

Ripple Crochet newborn baby sweater

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This newborn sized seamless sweater is crocheted from the neck down, with sleeves added to the arm openings.

Requirements:

#3 light weight (sport/dk) soft washable yarn such as Bernat Softee Baby, Bernat Baby Sport, Lion Brand Baby Soft - approx. 3 oz.

Size F crochet hook (or size needed to obtain gauge)

3 buttons approx. ½"

Gauge: 9 dc x 5 rows = approx. 2" x 2 square"

Stitches (US terminology)

ch - chain

sl st - slip stitch

sc - single crochet

sc2tog - single crochet 2 together

hdc - half double crochet

dc - double crochet

dc3tog - double crochet 3 together

starting dc2tog - ch2 at start of row, dc in next st

Ripple pattern stitch: this repeating stitch pattern covers 8 stitches in the following pattern:

Dc in 2 stitches, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 st, dc3tog over next three dc.

Narrow ripple pattern stitch: this repeating stitch pattern covers 6 stitches in the following pattern:

Dc in 1 stitch, 3 dc in next st, dc in next st, dc3tog over next three dc.

Note: Ch2 turn counts as first st at beginning of next row throughout pattern

Directions: Starting at **neckline**, Ch 42

- Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each remaining ch. (41 st); ch 2, turn.
- Row 2: *2 Dc in next st, dc in next st; * repeat from * to * across to last 2 st; 2 dc in next st, dc in starting ch2. (61 st); ch 2, turn.
- Row 3: Hdc in each st across (61 st), ch 2, turn
- Row 4: *2dc in next st, dc in next st; * repeat from * to * across to last 2 st; 2dc in next st, dc in starting ch2; (91 st); ch 2, turn.

- Row 5: Hdc in each st across (91 st), ch 2, turn
- Row 6: **Dividing row to start shaping sleeves and body:** Dc in first 13 st (front), 3 dc in next st, dc in next 14 st (sleeve), 3 dc in next st, dc in next 31 st (back), 3 dc in next st, dc in next 14 st (sleeve), 3 dc in next st, dc in next 13 st and starting ch2 (front); (99 st) ch 2, turn.
- Row 7: Hdc in first 14 st (front), 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 st (sleeve), 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 33 st (back), 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 st (sleeve), 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 st and in starting ch2 (front); (107 st) ch 2, turn.
- Row 8: Dc in first 15 st (front), 3 dc in next st, dc in next 18 st (sleeve), 3 dc in next st, dc in next 35 st (back), 3 dc in next st, dc in next 18 st (sleeve), 3 dc in next st, dc in next 15 st and starting ch2 (front); (115 st) ch 2, turn.
- Row 9: **Form arm holes:** Dc in 17 st (front), ch 2 (under arm), skip 20 sleeve st, dc in next 39 st (back), ch2 (under arm), skip 20 sleeve st, dc in last 17 st and in starting ch2 (front); (75 st + 4 ch) ch 2, turn.
- Row 10: Dc in 17 st (front), 3 dc in ch 2 space (under arm), dc in next 39 st (back) 3 dc in ch 2 space (under arm), dc in last 17 st and in starting ch2(front); (81 st), ch 2, turn.
- Row 11: Dc in first st (with ch 2, creates a “starting dc2tog”); Start ripple stitch pattern: *Dc in 2 stitches, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 st, dc3tog over next three dc. * Repeat from * to * 8 more times, continue with dc in next 2 st, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 st, dc2tog in next st and starting ch2; ch 2 turn.
- Row 12: Skip dc2tog from end of row 11, dc in next st, (creates “starting dc2tog”); crochet ripple pattern stitch across row 9 times (note: 3 dc is in center st of 3 dc in previous row); dc in next 2 st, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 st, dc2tog across next dc and starting dc2tog., ch 2 turn.
- Rows 13-19 repeat row 12.
- Row 20 Repeat row 12, but do not ch 2, do not turn.

Buttonhole band:

- Row 1: Ch 1, crochet up edge of right front as follows: 2 sc in the side of each dc row; 1 sc in the side of each hdc row, 1 sc in corner (37 st); ch 1 turn.
- Row 2: Sc in each sc to bottom front, ch 1, turn.
- Row 3: Sc in first 22 st, *ch 2, sk 2 st, sc in 3 st* 3 times, ch1, do not turn.

Neckline:

Sc in end of rows 1-2 of buttonhole band, stitching in starting chain of neckline, *sc in 2 st, sc2tog in next 2 st*, repeat across, end with 2 sc in last (corner) stitch.

Button band:

- Rows 1: Crochet down edge of left front as follows: 2 sc in the side of each dc row; 1 sc in the side of each hdc row, ch 1, turn.
- Row 2 Sc in each st to neckline, ch 1, turn.
- Row 3 Sc in each st to lower edge, ch 1 do not turn.

Lower edge:

- Sc in corner stitch, sc in the side of rows 2 and 1 of button band, sc in each stitch of ripple row at bottom edge, sc in the side of rows 1 and 2 of buttonhole band, sl st to first st of row 3 of buttonhole band, ch 1, do not turn.

Final round:

- Sc around entire sweater, 2 sc in each buttonhole, 2 sc in each corner; sl to first sc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Sleeves:

- Rnd 1: Join yarn at center of underarm. Ch 2 (counts as first dc), dc in each stitch around armhole, including dc in the side of row 9 on each side of armhole, sl st to starting ch2. (30 st). Ch 2, turn.

- Rnd 2: Dc2tog, (dc in next 2 st, dc2tog) 2 times, dc in next 9 st;
 - (dc2tog, dc in next 2 st) 2 times; dc2tog over last 2 st; sl st to starting ch2; (24 st) Ch 2 turn.
- Rnd 3-5: Dc in each st around, sl st to starting ch2. (24 st) Ch 2, turn

Start narrow ripple pattern on lower sleeve; Note: the ripple stitch in the sleeves is narrower than in the body of the sweater. Instead of 2 dc on the “side” of each ripple, there is 1 dc between the dc3tog and the 3dc in next st.

- Rnd 6: Dc in first dc to create starting dc2tog (with ch 2 st); *Dc in 1 stitch, 3 dc in next st, dc in next st, dc3tog over next three dc* repeat from * to * (narrow ripple stitch pattern) 2 more times
 dc in next stitch, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 st, sl st to starting ch2, ch 2 turn.
- Rnd 7-9: Sk 1 dc, dc in next st, crochet narrow ripple stitch pattern 3 times;
 dc in next stitch, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 st, sl st to starting ch2, ch 2 turn.
- Rnd 10: Sk 1 dc, dc in next st, crochet narrow ripple stitch pattern 3 times;
 dc in next stitch, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 st, sl st to starting ch2, ch 1 do not turn.
- Rnd 11: Sc in each stitch around, sl st to starting ch. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Complete second sleeve.

Securely sew on 3 buttons on button band opposite buttonholes.