Fringe dress with a beige swing hem

M, to fit bust 37 in (94 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 41 in (104 cm) at the bust and the hips and about 30¾ in (78 cm) long

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm) and a hip of 39 in (99 cm)

Skill

Easy

Half double crochet in rows, simple shaping, edgings in rounds, knotted fringe

Yarn

Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: beige, main color — **about 1,550 yd (1,417 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, contrast — **about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**

Yarn C: gold, color 3 — **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 520 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a piece of stiff card 6 in (15 cm) wide and about 8 in (20.5 cm) long to wind the strands of the fringe on, a crochet hook of about 3.5 mm (US E-4) to pull the strands of the fringe through and pins.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Bust	Yarn, an estimate	Around the bust and the hips	Length from the shoulder to the lower ed	Length from the shoulder to the end of t	Armhole depth, without the edging	Depth of the V at the back	Depth of the front neck	Neck width, without the edging	Length of each tier of fringe
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 1,540 yd (1,408 m)	34¾ in (88.5 cm)	30¼ in (77 cm)	34½ in (87.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 1,660 yd (1,518 m)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)	30¾ in (78 cm)	35¼ in (89.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 1,805 yd (1,650 m)**	**41 in (104 cm)**	**30¾ in (78 cm)**	**35¼ in (89.5 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**13 in (33 cm)**	**5½ in (14 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**5 in (12.5 cm)**

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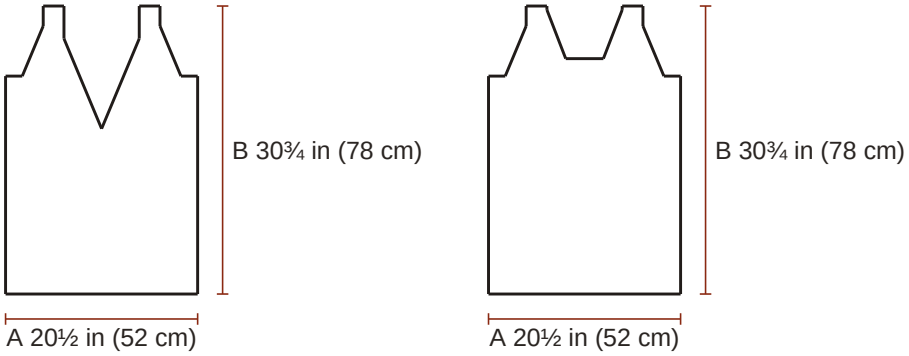
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 2,000 yd (1,829 m)	44½ in (113 cm)	31¼ in (79.5 cm)	35¾ in (91 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 2,210 yd (2,021 m)	49 in (124.5 cm)	31¾ in (80.5 cm)	36¼ in (92 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 2,445 yd (2,236 m)	54¼ in (138 cm)	32¼ in (82 cm)	36¾ in (93.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 2,545 yd (2,327 m)	56 in (142 cm)	32¾ in (83 cm)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)

Schematic



Back
A the width
B from top to bottom

Front
A the whole width
B how deep the neck is

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 28; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 22 rows of half double crochet on 27 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Edgings: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 18 sts and 21 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- The dress hangs straight. Around the hips it is from 1¼ in (3 cm) to 2 in (5 cm) wider than the body, by the size. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.
- Odd-numbered rows are right side rows.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.

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- Left and right are those of the person who wears the dress, where the words say (as worn) and at the two halves of the back.
- Mattress stitch: lay the two edges side by side with the right side up; with the yarn needle go under two strands at the side of a row end of one edge, then under two strands of the row end across from it, and so on, and draw the yarn up until the edges meet.
- Whip stitch: put the needle in through both edges from the back to the front, take the yarn over the edge, and do the same again a short step farther on.
- Strands for the fringe: wind the yarn around the card, 6 in (15 cm) wide, one turn beside the other and without stretching it, and cut all the turns along one edge of the card. Each turn is one strand of 12 in (30.5 cm), so that all the strands are alike.
- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.
- Length from the shoulder to the lower edge, without the fringe 30¾ in (78 cm).

