18 inch doll party dress

Doll, 18 in (45.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 12½ in (32 cm) at the chest and about 7 in (18 cm) at the neck

Skill
Intermediate
Basic stitches, simple increases and one piece from the neck down

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: rose, main — **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast — **about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 3 buttons, 3/8 in (10 mm) across and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

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	Chest (buttoned)	Neck around (buttoned)	Yoke depth	Length from the neck edging to the hem	Upper sleeve	Around the hem	Yarn, an estimate
Doll, 13 in (33 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	2 in (5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	about 195 yd (178 m)
Doll, 15 in (38 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	about 235 yd (215 m)
Doll, 18 in (45.5 cm) (this file)	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**3 in (7.5 cm)**	**9¾ in (25 cm)**	**5¾ in (14.5 cm)**	**30 in (76 cm)**	**about 315 yd (288 m)**

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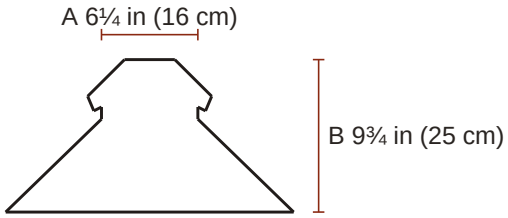
Schematic



Dress, laid flat
A half the chest (buttoned)
B the length from the neck edging to the hem

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
sp	space

back loop only nder the one loop of the stitch that is farther from you

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. It leaves 1 sc2tog for the next row or round.

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. It leaves 1 dc2tog for the next row or round.

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ 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 25; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 20 rows of half double crochet on 24 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. Double crochet (UK: treble) rounds: 16 sts and 8.5 rnds to 4 in (10 cm). Single crochet (UK: double crochet): about 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm). A rnd of 5 dc shells is about 3/8 in (9 mm) deep.

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Before you start

- Doll sizes, by the height of the doll and its chest.
- No fit is promised beyond the measurements given. Measure the doll around the chest, and choose a finished chest about 1 in (2.5 cm) wider.
- Worked from the neck down. The yoke and the body are worked back and forth in rows, open down the back; row 1 is a right side row. The skirt and the sleeves are worked in rounds with the right side facing.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base.
- A ch-1 sp marks each of the four raglan lines. The ch-1 sps are counted apart from the stitches.
- At the underarms, work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next row. The sleeves are worked into the free side of these chains.
- To work into a chain space, put the hook under the whole chain.
- The rounds of the skirt begin and end at the middle of the back.
- The buttons are small parts: they are not for the doll of a child under three.
- 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.
- To fit a doll with a chest of 11½ in (29 cm) around.
- Around the hem 30 in (76 cm). No fit is promised beyond the measurements given. Measure the doll around the chest, and choose a finished chest about 1 in (2.5 cm) wider.

Instructions

Chosen: Doll, 18 in (45.5 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms hdc is half treble, sl st is slip stitch, dc is treble and sc is double crochet.

Yoke

Yarn A, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(26 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, ch 1, hdc in next 5 sts, ch 1, hdc in next 8 sts, ch 1, hdc in next 5 sts, ch 1, hdc in next 4 sts	**(26 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across	**(82 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 3 to 9: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9

☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across	**(82 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

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Body

Yarn A, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 10 of the yoke.	
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 2 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 19 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 2 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 19 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), hdc in each st across	**(44 hdc, 4 ch)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(48 hdc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

12 13

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Skirt

Yarn A, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 13 of the body, a right side row. Do not turn. With the right side facing, join the row into a ring with a sl st in its first hdc, so that the right side is outward. From here the skirt is worked in rounds. Colors: rnds 1 to 12 yarn A; rnd 13 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(72 dc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; **[**dc in back loop only of next 2 sts, 2 dc in back loop only of next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(96 dc)**

A box for each round, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2; **[**dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, 2 dc in back loop only of next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(120 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(120 dc)**

A box for each round, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 20 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc, 100 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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First trim

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Rnd 5 of the skirt is worked in back loops, so each of the 72 sts of rnd 4 has a free front loop on the right side. Hold the dress with the hem uppermost and the right side facing, and join yarn B in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 4. Every st of the trim is worked in these front loops.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc, 60 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Second trim

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Rnd 9 of the skirt is worked in back loops, so each of the 96 sts of rnd 8 has a free front loop on the right side. Hold the dress with the hem uppermost and the right side facing, and join yarn B in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 8. Every st of the trim is worked in these front loops.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc, 80 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 6 yarn A; rnds 7 and 8 yarn B. With the right side facing and the hem downward, join yarn A in the left-hand one of the 2 underarm chs, on their free side; ch 1, hdc in that ch, hdc in the ch-1 sp, hdc in each of the 19 sleeve sts, hdc in the next ch-1 sp and hdc in the underarm ch left (23 hdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; 2 dc in each of next 23 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(46 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(46 dc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; dc2tog 23 times; join with sl st in first dc2tog	**(23 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 8**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 8: tick them off as you go.

7 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Neck and opening edging

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the neck end of the right back edge (as worn), in the end of row 1. Ch 1; down this edge to the skirt, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (15 sc); up the left back edge to the neck, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (15 sc); along the neck, in the free side of the 26 chs that row 1 is worked in (the ch skipped at the start of row 1 is left out), 2 sc in the first of them you come to, sc in each of the next 24 chs, 2 sc in the last of them (28 sc; 58 sc in all); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in next st, [ch 3, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts] twice, ch 3, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 45 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(52 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **End**	The 3 loops lie on the right back edge, over sts 1 to 15 of rnd 1; sts 14 and 15, below the lowest loop, are worked in sc. Fasten off.	

Sash

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 133.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(132 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(132 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **End**	The sash is about 33 in (84 cm) long and 1 in (2.5 cm) wide. Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Close any small gaps at the underarms with the yarn ends there.

2. Lay the edging of the right back over the edging of the left back. The last 2 sts of the right back edge, below the lowest loop, are at the foot of the opening: sew them down on the edging of the left back with a few stitches of the sewing thread, and leave the loop itself free. Mark the place under each of the 3 loops, on rnd 1 of the edging of the left back, and sew a button there with the sewing thread.

3. Lay the sash around the waist, over row 13 of the body and rnd 1 of the skirt, with its middle at the middle of the back, and tie it in a bow at the front.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 2,620 stitches (134 in the yoke, 144 in the body, 1,272 in the skirt, 72 in the first trim, 96 in the second trim, 227 in each sleeve, 52 in the neck and opening edging, 396 in the sash).

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