



Chain Stitch Hexagon Sweater

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Revised

This pattern is based on the same concept as the chain stitch square, except that it is constructed as a six-sided hexagon instead of a four-sided square. You may want to practise by making a chain stitch square, if you haven't done so already.

The garment will be longer than it is wide. The added length is to cover the child's distended stomach.

Finished chest size: 71 cm/28 inches



Materials and Equipment

- Heavy worsted weight yarn (American)/ Aran (UK)/ 10 ply (Aus)
- 6.00 mm/US J hook

Note: you can use any size yarn and the corresponding hook, as long as the yarn is soft and warm.

Abbreviations

Note: Pattern uses American terminology

American	British
slip stitch (sl st)	single crochet (sc)
single crochet (sc)	double crochet (dc)
double crochet(dc)	treble(tr)

Special stitch: FPdc(front post double crochet) (yarn over(yo), insert hook around post of stitch from right to left, yarn over, complete DC as usual)

Instructions

Body:

Chain(ch) 5, join with a slip stitch in the first chain to make a circle.

Round(rnd) 1: ch 3, sc in the circle, *ch 2, sc into the circle*. Repeat from * to * 4 times, then ch 2 and sc into the first chain of the ch 3. (6 ch 2 spaces)

Note: You are now going to start working around and around, without "jumping up" to new rounds.

Next rnd: Ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) into same ch 3 space. * (ch 1, sc, ch 2, sc) into next ch 2 space*. Repeat * to * 5 times. (6 ch 2 spaces, 6 ch 1 spaces)

Next rnd: Continue around, always making 1sc, 2ch, 1sc into each ch2 space (which are the corners) and **1sc into ch1 spaces, with 1 chain on each side**. 2 chains should only be made at the six corners. [This instruction will be clear if you have already made a chain stitch square.]

Reminder: ch 2 should only be made in the six corners.

Continue the previous rnd until the hexagon is a hand's span wide. This should be about 18 cm (7 inches) from the centre to the edge.

Repeat the steps for the body to make a second, identical piece.

Assemble Body:

Using the illustrations (see below) as a guide, sew the 2 hexagons together to make the sweater shape.



Measure size by using a handspan from middle of hexagon to edge.
Multiply handspan by 4 to calculate chest measurement.
Refer to children's size table to determine sizes.



Make 2 hexagons and sew them together on one side.



Fold hexagons to make sweater shape.
Sew along shoulders (leaving space for neck) and partway up front.

Be sure to leave a neck opening of 7.5 cm (3 inches) on each side of the centre line and 13 cm (5 inches) down the front.

Bottom:

At side, join and ch2 in same ch2 space, *sc in next sp, ch 1*. Repeat * to* around. Continue around until the bottom measures 4"/ 10 cm. The length of the body will now be 11"/28 cm. Sl st in sp to end.

Band Variation 1:

Rnd 1: Working around the base, Ch 3 in sp, *dc in next sp, 2 dc in next sp*. Repeat * to * around. Make sure there is an even number of dc (ch 3 counts as dc) Sl st in top of ch 3 .

Rnd 2: ch 3, * FPdc in next st, dc in next st *, Repeat * to * around.

Rnd 3: ch 3, * FPdc around FPdc in round 2, dc in next stitch *. Repeat from * to * around.

Band Variation 2:

Omit the band and continue with the bottom instructions until the body measures 46 cm (18") from the shoulder.

Sleeve:

At underarm, join and ch 2 in same ch 1 sp, * sc in next ch 1 sp, ch1*. Repeat * to * around. Continue with *sc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1* around until sleeve measures 25 cm(12") from underarm. Sl st in ch to end.

Cuff Variation 1:

Rnd 1: ch 3, *dc in next ch 1 space*. Repeat * to * around. Sl st in top of ch 3.

Rnd 2: ch 3, *FPdc, dc*. Repeat * to * around.

Rnd 3: ch 3, *FPdc around FPdc in round 2, dc in next stitch *. Repeat from * to * around. Sl st in top of ch 3

Cuff Variation 2:

Continue with sleeve instructions until sleeve measures 36 cm(14") from underarm.

Neckline:

Working around the neck, ch 1,*sc, ch*. Repeat from * to * around.

Closing:

Using button thread or yarn, sew a button securely to the neck. Choose a button which is small enough to slip through a stitch on the other side, so that you don't have to make a buttonhole.

Variations

KAS would appreciate sweaters that will fit 3-10 year old children. Experiment with different hook sizes and yarn weights or add a few more rounds to make a variety of sizes for the children.

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