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
(92 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)): Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Back

Yarn A, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	The foundation chain is the lower edge. Rows 3, 19 and 35 are gold and go into the back loops only, so that the front loops of rows 2, 18 and 34 stay free on the right side: the fringe is knotted into them later. With yarn A, ch 93. Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn A; row 3 yarn C; rows 4 to 18 yarn A; row 19 yarn C; rows 20 to 34 yarn A; row 35 yarn C; rows 36 to 66 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(92 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(92 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(92 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 4 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(92 hdc)
	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(92 hdc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(92 hdc)
	20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34	
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(92 hdc)
☐ **Rows 36 to 66**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(92 hdc)
	36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66	
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Back, right half

Yarn A, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 66 of the back, a wrong side row. The V begins here: each half of the back is worked by itself, the right half (as worn) first.	
☐ **Row 67 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 44 sts, hdc2tog, leave the last 46 sts unworked	(45 hdc)
☐ **Row 68**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(45 hdc)
☐ **Row 69**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(44 hdc)
☐ **Rows 70 to 87**	Repeat Rows 68 and 69, 9 more times (43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(35 hdc)
	70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87	
☐ **Row 88**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 27 sts, leave the last 8 sts unworked	(27 hdc)
☐ **Row 89**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(25 hdc)
☐ **Row 90**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(25 hdc)
☐ **Rows 91 to 102**	Repeat Rows 89 and 90, 6 more times (23, 21, 19, 17, 15, 13 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(13 hdc)
	91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102	
☐ **Row 103**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 104**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rows 105 to 108**	Repeat Rows 103 and 104, 2 more times (11, 10 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(10 hdc)
	105 106 107 108	
☐ **Rows 109 to 115**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
	109 110 111 112 113 114 115	
☐ **End**	The 10 sts left are the right shoulder. Fasten off.	

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Back, left half

Yarn A, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 66 of the back, with the right side facing as for row 67 of the right half. Join yarn A in the next unworked st; the left half is worked on that st and the next 45 sts, to the end of row 66 (46 sts).	
☐ **Row 67 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(45 hdc)
☐ **Row 68**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(45 hdc)
☐ **Row 69**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)
☐ **Rows 70 to 87**	Repeat Rows 68 and 69, 9 more times (43, 42, 41, 40, 39, 38, 37, 36, 35 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(35 hdc)
	70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87	
☐ **Row 88**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 8 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 27 sts	(27 hdc)
☐ **Row 89**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(25 hdc)
☐ **Row 90**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(25 hdc)
☐ **Rows 91 to 102**	Repeat Rows 89 and 90, 6 more times (23, 21, 19, 17, 15, 13 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(13 hdc)
	91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102	
☐ **Row 103**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 104**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Rows 105 to 108**	Repeat Rows 103 and 104, 2 more times (11, 10 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(10 hdc)
	105 106 107 108	
☐ **Rows 109 to 115**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
	109 110 111 112 113 114 115	
☐ **End**	The 10 sts left are the left shoulder. Fasten off.	

Front

Yarn A, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	The foundation chain is the lower edge. Rows 3, 19 and 35 are gold and go into the back loops only, so that the front loops of rows 2, 18 and 34 stay free on the right side: the fringe is knotted into them later. With yarn A, ch 93. Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn A; row 3 yarn C; rows 4 to 18 yarn A; row 19 yarn C; rows 20 to 34 yarn A; row 35 yarn C; rows 36 to 94 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(92 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(92 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(92 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 4 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(92 hdc)
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18		
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(92 hdc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(92 hdc)
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34		
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(92 hdc)
☐ **Rows 36 to 87**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(92 hdc)
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87		
☐ **Row 88**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 8 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 76 sts, leave the last 8 sts unworked	(76 hdc)
☐ **Row 89**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(74 hdc)
☐ **Row 90**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(74 hdc)
☐ **Rows 91 to 94**	Repeat Rows 89 and 90, 2 more times (72, 70 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(70 hdc)
91 92 93 94		
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Front, first side of the neck

Yarn A, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 94 of the front, a wrong side row. The two sides of the neck are worked each by itself.	
☐ **Row 95 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 22 sts, hdc2tog, leave the last 44 sts unworked	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 96**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 97**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(22 hdc)
☐ **Rows 98 to 107**	Repeat Rows 96 and 97, 5 more times (20, 18, 16, 14, 12 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(12 hdc)
98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107		
☐ **Row 108**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 109**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(11 hdc)
☐ **Rows 110 to 111**	Repeat Rows 108 and 109, once more	(10 hdc)
110 111		
☐ **Rows 112 to 115**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
112 113 114 115		
☐ **End**	The 10 sts left are the left shoulder (as worn). Fasten off.	

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Front, second side of the neck

Yarn A, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 94 of the front, with the right side facing as for row 95 of the first side. Skip the next 18 unworked sts of row 94 for the neck and join yarn A in the next st; this side is worked on that st and the next 25 sts, to the end of row 94 (26 sts).	
☐ **Row 95 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 96**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 97**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(22 hdc)
☐ **Rows 98 to 107**	Repeat Rows 96 and 97, 5 more times (20, 18, 16, 14, 12 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(12 hdc)
98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107		
☐ **Row 108**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 109**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(11 hdc)
☐ **Rows 110 to 111**	Repeat Rows 108 and 109, once more	(10 hdc)
110 111		
☐ **Rows 112 to 115**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
112 113 114 115		
☐ **End**	The 10 sts left are the right shoulder (as worn). Fasten off.	

