Boho wedding dress with a low back

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



Finished size

About 36 in (91.5 cm) at the band of medallions and about 11 in (28 cm) at the front from the band to the

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

Skill

Intermediate

Square medallions, shaped fronts in rows, a skirt of lace tiers in rounds

Yarn

Fine (2)

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (warm ivory in the picture), fine (2) **about 2,900 yd (2,652 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 830 g, 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 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	Band of medallions around	Front from the band to the shoulder	Strap across, without the edgings	Flutter sleeve from edging at shoulder	Skirt around the hips	Skirt around the hem	Skirt from the waist to the hem	Length from the shoulder to the hem
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 2,300 yd (2,103 m)	28 in (71 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)	56 in (142 cm)	40¾ in (103.5 cm)	55¼ in (140.5 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 2,625 yd (2,400 m)	32 in (81.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	42¾ in (108.5 cm)	64 in (162.5 cm)	40¾ in (103.5 cm)	56 in (142 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 2,900 yd (2,652 m)**	**36 in (91.5 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**2¼ in (5.5 cm)**	**2½ in (6.5 cm)**	**48 in (122 cm)**	**72 in (183 cm)**	**40¾ in (103.5 cm)**	**56 in (142 cm)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 3,225 yd (2,949 m)	40 in (101.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	53¼ in (135.5 cm)	80 in (203 cm)	40¾ in (103.5 cm)	56¾ in (144 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 3,575 yd (3,269 m)	44 in (112 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	58¾ in (149 cm)	88 in (223.5 cm)	40¾ in (103.5 cm)	57¾ in (146.5 cm)

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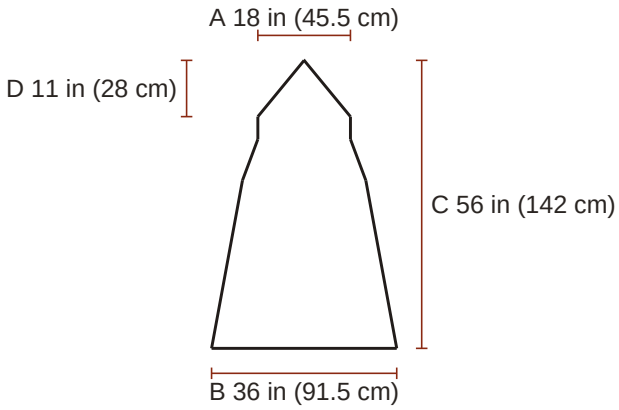
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 3,875 yd (3,543 m)	48 in (122 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	64 in (162.5 cm)	96 in (244 cm)	40¾ in (103.5 cm)	57¾ in (146.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 4,175 yd (3,818 m)	52 in (132 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	69¼ in (176 cm)	104 in (264 cm)	40¾ in (103.5 cm)	58½ in (148.5 cm)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	about 4,475 yd (4,092 m)	56 in (142 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	74¾ in (190 cm)	112 in (284.5 cm)	40¾ in (103.5 cm)	58½ in (148.5 cm)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	about 4,800 yd (4,389 m)	60 in (152.5 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	80 in (203 cm)	120 in (305 cm)	40¾ in (103.5 cm)	59½ in (151 cm)

Schematic



Dress, laid flat, front
A half the band of medallions
B the band of medallions around
C the length from the shoulder to the hem
D the front from the band to the shoulder

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 29; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 14 rows of double crochet on 27 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 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. Medallion: 4 in (10 cm) square. Single crochet (UK: double crochet): 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Tiers: 6 V, each worked over 3 sts, are 4 in (10 cm) wide; 9 clusters, each with its ch 1, 4 in (10 cm); 9 groups, each with its ch 1, 8 in (20.5 cm); 9.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). 1 sc with 1 shell, 3 times, are 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 13 rounds of shells are 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- Women's sizes, by the bust.
- The band of medallions is 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller around than the bust at each size; it lies between the bust and the waist, where the body is narrower, and the cord draws the waist in. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.

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- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for 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 last stitch of a row goes in the last stitch of the row below.
- 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. Where a round begins with sl sts, its first group goes in the place of the last sl st.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain. The sts before a space are passed over where the line does not name them.
- In the tiers a V is (dc, ch 1, dc), a group is 3 dc in one sp, and a shell is 5 dc in one st. In the V, cluster and group rounds each round begins a little further along than the one before: the join moves away from the middle of the back.
- Slip: the skirt is 40¾ in (103.5 cm) long from the waist to the hem. Wear an ivory slip of about 38¾ in (98.5 cm) from the waist, or a full slip with a low back: the lace shows what is under it. The two fronts are close double crochet.
- Length: work fewer or more rounds in any of the first three tiers; 2 rounds are a little less than 1 in (2.5 cm). Measure from the waist to the floor in the shoes you will wear.
- The dress goes on over the head with the waist cord let out. A long dress is heavy: keep it lying.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 sc): the stitches you have when the round 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.

