Crochet Waffle Baby Sleep Sack

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Materials:

- 3 balls of Patons Tangerine DK
- 5mm hook
- 12 buttons – 2 1/2 cm
- darning needle

Guage:

Ch12.

Row 1 - Sc into second chain from hook. Sc10. (11sts)

Rows 2-7 - Ch1, turn, sc 10 (10sts)

Your piece should measure 3"x2"

Abbreviations:

Ch – Chain

Dc – Double Crochet

FPdc – Front Post Double Crochet

St – Stitch

t-ch – Turning chain

Hdc – Half double crochet

Let's Begin....

Ch. 39

Row 1 – Dc in the 3rd ch from hook and in each st across. Turn.

This is the waffle stitch panel that makes up the front of our baby bag. The ch3, counts as a Dc, so when turning and starting a new row, do not Dc into the bottom of the chain 3, start in the next stitch.

Row 2 – Ch3. Dc into the next st, FPdc around the next st. *1 Dc into each of the next 2 sts, FPdc around the next st**. Repeat from * to ** until the end of the row. Dc into the t-ch. Turn.

Take a moment to measure. This piece should measure approximately 25 1/2 cm / 10 1/4 inches across.

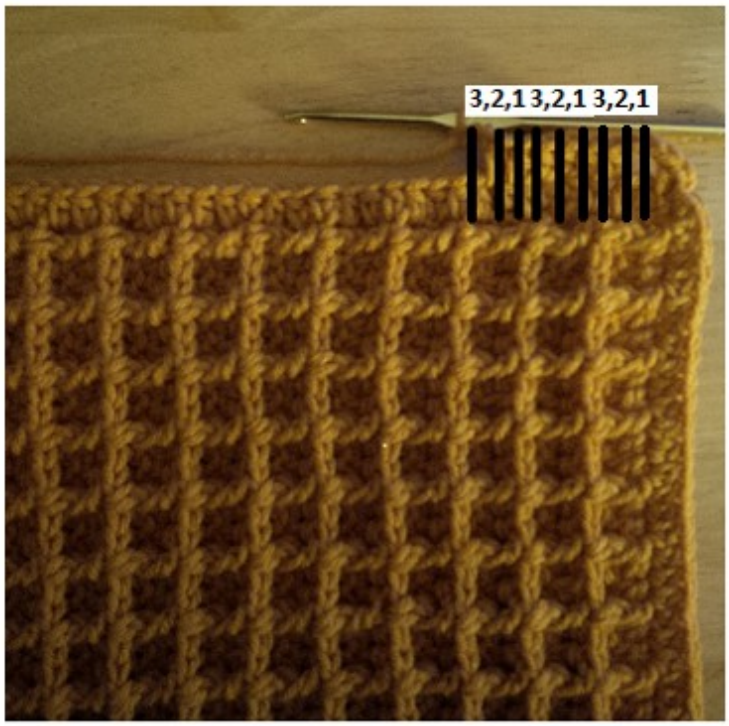
Row 3 – Ch3. Dc in the next st. FPdc around the next 2 sts. *Dc in the next st, FPdc around each of the next 2 sts**. Repeat from * to ** until you reach the end of the row, working your last FPdc around the ch-3. Turn.

Row 4 – Ch3. Dc in the next st. FPdc around the next. *1 Dc into each of the next 2 sts, FPdc around the next st**. Repeat from * to ** until the end of the row. Dc in the t-ch. Turn.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 until your piece measures approximately 32cm / 11 1/4 inches and is 13 complete squares high, then make your last row a Row 4.

Now we're going to do the first round of the trim. We're going to go down the side of the piece first. So just keep on going in the same direction you already are going.

Round 1 - Ch1. Hdc down the side using the pattern 1,2,3. What I mean by this is that we will hdc 3times for every square section. See pic1 below.



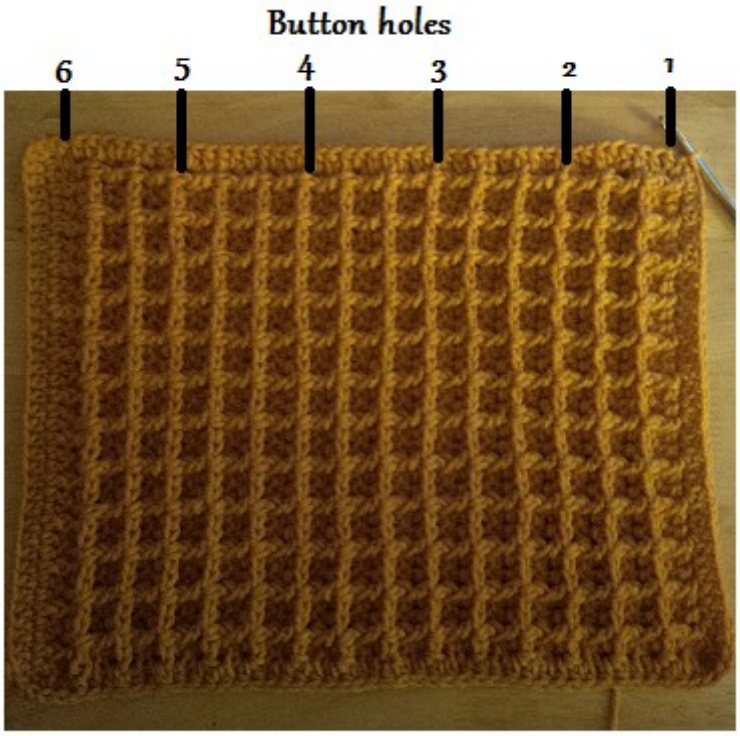
Pic 1.

