

Daisy Farm Crafts

Scattered Dot Crochet Baby Sweater



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MATERIALS

Sugar Bush Nanaimo (silk/baby alpaca, 1.75 oz/50 g, 164 yds/150 m)

2 skeins any color

Size E/3.5mm hook, scissors, tapestry needle

Button (optional)

SIZE

For baby sweater size 3 - 6 month

STITCHES

Half Double Crochet (HDC): Yarn over (YO), insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through three loops on hook.

Puff Stitch (DOT): YO, insert your hook into the designated stitch, YO, pull through, *YO, work into the same space, YO and pull through, repeat one more time from *, then YO and pull through all 7 loops on the hook.

PATTERN

Chain 66

ROW 1: HDC in 3rd chain from the hook, 1 HDC in each remaining chain space. (64 HDC)

ROW 2: CH 1 and turn. 1 HDC in each of the next 10 sts, 3 HDC in 11th, 1 HDC in each of the next 8 sts, 3 HDC in the next, 1 HDC in each of the next 22 sts, 3 HDC into the next st. 1 HDC in each of the next 8 sts, 3 HDC into the next st. 1 HDC in each of the remaining 12 sts. CH 1 and turn.

ROW 3: 1 HDC into each st, working 3 HDC into the middle st of the 3 HDC's in each corner in the row below. CH 1 and turn.

ROW 4: *1 HDC into the next 3 HDC, 1 DOT into the next. Repeat from * across the row, increasing each corner stitch as in ROW 3. (If a dot lands on one of those HDC's that are all worked into the corner, still work the dot.)

Tip: if you have trouble finding the middle stitch of the 3 HDC's use a stitch marker to mark the stitch as soon as you complete making it. I have found that if I am off by even one, the front of the sweater will start slanting. It's very important to work the 3 HDC's into the middle stitch of the 3 HDC's from the row below.)

ROWS 5 – 7: Work as Row 3.

ROW 8: Work as Row 4.

ROWS 9 – 11: As row 3.

ROW 12: (Joining for armholes) Work dots every 4th stitch to the first corner. work 1 HDC into the middle stitch, SKIP over all the stitches to the next middle stitch, work 1 HDC into that stitch. Continue the pattern across to the next middle stitch, only work 1 HDC, SKIP over all the stitches to the next middle stitch, work 1 HDC into that stitch, continue the pattern to the end of the row.

Tip: if a dot lands on any of the middle stitches, make it in the next, it's in the armhole and it won't be noticeable. (scattered dots, right? keep it simple.)

ROW 13 – 15: CH 1 and turn, 1 HDC in each stitch across the row. Always CH 1 and turn at the end of each row.

ROW 16: DOT row, work one dot every 4th st.

ROWS 17 – 28: Work as rows 13 – 16. Tie off.

SLEEVES

ROUND 1: Pull up a loop in the armpit, chain 1, work 1 HDC in same space you pulled up a loop. Work 1 HDC across the first two sts. (This helps to fill in gaps, YO, insert hook into st pull up a loop, YO insert hook into the next st, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through all loops on hook) Work 1 HDC in next st, work 1 dot. Work 1 HDC in next 3 sts, 1 DOT. Continue pattern around, end round by working HDC across the last 2 spaces as you did to start the round, join with a SL ST (slip stitch) to the first HDC. CH 1 and turn.

(Take time to count how many stitches are in this round so you can keep the number the same for the remaining rounds. And for the other sleeve.)

ROUNDS 2 – 4: Work 1 HDC around, join with a SL ST to first stitch, CH 1 and turn.

ROUND 5: *Work 1 HDC in 3 sts, 1 dot in next. Repeat from * around. Join with a SL ST to first stitch, CH 1 and turn.

ROUNDS 6 – 21: As rounds 2 through 5.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Pull up a loop in the lower front right corner as the sweater faces you with the dots facing forward. This is the right side out. Work 1 HDC in each stitch around and working 1 HDC per row up the sides of the sweater. Work 3 HDC into each corner space.

If you choose to add a button, when approaching the upper left hand corner, work the 3 HDC, then chain however many you would need to form a loop to fit the button you purchase, and then continue down the front left side of the sweater with HDC. If no button, continue as normal.

Join the round with a SL ST and tie off. Weave in the ends.

A few guesses about sizing this larger. I based the starting chain off of my Color Block Sweater, which is made with Caron Simply Soft a size 4 weight yarn. That sweater is approximately a size 4 -5 Small child. But I used a taller stitch for the main part of the sweater. I would guess that if you used a 4 weight yarn, using this pattern with HDC, your sweater would be around a size 4 toddler.

What I do is take the child's shoulder to shoulder measurements and don't join for the armholes until I have that much width across. If you live with the child you are making this for, just keep trying the sweater across the shoulders and estimating how much width you'd need before you join for the armholes.

Then you could add length to the sleeves easily. And, length to the bodice.

Happy Crocheting!