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together (UK treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

cluster: [yarn over, insert the hook in the stitch or space named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times in the same place (4 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the first of the 3 chains. A picot is not a stitch and is not counted.

Medallion: make 9

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**cluster in next st, ch 3**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first cluster	(8 clusters, 8 ch-3 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**4 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(32 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next st, skip next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, skip next st**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 hdc, 12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 8 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; sc in next 5 sts, **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 10 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(68 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Each of the four sides has 17 sc between two corners, the ch-2 sps. Fasten off. The medallion is 4 in (10 cm) square. When all 9 are worked, join them in a ring: lay two medallions side by side with right sides up and sew a side of the one to a side of the other with whip stitch through the outer loops and a new length of yarn of about 14 in (35 cm): the corner, the 17 sts to the 17 sts, the corner. Sew the next medallion to the opposite side of the second one, and so on, and last the free side of the last one to the free side of the first. The ring of 9 medallions is 36 in (91.5 cm) around: it is the band between the bodice and the skirt.	

Upper edge of the band

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the ring of medallions with the right side facing and one open edge uppermost: from now on this is its upper edge. Join the yarn in the corner sp just to the left of a seam, which is the middle of the back; ch 1, [sc in the first corner sp of the medallion, sc in each of its next 17 sts, pass over its other corner sp] 9 times, once on every medallion (162 sc); 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	(162 sc)
☐ **End**	Rnd 2 has 162 sts, counted from the middle of the back toward the left side (as worn); the middle of the front lies between sts 81 and 82. Fasten off.	

Left front and strap

☐ **Foundation**	As worn. Row 1 stands on sts 46 to 81 of the band; the neck edge is at the end of the right side rows and the arm edge at their beginning. With the right side facing, join the yarn in st 46 of rnd 2 of the upper edge of the band; ch 2, dc in that st and in each of the next 35 sts, the last of them st 81 (36 dc). This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across	(35 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(35 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across	(34 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(33 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(33 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(32 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(30 dc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 10**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across	(28 dc)

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☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(26 dc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 13** 12 13	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(24 dc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(22 dc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(22 dc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 17** 16 17	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(18 dc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 20** 18 19 20	Repeat Rows 15 to 17, once more	(14 dc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(14 dc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(12 dc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(11 dc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(11 dc)
☐ **Rows 25 to 26** 25 26	Repeat Rows 23 and 24, once more	(10 dc)
☐ **Rows 27 to 52** 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(10 dc)
☐ **End**	Row 26 lies on the shoulder; rows 27 to 52 are the strap that goes down the back. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Right front and strap

☐ **Foundation**	As worn. Row 1 stands on sts 82 to 117 of the band; the neck edge is at the beginning of the right side rows and the arm edge at their end. With the right side facing, join the yarn in st 82 of rnd 2 of the upper edge of the band; ch 2, dc in that st and in each of the next 35 sts, the last of them st 117 (36 dc). This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(35 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(35 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(34 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across	(33 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(33 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across	(32 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(30 dc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 10** 9 10	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(28 dc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(26 dc)

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☐ **Rows 12 to 13** 12 13	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across	(24 dc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(22 dc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(22 dc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 17** 16 17	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(18 dc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 20** 18 19 20	Repeat Rows 15 to 17, once more	(14 dc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(14 dc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(12 dc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across	(11 dc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(11 dc)
☐ **Rows 25 to 26** 25 26	Repeat Rows 23 and 24, once more	(10 dc)
☐ **Rows 27 to 52** 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(10 dc)
☐ **End**	Row 26 lies on the shoulder; rows 27 to 52 are the strap that goes down the back. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Arm edging: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 2 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join the yarn in the first free st of rnd 2 of the upper edge of the band at one side, at the right-hand end of the 22 free sts between a strap and a front; ch 1, sc in each of the 22 free sts (22 sc); then go on along the arm edge of the front and the strap, over the shoulder and down to the band again, whichever end of the piece you come to first: 2 sc in the end of each of its 52 rows (104 sc). There are 126 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	(126 sc)
☐ **End**	Rnd 2 has 126 sts, counted from the first of the 22 at the band. Fasten off.	

