

Crochet Sweater with Cross-Stitch Design (Newborn)

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Gauge: 4 sc by 4 rows = a 1-inch square
Size "G" crochet hook

Materials: 4 oz. sport weight yarn and 4 buttons. Bernat Sports Weight Baby Coordinates or Carron Simply Soft yarns work well.

Starting at the neck edge, ch 43.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, and in each ch across (42 sc).
Ch 3; turn.

Row 2: * Skip 1 st, dc in the next, ch 1. Crossing over the dc just made, work 1 dc in the skipped st. Repeat from * across (62 sts). Ch 3; turn.

Row 3: Dc in each st across (62 sts including the starting ch-3). Ch 3; turn.

Row 4: Repeat row 2.

Row 5: Repeat row 3 (92 sts).

Row 6 (Dividing row):

Dc in the first 13 sts (front); work 3 dc in the next st.

Dc in the next 15 sts (arm); work 3 dc in the next st.

Dc in the next 30 sts (back); work 3 dc in the next st.

Dc in the next 15 sts (arm); work 3 dc in the next st.

Dc in the next 14 sts (front); ch 3; turn.

Row 7: Dc in first st. * (Skip 2 sts, dc in the next st, ch 1. Crossing over the dc just made, work 1 dc in the first skipped st.) = 1 cross st. Repeat from * three times (4 cross sts).

Corner set: Dc in the next st. Work 3 dc in the next st (corner). Dc in the next st.

Work 5 cross sts for the arm; work corner set as above.

Work 10 cross sts across the back; work corner set.

Work 5 cross sts for the arm; work corner set.

Work 4 cross sts across the front. Dc in the last two sts. Ch 3; turn.

Row 8: Dc in the first 15 sts (front); work 3 dc in the next st.

Dc in the next 19 sts (arm); work 3 dc in the next st.

Dc in the next 34 sts (back); work 3 dc in the next st.

Dc in the next 19 sts (arm); work 3 dc in the next st.

Dc in the next 16 sts (front). Ch 3; turn.

Row 9: Dc in the next 17 sts (front). Ch 3 (for under arm). Skip the next 21 sts of the armhole.

Dc in the next 38 sts (back). Ch 3 (for under arm).

Skip the next 21 sts of the other armhole.

Dc in the next 18 sts (front). Ch 3; turn.

Row 10: Dc in each st across, including each of the 3 ch's at armholes. (80 sts total). Ch 3; turn.

Rows 11 through 17: Dc in each st across. Ch 3; turn.

Row 18: Cross st across (26 cross sts). Dc in the last st. Ch 3; turn.

Row 19: Dc in each st across (80 sts). Ch 1.



Edging

Row 1: Turn and crochet along the **right front edge** as follows: 2 sc in corner, 36 sc along right front, 2 sc in corner.

Neck edge: Sc in first 9 sts, work 1 decrease sc (pull up a loop in the next st, pull up a loop in the next st, yo and pull through all 3 loops on the hook). Sc in the next 9 sts, work 1 decrease sc. Sc in the next 9 sts, work 1 decrease sc. Sc in the next 8 sts. Work 2 sc in the corner.

Turn and work along the **left front edge** the same as the right front edge.

Work 79 sc along the bottom edge. Join with a sl st to the first sc of the edging on the right front. Ch 1.

Row 2: Sc in each st around, working 2 sc in each of the 2 corner sts at every corner. Join with a sl st to the first sc of this round. Ch 1.

Row 3: Sc in the next 3 sts. * Ch 1, skip 1 st (button hole); sc in the next 10 sts. Repeat from * 2 more times. Ch 1, skip 1 st, sc in the next st. Sc around the remainder of the edge, working 2 sc in the 2 corner sts at every corner. Join with a sl st to the first sc of this round. Ch 1.

Row 4: Sc in each st around, working 2 sc in the 2 corner sts at every corner. Join with a sl st to the first sc of this round. Finish off.

Sleeves

Row 1: Join yarn at the center of the under arm. Ch 3 Work 29 dc's around armhole. Join with a sl st in the top of the ch-3. Ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Work a decrease dc in the next st as follows (yo, draw up a loop in the next st, draw up a loop in the next st, yo and draw through 3 loops, yo and draw through the remaining 2 loops on hook). Dc in the next 12 sts. Work a decrease dc over the next 2 sts. Dc in the next 11 sts. Work a decrease dc over the next 2 sts. Join with a sl st in the top of the ch-3. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Dc in each st around. Join with a sl st in the top of the ch-3. Ch 3, turn.

Rows 4 through 8: Repeat row 3.

Row 9: Work 9 cross sts around. Join with a sl st in the top of the ch-3. Ch 3, turn.

Row 10: Dc in each st around. Join with a sl st in the top of the ch-3. Ch 1, turn.

Row 11: Sc in the first st. * In the next st work a decrease sc as follows (pull up a loop in the next st, pull up a loop in the next st, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook). Sc in the next st Repeat from * around. Join with a sl st in the top of the ch-1. Ch 1.

Row 12: Sc in each st around. Join with a sl st in the top of the ch-1. Ch 1.

Row 13: Sc in each st around. Join with a sl st in the top of the ch-1. Finish off.

Finish by sewing the buttons onto the left front.