Note the pattern 1,2,3. Your third hdc (3 out of 1,2,3) should land on the raised line of the waffle stitch pattern.

Once you reach the first corner, you should be at 3 of the 1,2,3 pattern (45 sts), crochet 2 more hdc into the corner. Hdc into every ch accross the botton, hdc an extra 2 into the next corner when you reach it . Repeat the 1,2,3 pattern up the other side, hdc an extra 2 into the corner. Hdc into every st along the top of the

piece and join with a slip stitch to complete the round.

Now to ensure our buttonholes are in the correct spots, we'll make our buttonholes when we reach certain rows of the waffle. We're going to have a buttonhole right as we start our round (1), then at every third line of our waffle (2,3,4,5), and at the end before we turn the corner (6). See pic 2 below.



Pic2.

Round 2 – Buttonholes

Ch1. Hdc 1, Ch3, Skip1, hdc into the next stitch (first buttonhole made). Hdc until you reach the stitch just before the stitch that lines up with the 3rd line of our

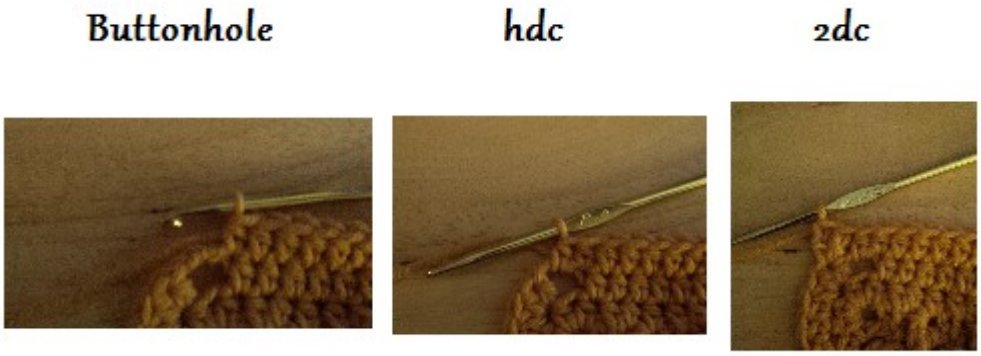
waffle pattern. Ch3, skip1 (The skipped st should line up with the 3rd line of the waffle), hdc into the next stitch. Continue with hdc until you reach the position for the next buttonhole and so forth, which will be at lines 6, 9 and 12. You're last buttonhole will be just before the corner.

After you have completed your last buttonhole, 2 extra hdc into the corner. Hdc in each st across the bottom. Make 2 extra hdc in the next corner. Repeat buttonhole row down the opposite side of piece. Don't forget your last buttonhole. 2 Extra hdc in corner. Hdc in each stitch across the top of piece. Hdc 2 extra in the corner. Join with a slip stitch.

Round 3 -

Now we'll go around the next **3 edges only**, in hdc. The first side we're going down has buttonholes. Hdc **once** into every space above the buttonholes. Once you reach the last buttonhole, Hdc once into the buttonhole, then 2 hdc extra into the corner. Hdc in each st across the bottom side. Hdc back down the other side with the buttonholes using the same technique we just did. Once you get down to the last button hole, hdc into the buttonhole space, **then dc twice at the corner.**

See below. We are doind a dc here, to straighten out the corners edge so we can start working back and forth in rows.



Now we're going to work back and forth in rows to make the body and hood of the bag.

Row1

Ch3. Dc twice evenly down the side of the last dc you just made. Dc 40. If your number off stitches is sligtly off from mine here don't worry. Just make sure it is an even number. If you have an uneven number, just dc2tog or increase a stitch to make it even.). **Trc** into the last two stitches. (44sts)

Rows 2-36 - Or repeat until you can fold the piece in half and it is as tall as the front piece. The Ch3 counts as a dc.

Ch3. Turn. Dc across. (44 sts)

Now we're going to hdc the remaining rows.

Rows 37-51

Ch2. The Ch2 counts as a hdc. Hdc across. (44sts)

Fold the end pieces together and slip stitch up the hood taking care to make sure that you've folded it the right way so the seam will end up on the inside of the hood. Tie off. Weave in ends.

Join at the seam, where we started to work in rows. Hdc evenly around the entire piece. Invisible join. Tie off, and weave in ends.

Sew on buttons and....

Sit back and admire your beautiful baby bag! Please let me know if there are parts that can use more clarification or if you find any errors.