 sts. 1 hdc in each hdc to last 2 hdc. Hdc2tog over last 2 sts. Turn. Rep last row 3 times more. **12 (12-14)** sts.

Next row: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc to end of row. Turn.

Rep last row until Back Panel section measures **6 (7-8)" [15 (18-20.5) cm]**. Fasten off.

Front Panel: 1st row: (RS). Skip next **8 (10-10)** hdc after Back Panel. Join A with sl st to next hdc. Ch 2. 1 hdc in same sp as join. 1 hdc in each of next **27 (29-31)** hdc. **Turn.** Leave rem sts unworked.

2nd row: Ch 2. Hdc2tog over first 2 sts. 1 hdc in each hdc to last 2 hdc. Hdc2tog over last 2 sts. Turn.

3rd row: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each st to end of row. Turn.

Rep last 2 rows **1 (2-2)** time(s) more. **24 (24-26)** sts.

Next row: Ch 2. Hdc2tog over first 2 sts. 1 hdc in each hdc to last 2 hdc. Hdc2tog over last 2 sts. Turn. Rep last row 5 times more. **12 (12-14)** sts.

Next row: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc to end of row. Turn.
Rep last row until Front Panel section measures approx **4½ (5-6)"** [**11.5 (12.5-15)** cm], ending on a RS row. **Do not** fasten off.

Cont as follows for Left Leg edging: (RS). Work 1 row of sc evenly along edge of Left Leg opening to bottom edge of Back Panel. Fasten off.

With RS facing, join A with sl st to opposite corner of Back Panel and work 1 row of sc evenly along edge of Right Leg opening to bottom edge of Front Panel. Fasten off.

Straps (make 2-worked lengthwise)
With A and larger hook, ch **40 (44-48)**.

1st row: (RS). 1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. 1 hdc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. **38 (42-46)** hdc.

2nd and 3rd rows: Ch 2. 1 hdc in each hdc to end of row. Turn. Fasten off at end of 3rd row.

FINISHING

Sew ends of Straps in position to Back, positioning **3 (3½-3½)"** [**7.5 (9-9)** cm] between Straps at center back. Cross Straps at back and sew 2 buttons on end of each Strap 1" [2.5 cm] apart, using space between sts on Front Bib for buttonholes. Sew 3 buttons evenly spaced along end of Back Panel. Use space between sts on Front Panel for buttonholes.

Whale Applique

Body: With A and smaller hook, ch 2.

1st rnd: 7 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Place marker on first sc. **Do not** join rnds.

2nd rnd: *2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from * to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. 11 sc.

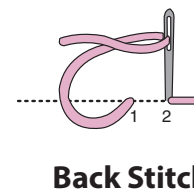
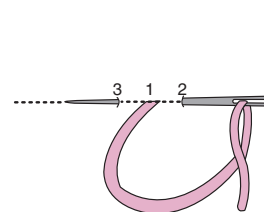
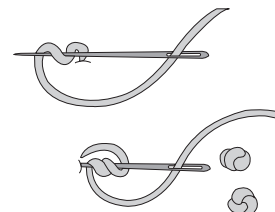
3rd rnd: *2 sc in next sc. 1 sc in next sc. Rep from * to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. 17 sc.

Make tailfin: Sl st st in next sc. Ch 6. 2 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Ch 2. Sl st back into last ch. Ch 3. 2 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Ch 2. Sl st back into last ch.

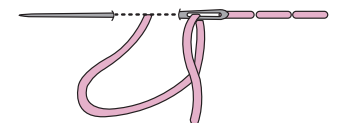
Working along opposite side of rem ch, sl st in next ch. 1 sc in each of next 2 ch. Working into Body sts, 1 sc in same sp where last sl st of Body was worked. 1 sc in each of next 2 sts. 2 sc in next st. Sl st in each of next 3 sts. Fasten off.

Stretch Applique slightly widthwise to lengthen and create whale shape. With B, embroider eye using French knot and mouth using backstitch. Sew Applique in position on Front Bib as shown in photo.

French Knot



Back Stitch



Front



Back

