

Child's crochet cardigan

A chunky one-piece cardigan worked in 'up-and-down' stitch, rows of alternating sc and dc, with sc worked into dc of the row below and vice versa. Ribbing is in alternating FPDC/BPDC. Sleeves are worked directly off the body, decreasing every few rows to the wrist. Only the shoulders are sewn, and may be crocheted or whip-stitched together as preferred.

the pattern refers to the US sc and dc, known as dc and tr respectively in the UK

Tension: 20st / 19 rows to 5 inches, with 4.5mm hook
in main pattern

Materials: 4mm hook
4.5mm hook
6 x 1.5cm buttons

Yarn: Creative yarns (UK) Rainbow Multi DK (8 ply)
small: 2 balls (200g/604m)
medium: 3 balls (300g/906m)
large: 3 balls (300g/906m)

size:	small	medium	large
	2-3 yrs	4-5 yrs	6-7 yrs
chest:	26 inches (65cm)	28 in (70cm)	30 in (75 cm)
sleeve:	10 inches (25cm)	11 in (27.5cm)	12 in (30cm)
length:	14 inches (35cm)	16 in (40cm)	18 in (45cm)

Abbreviations: sc single crochet (dc UK)
dc double crochet (tr UK)
hdc half double crochet (htr UK)
st stitch
ss slip stitch
FPDC dc worked around the post of the stitch beneath with the hook inserted from the front
BPDC dc worked around the post of the stitch beneath with the hook inserted from the back
patt pattern (alternating sc/dc stitch)



BODY - 4.5mm hook

To start, chain 105 (113, 121) st

Row	1		Sc into 2nd chain from hook, dc into next st, sc/dc alternately to end, turn	104 (112, 120) st
Rows	2-22	(26, 30)	Ch1, sc into first dc, dc into next sc, repeat to end, turn	

Right front:

	<i>small</i>	<i>med</i>	<i>large</i>		
Rows	23-35	27-43	31-51	Ch1, sc/dc in pattern over first 22 (24, 26) st only, turn	22 (24, 26) st
Rows	36	44	52	Ch1, sc/dc in pattern to end, fasten off	
Row	37	45	53	Miss first 6 (8, 10) st, rejoin yarn to st 7 (9, 11), [sc in same st, dc in next st] together, patt to end, turn	15 st
Row	38	46	54	Ch1, patt to last 2 st, [sc dc] together in next 2 st, turn	14 st
Row	39	47	55	Ch1, [sc dc] together in next 2 st, patt to end, turn	13 st
Row	40	48	56	As row 38 (46, 54)	12 st
Row	41	49	57	Ch1, patt to end, turn	12 st
Row	42	50	58	Ch1, patt to end, fasten off	12 st

Back:

Return ro row	23 (27, 31), skip next 8 unworked st past right front and rejoin yarn to st 31 (33, 35), ch1, sc in same st, patt to st 74 (80, 86), turn	44 (58, 52) st			
	<i>small</i>	<i>med</i>	<i>large</i>		
Rows	24-41	28-49	32-57	Ch1, patt across 44 (48, 52) st, turn	
Row	42	50	58	Ch1, patt to end, fasten off	

Left front:

Return ro row	23 (27, 31), skip next 8 unworked st past back and rejoin yarn to st 83 (89, 95), ch1, sc in same st, patt to end, turn	22 (24, 26) st			
	<i>small</i>	<i>med</i>	<i>large</i>		
Rows	24-36	28-44	32-52	Ch1, sc/dc in pattern to end, turn	22 (24, 26) st
Row	37	45	53	Patt 14 st, [sc dc] together in next 2 st, turn	15 st
Row	38	46	54	Ch2, [dc sc] together in next 2 st, patt to end, turn	14 st
Row	39	47	55	Ch1, patt 12 st, [sc dc] together in last 2 st, turn	13 st
Row	40	48	56	As row 38 (46, 54)	12 st
Row	41	49	57	Ch1, patt to end, turn	12 st
Row	42	50	58	Ch1, patt to end, fasten off	12 st

Work should now look like this:



Attach front shoulders to back on wrong side (whipstitch or crochet together) leaving 20 (24, 28) st open across back of neck

Sleeves (both the same):

Row 1 With right side facing, rejoin yarn to 5th of 8 st unworked at underarm, ch1, sc in same st, dc in 6th st, sc in 7th, dc in 8th, then work 20 (24, 28) sc/dc evenly up side of body, 20 (24, 28) evenly down other side, and 4 across remaining armhole stitches, slip stitch to first sc, turn 48 (56, 64) st

small

Rows 2-36 Staying in pattern, work 35 more rows, ending each row by ss to first sc and turning, while decreasing by 1st at each end of every 4th row until 30st remain

med

Rows 2-40 Staying in pattern, work 41 more rows, ending each row by ss to first sc and turning, while decreasing by 1st at each end of every 4th row until 48st remain, then every third row until 32st remain

large

Rows 2-44 Staying in pattern, work 46 more rows, ending each row by ss to first sc and turning, while decreasing by 1st at each end of every 3rd row until 34st remain

Cuff ribbing:

	<i>small</i>	<i>med</i>	<i>large</i>		
Rows 37-38	41-42	45-46		Ch1, patt to end, turn	
Row 39	43	47		Change to 4mm hook, ch2, dc in each st to end, ss to ch2, turn	30 (32, 34) st
Rows 40-41	44-45	48-49		Ch2, FPDC, BPDC to end, ss to ch2, turn	
Row 42	46	50		Ch2, FPDC, BPDC to end, ss to ch2, fasten off	

Neck Band: 4mm hook

Row 1	With right side facing, join yarn to right front neck edge, ch3 (counts as first stitch), work 14 (16, 18)dc evenly up side of neck, 22 (26, 30) dc across back, 15 (17, 19) down left front neck edge, turn	52 (60, 68) st
Rows 2-3	Ch2 (counts as first st), FPDC, BPDC to 2nd to last st, hdc in ch2, turn	
Row 4	Ch2 (counts as first st), FPDC, BPDC to 2nd to last st, hdc in ch2, fasten off	

Waistband: 4mm hook

Row 1	With right side facing, join yarn to bottom left corner of body, ch3 (counts as first stitch), work 103 (111, 119) dc across bottom of body to opposite corner, turn	104 (112, 119) st
Rows 2-4	Ch2 (counts as first st), FPDC, BPDC to 2nd to last st, hdc in ch2, turn	
Row 5	Ch2 (counts as first st), FPDC, BPDC to 2nd to last st, hdc in ch2, fasten off	

Button band: 4mm hook

left front for girls, right front for boys

Row 1	With right side facing, join yarn to outside corner of ribbing, ch1, sc in same st and then work 44 (52, 60) further sc evenly along front edge to outside corner of ribbing, turn	45 (53, 61) st
Rows 2-3	Ch1, sc to end, turn	
Row 4	Ch1, sc to end, fasten off	

Buttonhole band: 4mm hook

right front for girls, left front for boys

Rows 1-2	As rows 1-2 of button band	45 (53, 61) st
Row 3	Ch1, sc 1 (3, 2), *ch 2, skip next 2st, sc 6 (7, 9)* repeat from* to* 5 times, ch2, skip next 2 st, sc2 (3, 2), turn	
Row 4	Ch1, sc 2 (3, 2), *work 2 sc in 2ch space, sc 6 (7, 9)* repeat from* to* 5 times, work 2 sc in 2ch space, sc 1 (3, 2), fasten off	

Sew buttons on to button band in line with buttonholes and darn in all ends