Neck edging

Yarn A, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn C. Work this at step 3 of Assembly. Hold the dress with the right side facing and the neck uppermost, the back toward you. Join yarn A at the right shoulder seam (as worn); ch 1, down the right half of the back, along rows 67 to 115, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 15 times (64 sc), to the point of the V; up the left half of the back, along rows 67 to 115, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 15 times, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (64 sc), to the left shoulder seam; down the left side of the front neck, along rows 95 to 115, met from the last of them, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 7 times (28 sc); sc in each of the 18 skipped sts of row 94 (18 sc); up the right side of the front neck, along rows 95 to 115, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 7 times (28 sc). There are 202 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in next 63 sts, sc2tog, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(201 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The sc2tog of rnd 2 lies at the point of the V.	

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Edging of the right armhole, as worn

Yarn A, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn C. Work this at step 4 of Assembly. Hold the dress with the right side facing and the right armhole (as worn) uppermost. Join yarn A at the side seam; ch 1, sc in each of the 8 skipped sts of row 87 of the back (8 sc); up the back, along rows 88 to 115, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 8 times, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (36 sc), to the shoulder seam; down the front, along rows 88 to 115, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 8 times (36 sc); sc in each of the 8 skipped sts of row 87 of the front (8 sc). There are 88 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(88 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging of the left armhole, as worn

Yarn A, beige.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn C. Work this at step 4 of Assembly. Hold the dress with the right side facing and the left armhole (as worn) uppermost. Join yarn A at the side seam; ch 1, sc in each of the 8 skipped sts of row 87 of the front (8 sc); up the front, along rows 88 to 115, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 8 times, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (36 sc), to the shoulder seam; down the back, along rows 88 to 115, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 8 times (36 sc); sc in each of the 8 skipped sts of row 87 of the back (8 sc). There are 88 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(88 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back tie: make 2

Yarn C, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 58.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(57 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each back tie is about 11 in (28 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Shoulders: lay the front on the back, right sides together, armhole edge to armhole edge, and sew the 10 sts of each shoulder of the front to the 10 sts of the same shoulder of the back with whip stitch, with a new length of yarn A of about 8 in (20 cm) for each.

2. Side seams: with the right side outward, sew the ends of rows 1 to 87 of the front to the ends of rows 1 to 87 of the back with mattress stitch at each side, row to row and gold to gold, with a new length of yarn A of about 60 in (150 cm) for each.

3. Neck edging: work it now, as written above.

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4. Edging of the right armhole and edging of the left armhole: work them now, as written above.

5. Back ties: sew one tie to each half of the back, to the wrong side of the neck edging, level with row 106: sew on the end of the tie where the long yarn end hangs, with that yarn end. Tied in a bow, they hold the two halves of the back together.

6. Fringe: there are three tiers, at the tops of rows 2, 18 and 34, where the gold rows 3, 19 and 35 left the front loops free. A tier has 46 knots on the front and 46 on the back, 92 in all. Each knot takes 3 strands of 12 in (30.5 cm): for the tier of row 34, around the hips, 3 strands of yarn B; for the tier of row 18, around the thighs, 2 strands of yarn B and 1 of yarn A; for the tier of row 2, at the hem, 3 strands of yarn A. That is 276 strands a tier, and 460 strands of yarn B and 368 of yarn A in all.

7. Knots: lay the dress flat with the right side up and the hem toward you. A knot goes into every second free loop of its row: counted from the right-hand side seam, into loops 2, 4, 6 and so on to loop 92 of the front; then turn the dress over and do the same on the back. Put the hook under the free loop from below, so that its head points to the gold row; lay the 3 strands together, fold them in half, catch the fold with the hook and draw it down under the loop, about 1 in (2.5 cm) far; bring the 6 ends down over the front of the loop and through the fold, and pull them until the knot is tight. Begin with the lowest tier.

8. Comb each tier with your fingers, let it hang, and trim it level: the ends hang 5 in (12.5 cm) below the knots. Each of the two upper tiers then covers the knots of the tier below it, and the lowest one hangs 4½ in (11.5 cm) below the lower edge of the dress.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash by hand, comb the fringe while it is damp, and lay the dress flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 3 pieces; 17,879 stitches.

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