

THE LEGEND OF
BABY LINK
the knitting pattern



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Finished Size 15" waist, sized to fit the average 3-month old infant.

Yarn, for all pieces as shown

Red Heart Soft Touch

#9523 Dark Leaf Green (1)

#4420 Guacamole (Light Green, 1)

#1882 Toast (Brown, 1)

Red Heart Soft Yarn

#4601 Off White

Red Heart Super Saver

#321 Gold (1)*

**you'll only use a little bit on the belt, so you may want to skip buying a whole ball and just use some scrap yarn.*

Needles Set of 4 size 7 (4.5mm) double-pointed
1 size G/H(4.5mm) crochet hook

Notions 4 green buttons, ½" in diameter
4 stitch holders
2 stitch markers
blunt-pointed tapestry needle
1½ ft. white non-rolling elastic, 1" wide
1 short baby bottle, 4½-5"
brown scrap leather or suede

Gauge 20 stitches and 28 rnds = 4"

Tunic

Tunic is worked in the round from the waist up, then the flared piece is worked from the waist down.

Step 1 With dark green yarn, CO 82 stitches using waste yarn and a provisional cast on.* Place marker to indicate beginning of round. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist. k41, place marker to indicate other side, knit to end.

* Don't know how to do a provisional cast on or Kitchener stitch? No sweat! Flip to the last page for a list of websites where you can find tutorials for the techniques used in this pattern.

Step 2 Work even in stockinette stitch until piece measures about 3½".

DIVIDE FOR BACK BUTTON PLACKET

You will now be working back and forth, not in the round

Step 3 (RS) Starting on a RS row, k15, p6, turn.

Step 4 (WS) Purl all stitches.

Step 5 (RS) To create the overlap for the button placket, pick up the loops on the right side from the 6 stitches you purled in step 3. The 12 stitches (6 on each side) forming the button placket should be worked in garter stitch.

Step 6 Work even for 6 rows.

Step 7 Make a buttonhole on the overlapping part of the placket, every 6 rows as follows: when you reach the 6 stitches forming the overlapping button placket, k2, k2tog twice, k2. When you get to the gap on the following row, CO 2 using the backward loop method.

DIVIDE FOR ARMHOLES

Step 8 Divide stitches among 3 needles as follows:

Needle 1 (left back): 21 stitches

Needle 2 (front): 40 stitches

Needle 3 (right back): 21 stitches

You will now be working the three pieces (left back, front, and right back) separately. If you don't work the pieces separately, you won't have armholes! Continue working the buttonhole placket and buttonholes as established in step 7.

