

Baby Fox Hoodie



Description

Design a fox hoodie for the baby of my fox-mad daughter? Why wouldn't I?

It is a basic hoodie, with or without a front opening, plus ears, belly with a pouch and floppy tail. Sizes are available for newborn up to 24 months

As with all my designs, the Fox Hoodie has the least amount of sewing possible. Attaching the ears, belly and tail end are done as the main pieces are crocheted, with some extra fixing and details done using a crochet chain stitch. They may be stitched on separately at the end, if preferred.

Although I've chosen the rather vibrant Jaffa in the Stylecraft Special DK range, you might prefer the more subdued Spice. If you want a softer pastel look, go for the Apricot and exchange the Black for Silver. Create a Wolf Hoodie by replacing the jaffa with silver. The ears, belly and tail are optional if you want a plain hoodie.

Black is hard to work with in poor light. I'd recommend that you work all the black bits in daylight if possible or use a crochet hook with a light attached.

Thank you for choosing the Fox Hoodie pattern and I hope the baby who gets this will enjoy wearing it. If you have any questions or comments they are welcome – email me at judith@pjlawlor.me.uk

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I'd love to see your finished hoodies! Do share your photos with me on Instagram @judijlawlor and use #foxhoodie #grannylawlorcrafts

Yarn Requirements

Stylecraft Special DK in:

	Newborn	3m	6m	9m	12m	18m	24m
Jaffa	100g	150g	150g	200g	250g	250g	300g
White	25g	25g	50g	50g	50g	50g	100g

Plus a small amount of Black

4.00mm hook

3-4 12mm buttons for cardigan version

Sizes

Newborn (3m, 6m, 9m, 12m, 18m, 24m).

Actual chest measurement: 40 (45, 49.5, 51.5, 54.5, 59.5, 65)cm

Tension

4.00mm hook: 9 htr x 8 rows to 5cm

Abbreviations

	UK terms	Equivalent US term
bptr	back post treble crochet	Back post double crochet
ch	chain	
dc	double crochet	Single crochet
fptr	front post treble crochet	Front post double crochet
htr	half treble	Half double crochet
slst	slipstitch	
tr	treble crochet	Double crochet

Ears (make 2)



In white

Row 1: ch 3, htr in 3rd ch from hook; turn (2)

Row 2: ch 2; htr in same st; 2htr in last st; turn (4)

Row 3-5(5,6,6,7,7,8): ch 2; htr in same st; htr to last but one st; 2htr in last st; turn
10(10,12,12,14,14,16) sts

Fasten off white

Repeat in Jaffa but don't finish off. Place a white ear piece on top of the jaffa one, lining up edges.
Work one row: ch 1; dc through both layers in each st to end.

Fasten off jaffa.

With white side facing you, **join black** to bottom right corner; ch1; dc in same st, dc up one side of ear, through both layers.

In top st of both layers: (dc; ch2; tr; ch2; dc); dc down to the very bottom of the other side of ear, through both layers, tucking any orange/white ends inside to give a little padding. Work an extra dc in the final st.

Fasten off black, sewing in ends along the black edges

Repeat to make 2 double-sided ears with black edging.

Tail



In white

Row 1: ch3; htr in 3rd ch from hook; turn (2)

Row 2: ch 2; htr in same st; 1htr in last st; turn (3)

Rows 3-6(6,7,7,8,8,9): ch 2; htr in same st; htr to last but one st; 2htr in last st; turn.

11(11,13,13,15,15,17) sts

Next row: ch2; htr to end; turn

Next row: ch2; htr in same st; htr to last but one st; 2htr in last st; turn (13)

Last 2 Rows: ch2; htr to end; turn

Fasten off white

Belly (without front opening version)



In white, forming a semi-circle, starting with a long thread for attaching.

