Girls' dress with a fabric skirt

6, to fit chest 25 in (63.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 23½ in (59.5 cm) at the chest and about 6¾ in (17 cm) at the bodice with the top edging

To fit a chest of 25 in (63.5 cm) and a hip of 25 in (63.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

Ribbed rows, a seam, gathered cloth sewn on by hand or by machine

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 13 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet rib.

What you need

Yarn A: aqua, main color	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, color 3	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter, color 4	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, woven cotton cloth with a small print (how much: in the line of your size under SIZES), sewing thread to match the cloth, a sewing needle or a sewing machine 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.

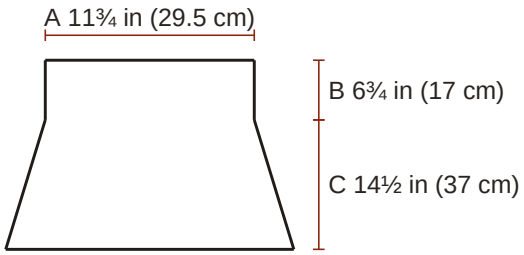
Sizes

Size	To fit chest	Yarn, an estimate	Chest	Bodice with the top edging	Skirt, below the bodice	Length from the top edging to the hem	Waist seam, stretched	Strap	Cloth to buy
2	21 in (53.5 cm)	about 200 yd (183 m)	19¾ in (50 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	16¼ in (41.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	42 in (107 cm)
4	23 in (58.5 cm)	about 230 yd (210 m)	21 in (53.5 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	42 in (107 cm)
6 (this file)	**25 in (63.5 cm)**	**about 280 yd (256 m)**	**23½ in (59.5 cm)**	**6¾ in (17 cm)**	**14½ in (37 cm)**	**21¼ in (54 cm)**	**26 in (66 cm)**	**11½ in (29 cm)**	**42 in (107 cm)**
8	26½ in (67.5 cm)	about 305 yd (279 m)	24½ in (62 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	23¾ in (60.5 cm)	29 in (73.5 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	42 in (107 cm)

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10	28 in (71 cm)	about 335 yd (306 m)	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	30½ in (77.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	42 in (107 cm)

Schematic



Dress, laid flat
A the chest
B the bodice with the top edging
C the skirt, below the bodice

Gauge

16 stitches and 13 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet rib.

> **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 rib on 24 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6¼ in (16 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. Top edging and straps: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 16 sts and 18.5 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Flutter: a row of double crochet (UK: treble) is about ½ in (1.3 cm) high.

Notes

- Child's sizes. Choose by the chest.
- The finished chest is from 1¼ in (3 cm) to 2¼ in (5.5 cm) narrower than the body measurement, by the size, and the fabric stretches to it. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- 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 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.
- Half double crochet rib (UK: half treble rib): the bodice is worked sideways. Its rows go up and down the body, and the ridges they make let it stretch around. Work every row from row 2 on in the back loops only.
- Wash the cloth before you cut it: new cotton shrinks.
- The dress is pulled on over the head or stepped into: the waist seam stretches to 1 in (2.5 cm) more than the hip.
- 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.

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- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.
- Cloth to buy, 42 in (107 cm) wide or wider, in length 36 in (91.5 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), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.

RS right side, the one that shows.

3 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 13 times: work what is inside 13 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(25 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Bodice

Yarn A, aqua.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 26.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(25 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 76**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(25 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 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 53 54 55 56 57
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 18 in (45 cm) for sewing. With right sides together, sew the 25 sts of row 76 to the 25 chs of the foundation chain with whip stitch, st 1 to the ch under it and so on, with this end. Turn the tube right side out. The seam is the middle of the back. The tube is alike at its two open edges: choose one to be the top. It measures about 23½ in (59.5 cm) around and 6¼ in (16 cm) high, and it stretches.	

Top edging

Yarn A, aqua.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn B. Hold the bodice with the right side facing and the top edge uppermost. Work loosely, so that the edge stretches. Join yarn A in the first row end to the left of the seam; ch 1, [sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 19 times, the first sc in the end of the row where the yarn was joined (95 sc from 76 row ends); 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	(95 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Strap: make 2

Yarn A, aqua.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 47.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(46 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(46 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing. The strap is about 11½ in (29 cm) long and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) wide.	

