Easy doll sundress in four sizes

Doll, 18 in (45.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 12 in (30.5 cm) at the chest and about 8 in (20.5 cm) long

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches and simple increases

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: mint, main — **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, contrast — **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 2 buttons, 3/8 in (10 mm) across and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

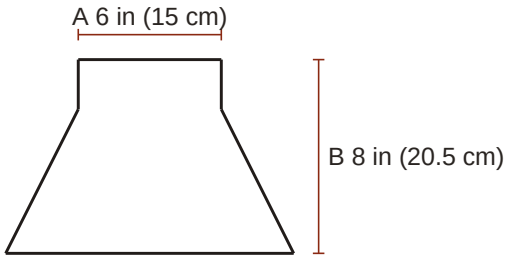
To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Chest (buttoned)	Length from the top edge	Bodice depth	Around the hem	Strap	Yarn, an estimate
Doll, 10 in (25.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	about 70 yd (64 m)
Doll, 13 in (33 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	about 95 yd (87 m)
Doll, 15 in (38 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	2 in (5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	about 125 yd (114 m)
Doll, 18 in (45.5 cm) (this file)	**12 in (30.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**2 in (5 cm)**	**24 in (61 cm)**	**5½ in (14 cm)**	**about 160 yd (146 m)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Schematic



Dress, laid flat
A half the chest (buttoned)
B the length from the top edge

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
Rnd	round
st	stitch
sp	space

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.

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 the finished chest that is nearest to it or a little wider.
- Worked from the top edge down. The bodice is worked back and forth in rows, open down the back; row 1 is a right side row. The skirt is 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.
- 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.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

- 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.
- To fit a doll with a chest of 11½ in (29 cm) around.
- Length from the top edge to the hem, without the edging 8 in (20.5 cm).

Instructions

Chosen: Doll, 18 in (45.5 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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.

Bodice

Yarn A, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 47.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(46 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(46 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Skirt

Yarn A, mint.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 7 of the bodice, 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 10 yarn A; rnd 11 yarn B; rnd 12 yarn A; rnd 13 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 10 times**, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(60 dc)**

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

2 3

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; dc in next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(72 dc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

5 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2; dc in next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(84 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(84 dc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2; dc in next 4 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 10 to 12**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(96 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**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc, 80 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Top and opening edging

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the top 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, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (8 sc); up the left back edge to the top, 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 sc); along the top edge, in the free side of the 46 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 44 chs, 2 sc in the last of them (48 sc; 64 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 2 sts, ch 3, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(20 sc, 2 ch-3 sps, 40 dc)**
☐ **End**	The 2 loops lie on the right back edge, over sts 1 to 8 of rnd 1; st 8, below the lowest loop, is worked in sc. Fasten off.	

Strap: make 2

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Before the first ch leave an end of yarn B about 6 in (15 cm) long, for sewing. With yarn B, ch 23.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **End**	Each strap is about 5½ in (14 cm) long and ½ in (1 cm) wide. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm) for sewing. There is now a sewing end at each of the two short ends: the first at one, the last at the other.	

Pocket

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 8. Colors: rows 1 to 6 yarn B; row 7 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(7 sc)**

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

☐ **Rows 2 to 7** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 7: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7

☐ **End** Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Lay the edging of the right back over the edging of the left back. The last st of the right back edge, below the lowest loop, is at the foot of the opening: sew it 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 2 loops, on rnd 1 of the edging of the left back, and sew a button there with the sewing thread.

2. Straps: the 46 chs that row 1 of the bodice is worked in are counted 1 to 46 from the right back edge (as worn), where row 1 began, to the left back edge. Work on the wrong side, behind the shells. Sew one short end of the right strap to chs 3 and 4 (the back) and its other short end to chs 15 and 16 (the front). Sew one short end of the left strap to chs 43 and 44 (the back) and its other short end to chs 31 and 32 (the front). Sew each short end with the 6 in (15 cm) end of yarn that hangs there. Do not twist the straps.

3. Pocket: lay the dress with the front up and the skirt flat. The rnds of the skirt are counted 1 to 13 from the bodice. Put the pocket on the front, right side outward, with its mint edge (yarn A) toward the bodice and its lower edge along rnd 9, with the middle of the pocket over st 60 of that rnd (counted from its first st, at the middle of the back), and sew its two sides and its lower edge to the skirt with a piece of yarn B about 12 in (30 cm) long. The mint edge stays free.

Finishing

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

In all: 1,563 stitches (322 in the bodice, 1,044 in the skirt, 60 in the top and opening edging, 44 in each strap, 49 in the pocket).

Found a mistake in this pattern? Tell us at flossfield.com, under Make a request.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.