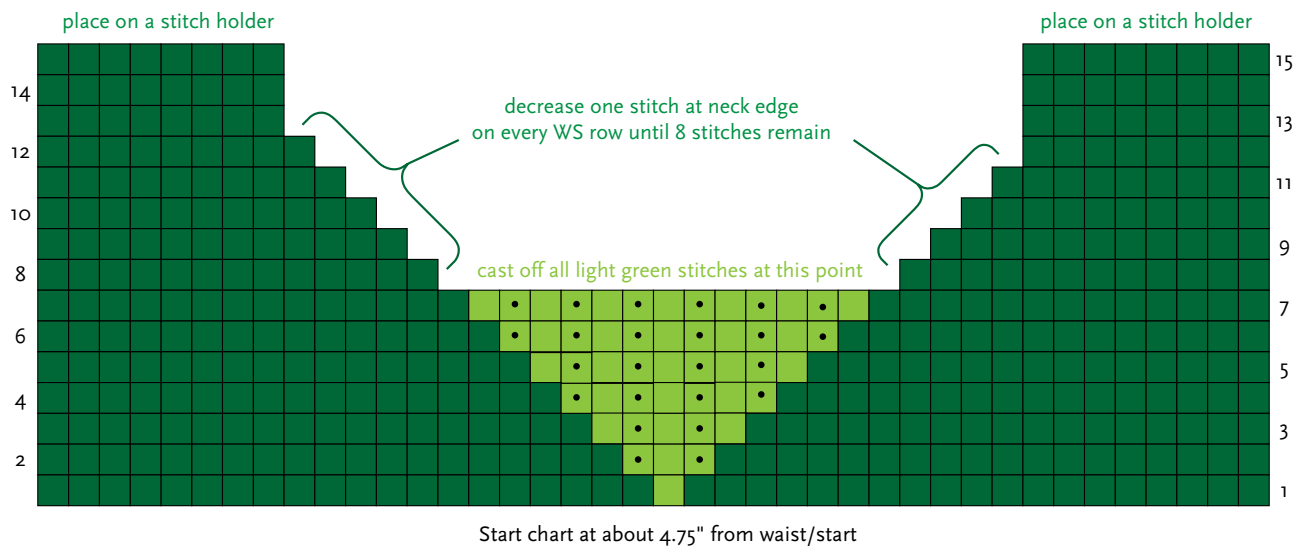
FRONT

Step 9 work even for about 1" or about 6 rows. Make sure you finish on a WS row (about to start on a RS row.)

Step 10 Begin working the intarsia chart for the v-neck inset and neck edge shaping (on next page).

After working the intarsia chart, 8 live stitches should remain. Place these on a stitch holder; you'll be grafting them to the back shoulders later for a nice seamless finish. It's very important to have exactly 8 live stitches at each shoulder, or the grafting won't work properly.

Intarsia Knitting Chart for V-Neck Panel



- Light green yarn
- Dark green yarn
- Purl on right side, Knit on wrong side
- Knit on right side, Purl on wrong side

LEFT BACK (PLACKET UNDERLAP)

Step 11 Work straight and in established pattern for 2" from the point where the placket began.

Step 12 Begin ribbing at back neck edge as follows: work the placket in garter stitch as usual, then work the 7 stitches next to the placket in k1, p1 rib.

Step 13 Work even in established pattern until the length is the same as the front. BO all stitches in pattern except the 8 stitches nearest the armhole edge—place these on a stitch holder.

RIGHT BACK (PLACKET OVERLAP)

Step 14 Work the same as the left back, mirrored. Keep making buttonholes every 6 rows as established.

SHOULDER SEAMS

Step 15 Graft the shoulder edges together using a Kitchener Stitch.

WORK BOTTOM FLARE

Step 16 Gradually remove the waste yarn from the provisional cast on. As you remove the waste yarn, place the loops on your double-pointed needles as follows:

Needle 1 (Front): 40 stitches

Needle 2 (Left Back): 21 stitches

Needle 3 (Right Back): 21 stitches

All Even Rounds **Needle 1:** k1 p1; until last 2 stitches. on needle, kfb to increase 1 stitch (maintaining rib pattern)

Needles 2 & 3: k1, p1, kfb, (k1, p1)* until last 2 st., kfb to increase 1 stitch (maintaining rib pattern).

All Odd Rounds Knitall stitches

You should have a flat front with increases at the sides, and a back with increases at the sides and in the middle.

Step 17 Continue for about 3" or until desired length, and BO all stitches in pattern.

BELT

Step 18 Using Brown yarn, cast on 10 stitches.

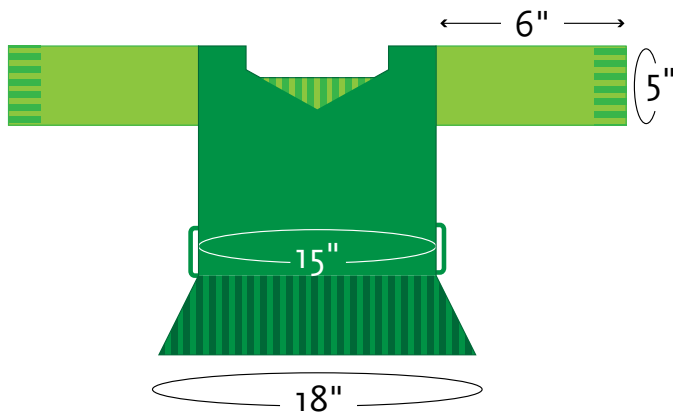
Step 19 Work in double knitting (so that you essentially end up with a hollow piece with 5 stitches forming the front, and 5 stitches forming the back).

