

Yarn Over, Pull Through
The Heart and Soul of Crochet

Crochet Hexagon Baby Sweater



*This adorable baby sweater is constructed entirely from
two hexagons!*

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(Instructions based on 4 YouTube Videos narrated by Ms. Tripiano in Portuguese)

Skill Level:

Intermediate / Intermédiaire / Intermedio

Size

Infant 18 - 24 months old

Measurements

Chest: 19" - 20"

Gauge

- DK weight yarn: 4.5 "3 dc, ch 2" groups and 9 rows = 4"
- Worsted weight yarn: 4 "3 dc, ch 2" groups and 7 rows = 4"

Materials

- Yarn:
 - DK weight yarn, approximately 250 yards. Yarn used for green and yellow sweater is Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece (80% cotton, 20% merino wool; 3.5 oz; 215 yards) – 2 skeins of "Rue", 1 skein of "Buttercream."
 - Worsted weight yarn, approximately 250 yards. Yarn used for variegated sweater is Plymouth Boku (95% wool, 5% silk; 50 grams; 99 yards) – 3 skeins of color 13.
- Crochet hook
 - F - 5 (3.75 mm) hook for DK weight yarn
 - G - 6 (4 mm) hook for worsted weight yarn
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers

Abbreviations:**ch** = chain (s)**st(s)** = stitch(s)**sl st** = slip stitch**yo** = yarn over

* = repeat the instructions following the single asterisk as directed

RS = right side**WS** = wrong side**sc** = single crochet**dc** = double crochet**FPdc** = front post double crochet**BPdc** = back post double crochet**sp** = space**()** or **[]** = work instructions in parentheses or brackets as many times as directed**lp(s)** = loop(s)**Special Stitches:**

Front Post Double Crochet (FPdc) and Back Post Double Crochet (BPdc). FPdc and BPdc are worked on a row of double crochet stitches.

- **FPdc:** Yo, insert hook to the right of the st (or post) on the row below to the back of the fabric, go around the post and bring the hook to the front of the fabric on the left side of the post (hook shaft is in back of post, hook is on the front side of the fabric) yo, pull yarn across the back of the post to

the right side and through to the front of the fabric, yo, pull through 2 lps, yo, pull through remaining 2 lps.

- **BPdc:** Yo, insert hook to the right of the stitch (or post) on the row below, coming from the back of the fabric to the front, go across the front of the post and bring the hook through to the back of the fabric on the left side of the post (hook shaft is in front of post, hook is on the back side of the fabric) yo, pull yarn across the front of the post to the right side of the post at the back of the fabric, yo, pull through 2 lps, yo, pull through remaining 2 lps.

Notes:

1. Read pattern instructions carefully before beginning.
2. For a newborn-size sweater, use fingering weight yarn and a D or E hook. Crochet the same number of rounds as you would when using DK weight yarn.
3. The length of the sleeve on all versions of the sweater is three-quarter length.
4. Hexagons are worked in the round. Do not turn at the end of rounds. The right side should always be facing you.
5. For two-color sweater, use contrasting color for rounds 5 and 6.
6. Button holes are added on right side of sweater front for a girl's sweater. Add button holes on left side for boy's sweater.
7. To accommodate larger buttons, ch 3 instead of ch 2 when making button holes.
8. The original pattern on YouTube calls for a ch-2 between each 3-dc group. I've reduced this to a ch-1; therefore, the only time you ch 2 when working the hexagon is at the corners (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc).

Instructions

Hexagon 1

Make a magic circle, or ch 4 and join with a sl st to 1st ch.

Round 1: Working over the yarn tail, ch 3 (1st dc), 2 dc to create a "3 dc group," ch 2, (3 dc, ch 2) 5 more times, join with a sl st to top of beginning ch 3 (6 "3 dc, ch 2" groups).

Round 2: Sl st to the 1st ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the ch-2 sp (one corner made), ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1) 5 more times, join with a sl st to top of beginning ch-3.

Round 3: Sl st to the 1st ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the ch-2 sp (corner made), ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp (1 "3-dc" group between corners), ch 1, [(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 5 more times, join with a sl st to top of beginning ch 3.