Round 1: ch2 & 5htr into a magic ring and pull tight; turn. (6)

Alternatively: ch3 and join to make a ring; ch2 & 5htr into the ring; turn (6)

Round 2: ch2; htr in same st; 2htr in remaining sts; turn (12)

Round 3: ch2; htr in same st; htr in next st; * 2htr in next st; htr in next st; repeat from * to end; turn (18)

Round 4: ch2; htr in same st; htr in next 2 sts; * 2htr in next st; htr in next 2 sts; repeat from * to end; turn (24)

Round 5: ch2; htr in same st; htr in next 3 sts; * 2htr in next st; htr in next 3 sts; repeat from * to end (30)

Stop here for newborn & 3m sizes

Round 6: ch2; htr in same st; htr in next 4 sts; * 2htr in next st; htr in next 4 sts; repeat from * to end (36)

Stop here for 6m & 9m sizes

Round 7: ch2; htr in same st; htr in next 5 sts; * 2htr in next st; htr in next 5 sts; repeat from * to end (42)

Stop here for 12m & 18m sizes

Round 9: ch2; htr in same st; htr in next 6 sts; * 2htr in next st; htr in next 6 sts; repeat from * to end (48)

The next section is worked across the straight edge of the semi-circle.

Row 1: ch2; 12(12,14,14,16,16,18) htr evenly across straight edge (carrying centre thread along to edge); turn. 13(13,15,15,17,17,19) sts

Row 2-3: ch2; htr in each st to end; turn

Rows 4-9(9,10,10,11,11,12): ch2; htr in same st; htr to last but one st; 2 htr in last st; turn.

25(25,29,29,33,33,37) sts

Work 2 rows: ch2; htr in each st to end

Edge: dc around all around the belly piece edge except the bottom.

Fasten off white, leaving a long end for attaching.

Hood

In jaffa

Row 1: chain 22(24,26,29,32,34,37); htr in 3rd chain from hook and in each st to last but one; 3htr in final st to turn corner; htr in underside of each st back to beginning; turn. 41(45,49,55,61,65,71) sts

Rows 2-6: ch2; htr to end

Row 7: ch2; htr in next 3 sts; hook through 1st st of one ear with white side facing hood opening; htr in next st, drawing yarn through ear; htr to last 5 sts; hook through last st of other ear with white side facing hood opening; htr in next st, drawing yarn through ear; htr to last 5 sts;

Rows 8-17(17,19,19,21,21,23): repeat row 7, catching in the ears, easing them to fit.

Complete Rows up to 24(29,30,31,32,33,34): ch2; htr to end

Shoulders

Row 1: ch2; htr in next 5(6,7,8,9,10,12) sts; 3htr in next st; htr in next 5(5,5,6,7,7,6) sts; 3htr in next st; htr in next 15(17,19,21,23,25,29) sts; 3htr in next st; htr in next 5(5,5,6,7,7,6) sts; 3htr in next st; htr to end; turn 49(53,57,63,69,73,79)sts

Rows 2 – 10(11,12,12,12,13,14): Ch2; htr to end but 3htr in the centre Inc from the previous row; turn 121(133,145,151,157,169,183) sts

Place a marker in each of the centre increase stitches.

Do not fasten off jaffa.

For front-opening hoodie skip to next section

Hood Edging (without front opening)

Join in white at left-hand end of last row.

Row 1: ch1; dc around edge, one in end of each row to end; turn

Row 2: ch3; tr to end; turn

Row 3: ch1; dc to end.

Fasten off white, leaving a long end for adding belly.

Body (without front opening)



In jaffa

Row 1: (do not remove stitch markers) ch2; htr to 1st marked stitch; skip to next marked st; htr in marked stitch; htr in next 11(13,14,15,15,17,19) sts; line up base of white tail; htr in next 13(13,15,15,17,17,19)sts through both layers; htr to next marked stitch; skip to next marked st; htr in marked stitch; htr to end; 3htr across both ends of the white hood edging (left over right for boy, right over left for girl); slst join to beginning. 74(82,90,94,98,106,118) sts

The rest of the body is worked in the round

Rounds 2-16(23,26,30,34,37,41): ch2; htr to end; slst join to beginning

Line up bottom straight edge of white belly piece centre st with centre front of jaffa body and slst join (in jaffa)

Final body round: 12(12,14,14,16,16,18) htr in both layers (keeping white yarn tail on wrong side); htr to final 12(12,14,14,16,16,18) sts; htr in both layers back to centre front; stst join

Rib (without front opening)

Round 1: Ch2; * fptr; bptr; repeat from * to last st; htr; slst to join

Round 2: Ch2; * bptr; fptr; repeat from * to last st; htr; slst to join

Round 3: repeat Rib Round 1

Fasten off Jaffa.