Step 20 Work even until the belt is long enough to fit snugly but comfortably around the waist of the tunic (the waist is the point just above the ribbed flared part). CO all stitches.

BELT BUCKLE

FRONT

Step 21 Using yellow yarn, wrap yarn around 2 of your fingers 3 times, leaving a tail of about 3" long.



Step 22 Single crochet six times into the center of this loop, then pull the tail to close the loop tight. Single crochet into the first stitch to close the loop.

Step 23 Keep single crocheting in a spiral from this point. Add a new stitch here and there to keep the circle flat. You will have to eyeball this, but generally 1 new stitch every 2–3 stitches will do the trick.

Step 24 Keep working in this manner until the circle is about 2" in diameter. It should be a bit wider than the belt.

Step 25 Using the brown yarn and a crochet hook, start from the center of the yellow circle and make chain stitches to form a spiral as shown in the photo.

BACK

Step 26 Make just like the front of the buckle, but without the brown spiral. On the last row, join the back buckle to the front at the top and bottom by single crocheting the front to the back. Leave gaps at the sides of the buckle big enough to slide the belt through.

BELT LOOPS

Step 27 Using a double-pointed needle, pick up 4 stitches at a side seam, about 1¾" above the waist.

Step 28 Work in i-cord until you reach the waist. CO and attach the bottom edge to the tunic at the waist, keeping the belt buckle straight and vertical.

Step 29 Do the same on the other side.

Step 30 Slide the belt buckle onto the belt. Slide the belt through the belt loops, making sure that the spiral on the belt buckle is facing the outside.

Step 31 Sew the back edges of the belt to the center back, using brown yarn.

Step 32 Sew the back side of the belt buckle to the center front of the tunic, using yellow yarn. This will keep the belt from flopping around.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Step 33 With light green yarn and using double-pointed needles, pick up 24 stitches from around an armhole opening. Join to work in the round.

Step 34 Work even for about 5" (or 1" short of desired sleeve length).

Step 35 Work k1 p1 ribbing for 1" and BO all stitches in pattern.

FINISHING

Step 36 Sew buttons to the placket underlap, making sure to match the position of the buttonholes.

Step 37 Weave in all loose ends of yarn.

Pants

Step 1 Using off-white yarn and double-pointed needles, CO 84 stitches. Leave a tail of about 8" long—you'll use this tail at the end to sew up the casing. Place a maker to indicate the start of the round. Join for working in the round, being careful not to twist.

MAKE A CASING FOR THE ELASTIC

Step 2 rows 1–6 Knitall stitches.

row 7 Purl all stitches—this will form the fold line for the casing.

rows 8–13 Knitall stitches.

row 14 Close up the casing as follows: fold up the casing so that you see knit stitches on both sides. As you knit the round, for each stitch pick up a stitch from the bottom (cast on edge) of the casing and knit through both it and the matching stitch from the top, thus knitting top and bottom together. Leave about an inch of the casing open to allow you to pass an elastic through at the end.

Step 3 Work even in stockinette stitch until the piece measures about 5" inches from the bottom of the closed casing.

DIVIDE FOR LEGS AND CROTCH

Step 4 Knit 10 stitches. This will form the front of the crotch.

Step 5 Knit the following 32 stitches and place them on a stitch holder. These will form one leg.

Step 6 Knit the next 10 stitches, and place them on a separate stitch holder. These will form the back of the crotch.

Step 7 Knit the last 32 stitches of the round, and place them on yet another separate stitch holder. These will form the other leg.

CROTCH

You will be working back and forth with the 10 stitches left on the needle. You will be decreasing at either side first, and then increasing at either side. The result should look similar to the crotch section of a pair of panties.

Step 11 Rows 1 & 3 Knit 10 stitches.

Row 2, and all WS rows: Purl all stitches.

Row 5: k1, sl1, k1, pss0, k7, k2tog, k1.

8 stitches remain.

Row 7: Knit all stitches.

Row 9: k1, sl1, k1, pss0, k5, k2tog, k1.

6 stitches remain.

Row 11: k1, k1fb, k4, k1fb, k1.

8 stitches in total.

Row 13: Knit all stitches.

