



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
INTERMEDIATE

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:**  
2 (2, 2) balls 9600 White **A**, 2 (2, 2)  
balls 9505 Aqua **B**, and 1 (1, 1) ball  
9401 Elephant **C**

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:**  
5.5mm [I-9 US]

Seven ¾" (19mm) buttons, yarn  
needle

**GAUGE:** 14 sts = 4" (10 cm); 10  
rows = 4" (10 cm) in half double  
crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**  
**Use any size hook to obtain the  
gauge.**



**RED HEART® Soft  
Baby Steps®, Art. E746**  
available in solid color

5 oz (142 g), 256 yd (234 m);  
multicolor 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd  
(187 m) and smart print 3 oz  
(85 g), 153 yd (140 m) balls

# Royal Crochet Onesie

*Treat your precious baby like royalty with a  
crocheted original! This striped is striped with  
white and any color you please, with elephant  
grey trim. It's perfect for keeping a special baby  
warm and cuddly.*

**Directions are for size 0–3 months.  
Changes for sizes 6–12 months, and 18  
months are in parentheses**

**Finished Chest:** 22 (24, 27)" (56 (61, 68.5) cm)

**Finished Body Length:** 13½ (15½, 17)" (34.5  
(39.5, 43) cm), measured from shoulder to  
crotch

## Special Stitch

**hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches  
together)** = [Yarn over, insert hook in next  
stitch, yarn over and pull up loop] 2 times,  
yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on  
hook.

## Notes

- Onesie is worked from legs upwards.  
Two legs are worked separately and then  
joined. Lower Body is worked from top  
of legs to underarms. Piece is divided at  
underarms and Upper Back and Fronts  
are worked separately.
- Stitches are increased on both sides of  
Upper Back and on one side of each  
Front to shape the sleeves.
- To change color, work last stitch of old  
color to last yarn over. Yarn over with  
new color and draw through all loops on  
hook to complete stitch. Proceed with  
new color. Do not cut old color, carry it  
up side of piece when next needed. Hide  
carried strands when seaming piece and  
working front bands.

## Stripe Sequence

\*Work 4 rows with **A**, 4 rows with **B**; repeat  
from \* for Stripe Sequence.

## LEGS (make 2)

With **A**, ch 22 (27, 32)

**Row 1 (right side):** Hdc in 3rd ch from  
hook (beginning ch counts as first hdc) and

in each ch across, turn—21 (26, 31) hdc.  
**Rows 2–4:** Ch 2 (counts as first hdc here  
and throughout), hdc in each st across, turn.  
Change to **B** in last st of Row 4.

**Row 5 (increase row):** Ch 2, \*hdc in next 3  
(4, 5) sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from \* to  
end of row, turn—26 (31, 36) hdc.

**Rows 6–8:** Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.  
Change to **A** in last st of Row 8.

**Row 9 (increase row):** Ch 2, \*hdc in next 4  
(5, 6) sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from \* to  
end of row, turn—31 (36, 41) hdc.

**Rows 10–12:** Ch 2, hdc in each st across,  
turn. Change to **B** in last st of Row 12.

**Row 13 (increase row):** Ch 2, \*hdc in next  
5 (6, 7) sts, 2 hdc in next st; repeat from \* to  
end of row, turn—36 (41, 46) hdc.

Work rows of hdc, and continue to change  
color every 4 rows as in Stripe Sequence,  
until piece measures about 5½ (6½, 8)" (14  
(16.5, 20.5) cm) from beginning, end with a  
wrong side row. Fasten off first leg. Do not  
fasten off 2nd leg.

## Lower Body

Continue to change color every 4 rows as in  
Stripe Sequence throughout.

**Row 1 (join legs – right side):** Ch 2, hdc in  
each st across 2nd leg, ch 4, hdc in each st  
across first leg, turn—72 (82, 92) hdc and 1  
ch-4.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each hdc and ch across,  
turn—76 (86, 96) hdc.

Work rows of hdc until Body measures  
about 8½ (9, 9½)" (21.5 (23, 24) cm) from  
leg join, end with a wrong side row. Do not  
fasten off.

## Divide for Upper Body

**Row 1 (dividing row – right side):** Ch  
2, hdc in next 57 (65, 72) sts, turn; leave  
remaining sts unworked for left front.

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## Upper Back

**Row 2 (sleeve shaping – wrong side):** Ch 8 (9, 10) for sleeve base ch, hdc in 3rd ch from hook (2 skipped ch count as first hdc) and in next 5 (6, 7) ch, hdc in next 38 (44, 48) sts for upper back, turn; leave remaining sts unworked for right front—45 (52, 57) hdc.

