



COZY CRAWLERS LEG WARMERS



You might think of leg warmers as a fad from the '80s, but on babies and toddlers they're perfect for layering—and convenience! The hip alternative to pants, leg warmers keep your baby warm without getting in the way of diaper changes or potty training, plus they provide cushioning for babies who are learning to crawl. Use up leftover bits of sock yarn to make a truly wild pair, or try a solid color for an easy-to-layer look.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

SIZES	6–12 months	12–18 months	2 years
FINISHED CIRCUMFERENCE	8" (20.5cm)	8½" (21.5cm)	9" (23cm)
FINISHED LENGTH	8½" (21.5cm)	9¼" (23.5cm)	10" (25.5cm)
COLOR A	120 yd (110m)	160 yd (147m)	190 yd (174m)
COLOR B	120 yd (110m)	160 yd (147m)	190 yd (174m)

MATERIALS

240 (320, 380) yards (220 [294, 348]m) of sock yarn: 1 skein of Knit Picks *Stroll Hand Painted Sock Yarn*, 75% superwash merino wool, 25% nylon, 462 yards (424m), 3½ oz (100g), Playtime (A). 1 skein of Knit Picks *Stroll Sock Yarn*, 75% superwash merino wool, 25% nylon, 231 yards (212m), 1¼ oz (50g), Buckskin (B)

Size D-3 (3.25mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge

Yarn needle

2 buttons, ½" (13mm) diameter (optional)

GAUGE

22 sts and 16 rows = 4" (10cm) over extended single crochet.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Foundation Double Crochet (Fdc): Advanced Stitches, page 151.

Extended Single Crochet (esc): Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop. Yarn over and draw the loop through 1 loop on your hook, yarn over again and draw the loop through the remaining 2 loops on your hook.

Extended Single Crochet Decrease (esc dec): (Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop) twice, draw last loop on hook through second loop on hook. Yarn over and draw the loop through remaining 2 loops on hook.

INSTRUCTIONS

NOTE: Each leg warmer is worked in joined rounds, beginning at the top. Do not turn at the beginning of the rounds. The colors are changed regularly. When changing to a new color, do not fasten off the old color. Instead, carry the old color up the WS (inside) of the legging. For seamless color changes, change colors at the last yarn over of the last stitch in the old color before joining each round.

Leg Warmer (make 2)

Round 1 (RS) With B, Fdc 44 (46, 50); join with sl st in first Fdc—44 (46, 50) sts.

Rounds 2–4 Ch 2 (does not count as a st), *FPdc in next st, BPdc in next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first FPdc. Join A in same st as join.

Rounds 5 and 6 With A, ch 2 (counts as first esc here and throughout), esc in each st around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Round 7 Pick up B, repeat Round 5.

Rounds 8–25 (28, 31) Repeat last 3 rounds 6 (7, 8) times.

Rounds 26 (29, 32) and 27 (30, 33) Repeat Rounds 5 and 6.

Round 28 (31, 34) With B, ch 2, esc in next 8 (10, 7) sts, *esc dec, esc in next 9 (9, 8) sts; repeat from * around; esc dec; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—40 (42, 45) sts.

Rounds 29 (32, 35)–31 (34, 37) Repeat Rounds 5–7.

Rounds 32 (35, 38) and 33 (36, 39) Repeat Rounds 5 and 6.

Round 34 (37, 40) With B, ch 2, esc in next 7 (9, 6) sts, *esc dec, esc in next 8 (8, 7) sts; repeat from * around, esc dec; join with sl st in top of beginning ch—36 (38, 40) sts.

Rounds 35 (38, 41)–37 (40, 43) Repeat Rounds 5–7.

Round 38 (41, 44) With A, ch 2 (does not count as a stitch), *FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first FPdc.

Fasten off.

Flower (make 2, optional)

With A, make an adjustable ring.

Round 1 (RS) Ch 1, 10 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc—10 sc.

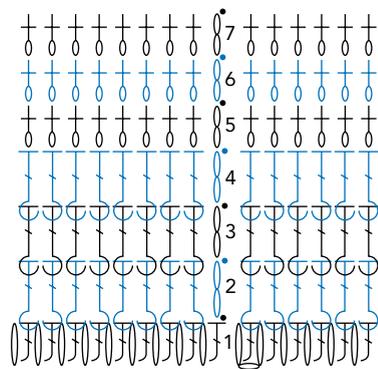
Round 2 Ch 1, 2 dc in next sc, [ch 1, sl st in next sc, ch 1, 2 dc in next sc] 4 times, ch 1; join with sl st in first sc of Round 1—5 petals.

Fasten off.

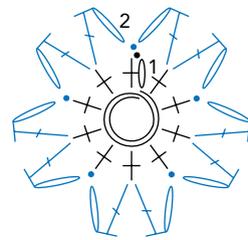
Finishing

On each leg warmer, sew the edges of the foundation row together. Flatten the leg warmer so that the seam is in the middle of one side. Sew a flower and a button (optional) to the center top of the other side of the leg warmer (opposite the seam). Weave in all ends.

TIP Customize these leg warmers to fit any size child. Increase the length of the leg warmers by adding more rows of the stripe pattern before the decrease rows—add 4 rows for each inch (2.5cm) of length. To increase width, multiply the desired circumference in inches (cm) by 5½ (the number of stitches per inch [2.5cm] according to gauge) to determine the number of foundation stitches to crochet. If necessary, round this number down to an even number to maintain the stitch pattern.



REDUCED SAMPLE OF PATTERN STITCH



FLOWER

STITCH KEY

— = chain (ch)

• = slip st (sl st)

+ = single crochet (sc)

⋈ = extended single crochet (esc)

⌋ = foundation double crochet (Fdc)

⋈ = double crochet (dc)

⋈ = Front Post double crochet (FPdc)

⋈ = Back Post double crochet (BPdc)

⊙ = adjustable ring