Row 15: K1, k1fb, k6, k1fb, k1.

10 stitches in total

Row 17: Knit all stitches.

Step 12 Graft the stitches from row 17 to the 10 back crotch stitches, using Kitchener stitch.

LEGS (MAKE 2)

Step 13 Pick up all 32 stitches from one remaining stitch holder, and pick up 8 stitches along one edge of the crotch. You should have a total of 40 stitches.

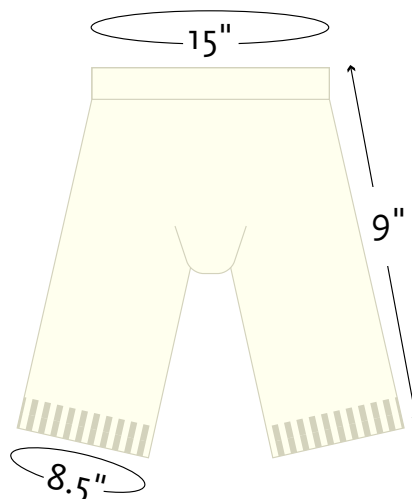
Step 14 Work even in stockinette stitch in the round until the leg is about 3" long from the crotch (or 1" short of desired length).

Step 15 Work 1" of k1, p1 ribbing.

FINISHING

Step 16 Insert an elastic through the casing with the help of a large safety pin. Cut the elastic after inserting it, so that it will be roughly 1" shorter than the waist circumference—it will not be possible for you to actually measure the elastic at this point, so you'll have to make a guess. You don't want to cut the elastic to the right size before inserting it, as you will likely lose the other end of the elastic as you pull it through. The goal is to make the top waist edge firm but not tight. Sew the edges of the elastic together with several stitches; make sure it's sewn together strong enough that the elastic won't come apart when worn.

Step 17 Before sewing the casing shut, check that the elastic is the right length. The length of the elastic is good when the top edge of the pants has a firm stretch without causing the knit fabric to gather or pucker. Sew the casing shut using the tail of yarn left over from casting on. Weave in all loose yarn ends.



Booties

These are made just like socks, with leather soles added.

Step 1 With brown yarn and double-pointed needles, CO 24 stitches. Place a marker and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.

Step 2 Divide stitches among 3 needles as follows:

Needle 1: 12 stitches

Needle 2: 6 stitches

Needle 3: 6 stitches

Step 3 Work in k1, p1 rib for about 2½\".

HEEL FLAP

Step 4 Work 4 rows of stockinette stitch, ending up on a RS row.

TURN HEEL

Step 5 Row 1 (RS): Knit 11, wrap last stitch and turn.

Row 2 (WS): Purl 10, wrap last stitch and turn.

Row 3: Knit 9, wrap next stitch and turn.

Row 4: Purl 8, wrap next stitch and turn.

Row 5: Knit 7, wrap next stitch and turn.

Row 6: Purl 6, wrap next stitch and turn.

Row 7: Knit 6, then knit 1 previously wrapped stitch, including the wrapped yarn as one. Turn.

Row 8: Purl 7, purl 1 wrapped stitch and turn.

Row 9: Knit 8, knit 1 wrapped stitch and turn.

Row 10: Purl 9, purl 1 wrapped stitch and turn.

Row 11: Knit 10, knit 1 wrapped stitch and turn.

Row 12: Purl 11, purl 1 wrapped stitch and turn.



Step 6 Pick up the heel flap stitches as follows: Knit 12 heel stitches, pick up 2 stitches from side of heel flap, knit 12, pick up 2 stitches from other side of heel flap—28 stitches total.

Step 7 Knit 12, k2tog, knit 12, k2tog. You decreased one heel flap stitch from each side—26 stitches total.

Step 8 Work 1 row even.

Step 9 Repeat decrease round from step 7—back to original 24 stitches.

Step 10 Work even for the foot for about 1½" from this point, or about ½" short of desired foot length.

ROUND OFF THE TOE

Step 11 Arrange stitches on 3 needles as follows:

Needle 1: 12 stitches
Needles 2&3: 6stitches

Step 12 Decrease stitches on either side of the foot as follows:

Needle 1: Knit 1, k2tog through back loop, knit until last 3 stitches, k2tog k1.

