



## Baby Dungarees

Aged 0-3 Months



Hey, Little Gem here; I have been crocheting for as long as I can remember, and a few months back, someone gave me the idea that I should start making a note of my patterns so I can share them with others, so this is me giving it a go!

I have made these instructions as beginner-friendly as possible and if you need help with any of the stitches there are video tutorials on my YouTube - LittleGemsCrochetCo.

### **What you will need:**

- ♥ 4mm hook
- ♥ 3 balls of DCM 100% cotton yarn in the colour denim blue
- ♥ 3 balls of DCM 100% cotton yarn in the colour beige
- ♥ Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- ♥ Scissors

### **Abbreviations you will need to know:**

- ♥ SS- Slip Stitch
- ♥ SC – Single Crochet
- ♥ DC – Double Crochet
- ♥ HDC – Half Double Crochet
- ♥ HDC2TG – Double Crochet two Stitches Together

### **This project will be completed in sections, which I have split out here**

- ♥ Top section
- ♥ Midsection
- ♥ Legs
- ♥ Straps
- ♥ Button-holes
- ♥ Buttons

All of these sections will need to be completed twice, as you will need to create the front and the back panels separately and then join them together.



**Note:** if you are new to crochet and changing the colours seems a bit too much of a challenge, feel free to stick to one colour or you can do bigger stripes so you can change colour less often.



## The Top Section

For this project we are working 'upside down' starting at the top of the dungarees and working our way down to the legs. This section is the thinnest part of the main body of the dungarees but gradually increases to the full width. The top section parts will remain untouched when it comes to joining the front and back sections together.

1. Make a slip knot and place it on your hook, if you are unsure on how to do this there is a detailed video on my YouTube channel. Chain 30 stitches – this forms the top of the panel.

**Row 1:** HDC into the second chain from the hook, continue to HDC across the row.

**Tip:** Ensure you don't miss the last stitch. It's very easy to miss it!

**Rows 2-5:** Chain 2, turn your work.

- ♥ HDC across the row.
- ♥ Repeat until you complete 5 rows.



## Changing Colours & Increasing Width

To increase the size of your rows you will need to do multiple of the same stitch into one stitch, creating more stitches to work through on the next row

**Row 6-13:**

1. Switch to the beige yarn (if alternating colours) – Detailed video available on my Youtube
2. Chain 2 and turn your work.
3. Work a HDC into the first stitch, then another HDC in the same stitch, then continue HDC in each stitch across the row.
4. In the last stitch, do two HDCs.
5. Repeat this process points 2-4 remembering to change the colour of your yarn every 2 rows



**TIP:** When changing colour, leave a long enough tail so it can be weaved into your work. You can do this as you go along with your project, or you can do it all at the end.



## The Mid Section

In this section we will not increasing or decreasing the size of the project.

### Rows 14-53:

1. Chain 2, turn your work
2. HDC in every stitch
3. Repeat steps 1 – 2 for rows 14 – 53
4. At the end of Row 53, place a crochet marker in the centre to mark the leg division.



## The Legs

### Row 1:

- ♥ HDC in every stitch only up to the centre marker.

### Row 2:

- ♥ Chain 2, turn, HDC back down.

### Row 3:

- ♥ Chain 2, turn, HDC back down, stop with two stitches left before finishing the row.
- ♥ HDC2TOG – tutorial available on my YouTube

### Rows 4-6:

- ♥ Repeat Rows 2 & 3.

### Leg Rows 7-20:

- ♥ Chain 2, turn, HDC back along the row
- ♥ Repeat for rows 7-20

**Repeat all these steps on the other side for the second leg.**



### Joining The Panels

1. Weave in all yarn ends, if you have not already done so.
2. Soak the front panel in warm water and block it laying flat and leave it to dry.
3. **Repeat all steps to create the back panel.**
4. Align the panels and slip stitch them together:
  - Down both long sides.
  - Inside of both legs.
  - Leave the leg openings & top open.
5. Turn the dungarees inside out to hide the seams.



### Buttons

Hand sew or machine sew buttons onto the top of the front panel.



### The Straps

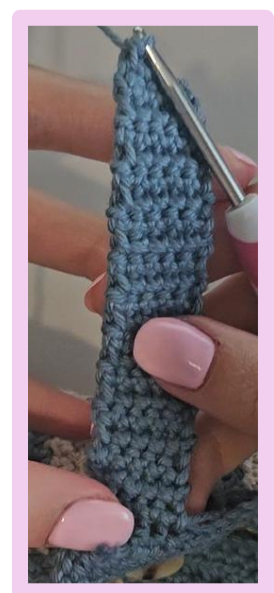
Insert your hook to at the top of the back panel at the very edge, hook over your yarn and pull through. Chain 1, then make 5 SC across the top of the dungarees

#### Rows 2-25 :

- ♥ Chain 1, turn, SC back along the 5 previous SC

#### The Buttonhole:

1. Chain 5, turn your work
2. SC back down the chain.





3. Slip stitch into the stitch on the strap under the chain you have just created
4. Slip Stitch into the next stitch along, turn your work and SC back up the chain in the back loops only
5. Chain 6, then slip stitch into the stitch next to your previous slip stitch; this will create the buttonhole
6. Repeat step 4
7. Chain 1, turn your work SC in the back loops
8. Repeat steps 3-4



### Shaping the End of the Strap:

Crochet 7 DC in the middle stitch of the strap above when you button hole is.

Slip stitch down the next 4 stitches for a clean finish.

**Repeat on the other side to make the second strap.**



### Final Steps:

- ♥ Weave in all yarn ends.
- ♥ Check that buttons fit through the buttonholes.
- ♥ Enjoy your handmade baby dungarees!

Please feel free to share all your creations with me on any of my social channels!



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