**Row 3 (sleeve shaping – right side):** Ch 8 (9, 10) for sleeve base ch, hdc in 3rd ch from hook (2 skipped ch count as first hdc) and in next 5 (6, 7) ch, hdc in each st across, turn—52 (60, 66) hdc.

**Rows 4-7:** Repeat Row 3 four more times—80 (92, 102) hdc.

Work rows of hdc until Upper Back measures 5 (6½, 7½)" (12.5 (16.5, 19) cm) from dividing row, end with a wrong side row. Fasten off.

## Left Front

**Row 1 (dividing row – right side):** With right side facing, join yarn with slip st in first unworked st of Lower Body following Upper Back, ch 2, hdc in last 18 (20, 23) sts, turn—19 (21, 24) sts for left front.

**Row 2 (sleeve shaping – wrong side):** Ch 2, hdc in each st across; hdc in free loops of next 7 (8, 9) Back sleeve base ch, turn—26 (29, 33) sts.

**Note:** Small gaps may form along the underside of the sleeve as it is shaped. Work the first hdc worked into the Back sleeve base ch tightly (on even-numbered rows) to minimize the gaps. Sew any remaining gaps closed when finishing piece or as you go.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, hdc in each st across.

**Rows 4-7:** Repeat Rows 2 and 3 twice more—40 (45, 51) sts at the end of Row 7. Work rows of hdc until Left Front has 6 fewer rows than Back, end with a wrong side row.

## Shape Neck

**Row 1 (right side):** Ch 2, hdc in each st to last 7 sts, turn; leave remaining sts unworked—33 (38, 44) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across, turn—32 (37, 43) sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, hdc in each st to last 2 sts, hdc2tog, turn—31 (36, 42) sts.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2—30 (35, 41) sts.

**Rows 5 and 6:** Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off.

## Right Front

**Row 2 (wrong side):** With wrong side facing, join yarn with slip st in first unworked st of right front following Upper Back, ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn—19 (21, 24) sts for right front.

**Row 3 (sleeve shaping – right side):** Hdc in each st across, hdc in free loops of next 7 (8, 9) Back sleeve base ch, turn—26 (29, 33) sts.

**Note:** Small gaps may form along the underside of the sleeve as it is shaped. Work the first hdc worked into the Back sleeve base ch tightly (on odd-numbered rows) to minimize the gaps. Sew any remaining gaps closed when finishing piece or as you go.

**Row 4:** Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

**Rows 5-8:** Repeat Rows 3 and 4 twice—40 (45, 51) sts at the end of Row 8.

Work rows of hdc until Right Front has 6 fewer rows than Back, end with a wrong side row.

## Shape Neck

**Row 1 (right side):** Slip st in first 7 sts, (slip st, ch 2) in next st, hdc in each st across, turn—33 (38, 44) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each st to last 2 sts, hdc2tog, turn—32 (37, 43) sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, hdc2tog, hdc in each st across, turn—31 (36, 42) sts.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2—30 (35, 41) sts.

**Rows 5 and 6:** Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off.

## FINISHING

### Join Shoulders

Hold Back and Left Front with right sides together. Working through 1 loop only of each thickness, join yarn with slip st in shoulder at neck edge, slip st all the way across to seam left shoulder and top of left sleeve. Fasten off. Repeat to join right shoulder.

### Seam Legs

With right sides together, sew leg seams.

### Neck Edging

**Row 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **C** with slip st at beginning of neck edge, slip st evenly spaced around neck edge, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each slip st across, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 2, hdc in each st across.

Fasten off.

### Button Band

**Row 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **C** with slip st at beginning of front edge (right front edge for boy, left front edge for girl), slip st evenly spaced along front edge, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each slip st across, turn.

**Rows 3 and 4:** Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off. Sew seven buttons evenly spaced down center of button band.

### Buttonhole Band

**Row 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **C** with slip st at beginning of front edge (left front edge for boy, right front edge for girl), slip st evenly spaced along front edge, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each slip st across, turn.

**Row 3 (buttonhole row):** Ch 2, hdc in each st across, working (ch 1, skip next 2 sts) to match each button on button band, turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 2, hdc in each st across, working 2 hdc in each ch-1 space.

Fasten off.

### Sleeve Cuffs

**Round 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **C** with slip st in cuff edge at seam, slip st evenly spaced around cuff edge, do not turn.

**Round 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each slip st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

**Rounds 3-5:** Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off. Repeat around other cuff edge.

### Ankle Cuffs

**Round 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **C** with slip st in ankle edge at seam, slip st evenly spaced around ankle edge, do not turn.

**Round 2:** Ch 2, hdc in each slip st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch.

**Rounds 3-5:** Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off. Repeat around other ankle edge.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A** and **B** = Color A and Color B; **ch** = chain; **hdc** = half double crochet; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **\*** = repeat whatever follows the **\*** as indicated.