Needle 2: Knit 1, k2tog through back loop, knit to end of needle.

Needle 3: Knit until last 3 stitches, k2tog, knit 1. *20 stitches remain.*

Step 13 Knit all stitches.

Step 14 Repeat steps 12–13 3 more times, so that 8 stitches remain. Place all stitches from needle 3 onto needle 2.

Step 15 Graft the stitches on needle 1 to the stitches on needle 2 using Kitchener stitch.

ATTACH LEATHER SOLE (OPTIONAL)

Step 16 Take a soft piece of brown scrap leather or suede.

Step 17 Make a sole template by placing the finished



bootie on a piece of paper and tracing around it. Draw a smoothly curving, foot-shaped line about ¼" inside the line traced from the bootie. Use this shape as a pattern to cut your leather soles. If there is a right and wrong side to the leather, make sure to cut both a left and a right sole.

Step 18 Sew the leather sole to the bottom of the bootie using an overcast stitch about every ⅛", using the photo above as a guide.

Hat

Step 1 Using dark green yarn and double-pointed needles, CO 72 stitches. Place a marker and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.

Step 2 Divide stitches evenly between 3 needles (you should have 24 stitches on each needle).

Step 3 Work k1, p1 ribbing for about an inch.

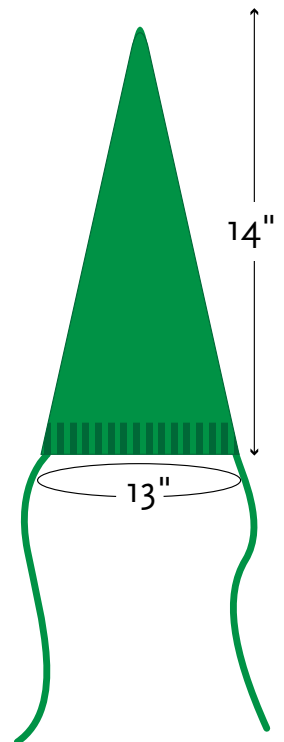
Step 4 Work decrease row as follows:

Needle 1: K2tog, knit to end of needle.

Needles 2&3: same as needle 1.

Step 5 Work even for 3 rows.

Step 6 Repeat steps 4–5 until the end of the hat, when you have 6 stitches left. Cut the yarn, leaving about 6". Draw the yarn through the loops of the remaining 6 stitches, and pull tight to close. Tie off the yarn and weave in loose ends.





TIES (MAKE 2)

Step 7 Pick up 4 stitches on the lower edge of the hat. For the second tie, make sure you pick up stitches that are directly opposite from the first tie.

Step 8 Work in i-cord for about 12", or desired length of tie. Pull yarn through stitches and close in same manner as for top of hat (step 6).

Quiver for Baby Bottle

Step 1 Following the directions for the belt buckle, make a circle that equals the diameter of the bottom of your baby bottle.

Step 2 When your circle is the same size as the bottom of the bottle, stop increasing and keep working even. You should be forming a cylinder. Don't panic if it doesn't start looking like a cylinder right away—it will take a few rows of working even before it starts looking like a cylinder.

Step 3 Keep working the cylinder until it reaches the height of the clear part of the baby bottle.

MAKE THE STRAP

Step 4 When you get to the top of the cylinder, turn back and crochet about 8 stitches (or to desired strap width). Continue turning and working 8 stitches for the length of the strap.

Step 5 Keep working the strap until it is long enough to fit comfortably around the tunic as shown in the photo above.

Step 6 When the strap is long enough, crochet the bottom of the strap to the base of the cylinder on the same side.

TECHNIQUES

Need help with any of the knitting techniques or abbreviations mentioned in this pattern? Check out these websites:

Kitchener Stitch <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEsummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>

Provisional Cast On <http://www.knitty.com/ISSUE-fall05/FEATfall05TT.html>

Increasing/Decreasing Stitches http://www.knitting.co.nz/site/page_affix/toaffix_learntoknit7/

General Knitting Info: www.knitty.com
www.knittinghelp.com