Round 4: Sl st to the 1st ch-2 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1) twice, [(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1) twice] 5 more times, join with a sl st to top of the beginning ch 3.

Rounds 5 – 10 (11 for DK weight yarn): Repeat round 4, increasing 1 3-dc group between the (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) corners on each round. Use contrasting color for rounds 5 and 6 if making two-color sweater. The final round should have **8 (9 if working in DK/fingering weight yarn)** 3-dc groups between each (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) corner. Fasten off.

Hexagon 2

Work same as Hexagon 1, but crochet one round less for a total of **9 (10 with DK/fingering weight yarn)** rounds. The final round should have **7(8 if working in DK/fingering weight yarn)** 3-dc groups between each (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) corner.

Center Back Seam

1. Hold two sides of the hexagons together, WS facing each other. The hexagon with the fewer rounds should be closest to you.
2. Join yarn with sl st to the corner ch-2 sp of the hexagon closest to you. Ch 3, 2dc in the corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in corner ch-2 sp of the 2nd hexagon, ch 1.
3. 3 dc in ch-2 corner sp of 1st hexagon, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 space of 2nd hexagon, ch 1, 3 dc in the next ch-1 sp of the 1st hexagon, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp of the 2nd hexagon, ch 1.
4. Continue in this manner until you reach the corner ch-2 space of the 1st hexagon. 3 dc in the corner ch-2 sp of 1st hexagon, ch 1, sc in the corner ch-2 space of the 2nd hexagon, ch 1, 3 dc in corner ch-2 sp of the first hexagon, ch 1, 3 dc in the next ch-1 sp of the first hexagon.
5. Continue crocheting the last round of the 1st hexagon as established, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3. Fasten off.
6. Position the sweater so that the RS of the center back seam is laying vertically on a flat surface (WS facing you). Holding the bottom of the sweater on either side of the center back seam, move your hands outward along the bottom edge until you reach the right and left ends. Pick up each corner ch-2 space and fold them over so that they line up with the bottom of the center back seam. From there you will be able to finish folding to create the sweater shape.

Shoulder Seam

1. Lay the folded sweater flat, front side facing you. Align the right sleeve so that the front and back ch-2 corner sps at cuff edge are facing each other. Join the two sides by placing a stitch marker in the corner ch-2 sps at the sleeve edge. Do the same for the left sleeve.
2. Next, align the corner ch-2 sps at the front, left and right edges with the corresponding ch-2 corner sp on either side of the center back seam.
3. Counting from the front edge to the right sleeve cuff, place a stitch marker in the third ch-1 sp of the front and back sides of the sleeve. Do the same on the left sleeve.
4. Working on the right sleeve, attach yarn to the corner ch-2 sp at the cuff edge, sc in both ch-2 corner sps, ch 3 loosely, sc in the next ch-1 sp being sure to work the stitch in the ch-1 sp of the front and back of the sleeve. Continue in this manner, working the final sc in the ch-2 corner sp with the stitch marker. Fasten off.
5. Attach yarn to the left side of the sweater in the ch-1 sp with the stitch marker closest to the center back seam, sc in this ch-1 sp, ch 3 loosely, sc in the next ch-1 sp. Continue in this manner, working the final sc in the ch-2 corner sp at the cuff edge. Fasten off.

Collar

With RS back of sweater facing you, attach yarn to the ch-2 corner sp at the top right edge of the sweater.

Row 1: Ch 3, *1 dc in each dc of 3-dc group, 1 dc in ch-1 sp. Repeat from *. At center back seam, 1 dc in ch-2 corner sp, 1 dc in the sc at top of center back seam, 1 dc in ch-2 corner sp on other side of seam. Continue as established, working 1 dc in each dc of the 3-dc group and 1 dc in ch-1 sp. 1 dc in the ch-2 corner space. Ch 3, turn.

Row 2: 1 dc in 1st dc of previous row (1 increase made at beginning of row), 1 dc in each st across row, 2 dc in top of the turning ch (1 increase made at end of row). Ch 3, turn.