Pin the white belly to the jaffa body, lining up the top centre with the bottom of the white hood edging. Use the white yarn tails to attach the belly to the body, leaving the sloping sections free if you want it to form a pocket.

Body (with front opening)

In jaffa

Row 1: (do not remove stitch markers) ch2; htr to 1st marked stitch; skip to next marked st; htr in marked stitch; htr in next 11(13,14,15,15,17,19) sts; line up base of white tail; htr in next 13(13,15,15,17,17,19)sts through both layers; htr to next marked stitch; skip to next marked st; htr in marked stitch; htr to end; turn 71(79,87,91,95,103,115) sts

Rounds 2-16(23,26,30,34,37,41): ch2; htr to end

Secure the working st with a stitch marker

Belly Pouch (with front opening)



Attach white to one edge of row 8(15,17,121,24,27,30): ch 2; 1htr at front of (working round the post of) next 9(10,11,12,12,13,15) sts; turn

Belly Row 2: ch2; 1htr in same st; 1htr in each st to end; turn

Belly Row 3: ch2; 1htr in each st to last st; 2htr; turn

Repeat belly rows 2 & 3, increasing 1st on the non-opening end, until there are 15(16,18,19,20,21,24) sts

Work 2 rows straight at the same time: slst white belly to jaffa body at non-opening end, lining up the sts.

Fasten off white

Repeat for other side, working increases on non-opening side.

Line up bottom straight edge of white belly pouches, st for st, using a stitch holder on each side.

Final body round: ch2; htr to end, through both layers over belly pouches

Rib (without front opening)

Row 1: Ch2; * fptr; bptr; repeat from * to last st; htr

Row 2: Ch2; * bptr; fptr; repeat from * to last st; htr; slst to join

Row 3: repeat Rib Row 1

Fasten off Jaffa.

Hood & Front Edging (with front opening)



Join in white at left-hand end of last rib row.

Row 1: ch1; dc one in end of each row up front (catching in belly pouch), around hood and down other side; turn

Row 2: ch3; tr to end; turn

Row 3: ch1; dc to end.

Marking Tail – both versions

Using a long length of black yarn

It's easier to do this part before working the sleeves but can be done after.

Starting just right of the centre at the top of the back rib, crochet/embroider a curvy line (see photo) in chain stitch up to the right side of the white tail, dc to top of white tail edge leaving it unattached from the body. (ch2; tr; ch2) in the top stitch. dc down to bottom of white tail, crochet/embroider back down to near the start (see photo). If you use a crochet hook to do all this, you will need to pull the yarn through to the right/wrong sides for each part. The white tail section may be fixed to the body while adding the black edging, if preferred.

Sleeves – both versions

In jaffa

Join yarn at marked st underarm towards the front of the left side.

Row 1: ch2; 25(27,29,30,21,33,34)htr up to marked st; htr in marked st plus one more in the underarm gap; slst to join. 28(30,32,33,34,36,37)sts

Rows 2-10(11,13,14,16,18,20): ch2; htr to last st; slst join

Next row: ch2; htr to last but one st; slst join (decreasing by 1)

Repeat the last row until 20(20,22,22,24,24,26) sts remain

Fasten off jaffa and join in black.

Row 1: ch2; tr to last st; slst join

Row 2: Ch2; * fptr; bptr; repeat from * to last st; slst to join

Row 3: Ch2; * bptr; fptr; repeat from * to last st; slst to join

Row 4: repeat Row 2

Fasten off black

Repeat on the other side, this time starting at the marked st towards the back.

Finishing

Sew all ends in securely. For the cardigan version, sew 3-4 buttons securely down the preferred side – check the buttons are attached securely every now and then to avoid them becoming a choking hazard. The gaps in the trebles on the other side will serve as buttonholes.



I'd love to see your finished hoodies! Do share your photos with me on Instagram or Facebook - @grannylawlorcrafts tagged using #foxhoodie