Flutter sleeve: make 2, one on each arm edging

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 2 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join the yarn in st 55 of rnd 2 of an arm edging; ch 1, sc in that st and in each of the next 39 sts, the last of them st 94 (40 sc). This is row 1, a right side row. Its middle is the shoulder.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in each of next 24 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc, 8 hdc, 48 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 48 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc, 8 hdc, 48 dc)

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc, 8 hdc, 60 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 60 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc, 8 hdc, 60 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 30 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 29 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(8 sc, 8 hdc, 61 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next st, 5 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st**] 19 times**	(20 sc, 95 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neck and back edging

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 3 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join the yarn in st 1 of rnd 2 of the upper edge of the band, at the middle of the back; ch 1, sc in that st and in each of the next 12 sts, to the left strap (13 sc); up the inner edge of the left strap, over the shoulder and down the neck edge of the left front to the middle of the front, 2 sc in the end of each of rows 52 to 1 (104 sc); up the neck edge of the right front, over the shoulder and down the inner edge of the right strap, 2 sc in the end of each of rows 1 to 52 (104 sc); sc in each of the 13 sts that are left, to the middle of the back (13 sc). There are 234 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in next 116 sts, sc2tog, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(233 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 77 times**, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(233 sc)
☐ **End**	The sc2tog of rnd 2 turns the point of the V at the middle of the front. Fasten off.	

Skirt

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the ring so that its lower edge is uppermost. With the right side facing, join the yarn in the corner sp just to the left of the seam at the middle of the back; ch 1, [sc in the first corner sp of the medallion, sc in each of its next 17 sts, pass over its other corner sp] 9 times (162 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 81 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(81 dc, 81 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 81 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(162 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 54 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(216 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; beginning with the st at the base of the ch-2, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 72 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(144 dc, 72 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 26**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 1, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 71 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(144 dc, 72 ch-1 sps)
	6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 72 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(216 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 108 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(108 dc, 108 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 108 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(216 sc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 36 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(252 sc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 2; **[**cluster in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 126 times**; join with sl st in first cluster	(126 clusters, 126 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 32 to 52**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; cluster in same sp, ch 1, **[**cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 125 times**; join with sl st in first cluster	(126 clusters, 126 ch-1 sps)

32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

☐ **Rnd 53**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 126 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(252 sc)
☐ **Rnd 54**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 126 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(126 dc, 126 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 55**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 126 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(252 sc)
☐ **Rnd 56**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 36 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(288 sc)
☐ **Rnd 57**	Ch 2; **[**3 dc in next st, ch 1, skip next 3 sts**] 72 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(216 dc, 72 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 58 to 78**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; 3 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 71 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(216 dc, 72 ch-1 sps)

58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78

☐ **Rnd 79**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 72 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(288 sc)
☐ **Rnd 80**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 144 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(144 dc, 144 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 81**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 144 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(288 sc)
☐ **Rnd 82**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 36 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(324 sc)
☐ **Rnd 83**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 54 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(54 sc, 270 dc)
☐ **Rnd 84**	Ch 2; **[**5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 54 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(270 dc, 54 sc)
☐ **Rnd 85**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc (the second is the middle of the shell), ch 1; sc in same st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 53 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(54 sc, 270 dc)
☐ **Rnds 86 to 111**	Repeat Rnds 84 and 85, 13 more times	(54 sc, 270 dc)

86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111

☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Waist cord

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 368.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(367 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The waist cord is about 71 in (180.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Nape tie: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 73.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(72 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each nape tie is about 14 in (35.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Straps: with no twist in the straps, sew the 10 sts of the last row of the left strap to sts 14 to 23 of rnd 2 of the upper edge of the band, and the 10 sts of the last row of the right strap to sts 140 to 149, st to st, right side outward, each with its own end. Pin them and try the dress on before you sew: if the straps are too long, take 3 rows out of the end of each, about 1¼ in (3 cm), and no other number of rows. Each piece then has 49 rows, and these numbers change: in the arm edging, 2 sc in the end of each of its 49 rows (98 sc), 120 sc in all; in the flutter sleeve of the right arm (as worn), st 49 to st 88 in place of st 55 to st 94 (that of the left arm does not change); in the neck and back edging, rnd 1 along rows 49 to 1 and along rows 1 to 49 (98 sc each), 222 sc in all, rnd 2 sc in next 110 sts, sc2tog, sc in each st around (221 sc), and rnd 3 the brackets 73 times, sc in next 2 sts. Every other number stays, and the middle of a flutter sleeve stays at the end of row 26.

2. Arms: work the arm edging twice, once around each armhole, then a flutter sleeve on each, as written above.

3. Neck: work the neck and back edging, as written above.

4. Nape ties: sew one end of each tie with its own end to the wrong side of the neck and back edging at a shoulder, one tie at each side, behind the row end of row 26 of the front and strap. They are tied in a bow behind the neck and keep the straps on the shoulders.

5. Waist cord: rnd 2 of the skirt has 81 ch-1 sps, counted from the middle of the back. With the right side facing, take one end of the cord from the outside to the inside through sp 1, out through sp 2, and on in this way, in and out, all the way around; it comes out through sp 80, and sp 81, the last, stays empty. Draw the two ends to the same length, put the dress on, draw the waist in as you like and tie a bow at the middle of the back.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 12 pieces.

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