Rows 3-5: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Left Sleeve Cuff

With RS back of the sweater facing you, locate the ch-1 space that is closest to the bottom fold of the sleeve. Attach yarn to the last dc of the 3-dc group to the right of this ch-1 sp.

Round 1: Ch 3, 1 dc in next ch-1 sp, *1 dc in 1st dc of next 3-dc group, 1 dc in last dc of the 3-dc group, 1 dc in next ch-1 sp. Repeat from *. At the shoulder seam, work 1 dc in ch-1 sp on both sides of the seam. Continue as established, working 1 dc in the 1st and last dc of the 3-dc group and 1 dc in ch-1 sp. Join with sl st to top of beginning ch-3.

Round 2: Ch 3, work 1 FPdc around the 1st st of the previous row, *1 BPdc around the next st, 1 FPdc around the next st. Repeat from *. Join with a sl st to top of the beginning ch-3.

Rounds 3-4: Ch 3, work a FPdc around the FPdcs of previous round and a BPdc around the BPdcs. Join with sl st to top of the beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

Right Sleeve Cuff

With the RS front of the sweater facing you, work same as left sleeve cuff.

Bottom Edging

With WS of bottom edge of sweater facing you, attach yarn to ch-2 corner sp on the right edge and ch 3.

Row 1: *1 dc in 1st dc of 3-dc group, 1 dc in 3rd dc of 3-dc group, 1 dc in ch-1 sp. Repeat from *. At center back seam, 1 dc in ch-2 corner sp, 1 dc around last sc of back seam, 1 dc in next ch-2 corner sp. Continue as established, working 1 dc in 1st and 3rd dc of 3-dc group, and 1 dc in ch-2 sp. Work 1 dc in corner ch-2 sp at the sweater edge. Ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Work 1 FBdc around 1st st of previous row, *1 BPdc around next st of previous row, *FPdc around the next st. Repeat from * across the bottom edge, 1 dc in top ch of ch-3 at end of previous row. Ch 3, turn.

Rows 3-4: Work a FPdc around the FPdcs of previous round and a BPdc around the BPdcs. 1 dc in top of beginning ch-3. Fasten off.

Left Front Edging

With RS facing you, attach yarn to ch-2 corner sp at top left edge of sweater.

Row 1: 1 sc in same space, sc across left front edge, working 6 sc evenly spaced along the end of the 4 rows of ribbing at the bottom edge of the sweater. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc across row. Fasten off.

Right Front Edging

With RS facing you, attach yarn to bottom right edge of sweater.

Row 1: 1 sc in same sp. Work 6 more sc evenly spaced along the end of the 4 rows of ribbing that constitute the bottom edge of the sweater. 1 sc in ch-2 corner sp, *1 sc in each dc of 3-dc group, 1 sc in ch-1 sp. Repeat from * across, 1 sc in 3rd dc of the last 3-dc group at top of sweater. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: 1 sc in each st of previous row, evenly spacing button holes (ch 2, skip 2 sts, 1 sc in next st) along the front edge. Evenly sp 7 sc along the end of the 4 rows of ribbing that constitute the bottom edging. Ch 1, turn.

Row 3 (worked around entire sweater): 1 sc in each st across row with 2 scs in each ch-2 button hole space. 3 sc in last st of row to create corner. Work 1 sc at top edge of sweater and 1 sc in ch-1 sp before the first collar row. Then work 9 sc evenly spaced along the edge of the collar rows, 3 sc in the 1st st of the last collar row, 1 sc in each st across top of collar, 3 sc in last st, 9 sc evenly spaced along edge of the 5 collar rows, 1 sc in ch-2 sp and 1 sc in top edge of collar, 3 sc in 1st of row 2 of left front edge, 1 sc in each st across. Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends.
- Hand wash in mild soap, cold water. Rinse and squeeze gently to remove excess water. Wrap in towel to remove remaining water.
- Lay flat, block to measurements, and allow to dry.
- If acrylic yarn was used, machine wash in cold water, delicate setting. Machine dry on low setting with fabric softener sheet.
- Sew on buttons.

References

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