Flutter: make 2, one on each strap

Yarn A, aqua.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn A; row 3 yarn B. Hold a strap with the right side facing and row 4 uppermost. Row 4 has 46 sts; skip the first 4 at the right-hand end and join yarn A in the next st. Ch 2, 2 dc in that st and 2 dc in each of the next 37 sts (76 dc); leave the last 4 sts free. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 68 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 4 hdc, 68 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, **[**skip next st, 3 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 13 times**, skip next st, 3 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next 4 sts	(34 sc, 42 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Flower

Yarn D, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn D, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnd 1 yarn D; rnd 2 yarn C.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 12 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**(sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in next st, sl st in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc, 12 hdc, 6 dc, 6 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 18 in (45 cm) for sewing. The flower lies flat and is about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across.	

Assembly

1. Straps: rnd 1 of the top edging has 95 sts, counted from its join at the seam, the middle of the back; the middle of the front is st 48. Lay one strap so that the middle of one end is at st 36 of the front and the middle of its other end at st 11 of the back, and the second strap with its ends at st 60 of the front and st 85 of the back. The right side of each strap is outside, its foundation chain lies toward the neck and its flutter toward the arm, and the last 2 sts of each end lie on the inside of the bodice, behind the top edging. Sew each end down around its three sides with whip stitch: one end of each strap with the end left for sewing, the other with a new length of yarn A of about 12 in (30 cm).

2. Cloth, cutting: wash and press the cloth first. Cut 2 pieces, each 27 in (68.6 cm) wide and 17 in (43.2 cm) high, with the print standing upright on both. This gives a seam allowance of ½ in (1.3 cm) at the two sides and at the top, and 2 in (5.1 cm) for the hem. One piece is the front of the skirt and one is the back.

3. Cloth, side seams and hem: lay the pieces with right sides together and sew both sides, the edges that are 17 in (43.2 cm) high, ½ in (1.3 cm) from the edge. Finish the raw edges of the seams with zigzag or overcast stitch and press the seams open. Finish the top edge in the same stitch. At the lower edge turn ½ in (1.3 cm) to the wrong side and press it, then turn 1½ in (3.8 cm) more to the wrong side, press it and sew it down along its upper fold.

4. Cloth, gathering: sew two lines of long stitches around the top edge, one ¼ in (6 mm) and one ½ in (1.3 cm) from

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the edge, beginning and ending at a side seam, and leave the thread ends long. Mark the middle of the front piece and the middle of the back piece with pins: with the side seams they part the edge in four equal parts. Draw up both lines by the thread ends until the edge is 26 in (66 cm) around, spread the gathers so that each of the four parts is 6½ in (16.5 cm), and knot the thread ends.

5. Joining: the skirt lies on the inside. Slip the bodice, right side out, over the gathered edge of the skirt, right side out too, so that the lower edge of the bodice lies on the gathering line that is ½ in (1.3 cm) from the edge of the cloth. Pin the seam of the bodice to the middle of the back piece, the row ends between rows 38 and 39, the middle of the front, to the middle of the front piece, and the row ends between rows 19 and 20 and between rows 57 and 58 to the two side seams. The bodice is smaller than the cloth: stretch each quarter of its edge, 19 rows, to 6½ in (16.5 cm) and pin it. With doubled sewing thread sew all the way around with small backstitches along the edge, one through the end of each of the 76 rows and the cloth under it, and keep the crochet stretched as you sew. When you let go, the bodice draws in again, and the seam still gives as far as 26 in (66 cm) when the dress is pulled on.

6. Flower: the rows of the bodice are counted from the seam. Lay the flower right side up on the outside of the bodice, with its middle over the line between rows 38 and 39, the middle of the front, and 1 in (2.5 cm) above the lower edge of the bodice. With its own end sew it down flat around its middle and through the tip of each of its 6 petals.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces; 2,715 stitches (1,900 in the bodice, 95 in the top edging, 184 in each strap, 152 in each flutter, 48 in the flower).

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