Circle skirt with swirling increases

M, knee length, to fit waist 29 in (73.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 41 in (104 cm) at the waist and about 21 in (53.5 cm) long

To fit a waist of 29 in (73.5 cm) and a hip of 39 in (99 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Double crochet in rounds whose increases move, a folded elastic waist, a rolled hem

Yarn

Fine (2), 3 colors

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 A: teal, main color	**about 2,000 yd (1,829 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: turquoise, contrast	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, color 3	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 620 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, about 1½ yd (1.4 m) of elastic 1 in (2.5 cm) wide (enough for every size), a safety pin, sewing thread and a sewing needle, a stitch marker 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 waist	Waistband before the elastic draws it in	Length	Around the hem	Yarn, an estimate
XS, knee length	23½ in (59.5 cm)	35½ in (90 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	158¼ in (402 cm)	about 2,050 yd (1,875 m)
XS, midi length	23½ in (59.5 cm)	35½ in (90 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	201 in (510.5 cm)	about 3,250 yd (2,972 m)
S, knee length	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	160 in (406.5 cm)	about 2,105 yd (1,925 m)
S, midi length	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	202¾ in (515 cm)	about 3,305 yd (3,022 m)
M, knee length (this file)	**29 in (73.5 cm)**	**41 in (104 cm)**	**21 in (53.5 cm)**	**163½ in (415.5 cm)**	**about 2,180 yd (1,993 m)**

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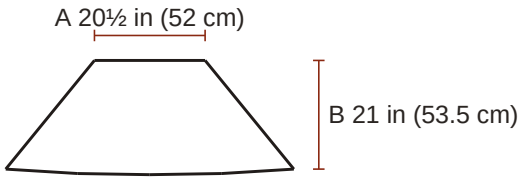
M, midi length	29 in (73.5 cm)	41 in (104 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	206¼ in (524 cm)	about 3,405 yd (3,114 m)
L, knee length	33 in (84 cm)	44½ in (113 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	167 in (424 cm)	about 2,260 yd (2,067 m)
L, midi length	33 in (84 cm)	44½ in (113 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	209¾ in (533 cm)	about 3,510 yd (3,210 m)
1X, knee length	37 in (94 cm)	48 in (122 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	170¾ in (433.5 cm)	about 2,345 yd (2,144 m)
1X, midi length	37 in (94 cm)	48 in (122 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	213¼ in (541.5 cm)	about 3,615 yd (3,306 m)
2X, knee length	41 in (104 cm)	53¼ in (135.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	176 in (447 cm)	about 2,450 yd (2,240 m)
2X, midi length	41 in (104 cm)	53¼ in (135.5 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	218¾ in (555.5 cm)	about 3,765 yd (3,443 m)
3X, knee length	44½ in (113 cm)	57 in (145 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	179½ in (456 cm)	about 2,525 yd (2,309 m)
3X, midi length	44½ in (113 cm)	57 in (145 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	222¼ in (564.5 cm)	about 3,865 yd (3,534 m)
4X, knee length	46½ in (118 cm)	58¾ in (149 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	181¼ in (460.5 cm)	about 2,580 yd (2,359 m)
4X, midi length	46½ in (118 cm)	58¾ in (149 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	224 in (569 cm)	about 3,915 yd (3,580 m)

Schematic



Skirt, laid flat and folded in half
A across the top
B the upper part

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. Waistband and hem: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 18 sts and 21 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). The roll, four rounds folded in half, is about 3/8 in (1 cm) high.

Notes

- Women's sizes, by waist and hip, each in knee length and midi length; choose by the hip.
- Before the elastic draws it in, the waistband is from ¾ in (2 cm) to 2½ in (6.5 cm) wider than the hip measurement, by the size, so that it goes over the hips; below it the skirt falls freely. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.

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- The rounds are joined and not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.
- The skirt is divided into eight parts, and each part has one increase in every round: 2 dc in one st and 3 dc in one st by turns. Two rounds together add 24 sts, as many as a flat circle needs at this gauge.
- The swirl: each increase stands in the st that follows the 2 or 3 dc of the increase of the round below. So the eight lines lean to one side and turn around the skirt. The numbers of every round say where it stands; if you put a marker in the last dc of one increase, the next one goes into the st after it. When a line passes the end of a round, its next increase is at the beginning of the round.
- Let the skirt hang for a day before the hem is worked: a long skirt grows a little in wear. If it has grown more than you like, take back two rounds, or four, always an even number, and work the hem on the last round that is left.
- Whip stitch: sew over and over through the edges of both pieces.
- 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.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 10 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(184 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Waistband

Yarn A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Work the foundation chain loosely: it must open as wide as the hips. With yarn A, ch 184; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	(184 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 6** 2 3 4 5 6	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(184 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(184 sc)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 12** 8 9 10 11 12	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(184 sc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off. Rnds 1 to 6 will lie inside, around the elastic.	

Skirt

Yarn A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 12 of the waistband. The yarn is still there. The rounds begin at the middle of the back. The numbers of the rounds go on. Colors: rnds 13 to 58 yarn A; rnds 59 to 62 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 12 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(192 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 12 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(208 dc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 15 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(216 dc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 17 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(232 dc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 20 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 8 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(240 dc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 22 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(256 dc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 25 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(264 dc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 27 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(280 dc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 30 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(288 dc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 32 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(304 dc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 35 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(312 dc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 37 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(328 dc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 40 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(336 dc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 2; **[**3 dc in next st, dc in next 41 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(352 dc)
☐ **Rnd 27**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 40 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(360 dc)
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 5 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 39 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(376 dc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 38 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(384 dc)
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 37 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(400 dc)
☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 36 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(408 dc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 15 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 35 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(424 dc)
☐ **Rnd 33**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 18 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 34 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(432 dc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 20 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 33 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(448 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 35**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 23 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 32 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (456 dc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 25 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 31 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (472 dc)
☐ **Rnd 37**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 28 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 30 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (480 dc)
☐ **Rnd 38**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 30 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 29 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (496 dc)
☐ **Rnd 39**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 33 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 28 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (504 dc)
☐ **Rnd 40**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 35 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 27 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (520 dc)
☐ **Rnd 41**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 38 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 26 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (528 dc)
☐ **Rnd 42**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 40 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 25 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (544 dc)
☐ **Rnd 43**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 43 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 24 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (552 dc)
☐ **Rnd 44**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 45 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 23 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (568 dc)
☐ **Rnd 45**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 48 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 22 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (576 dc)
☐ **Rnd 46**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 50 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 21 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (592 dc)
☐ **Rnd 47**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 53 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 20 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (600 dc)
☐ **Rnd 48**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 55 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 19 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (616 dc)
☐ **Rnd 49**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 58 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 18 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (624 dc)
☐ **Rnd 50**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 60 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 17 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (640 dc)
☐ **Rnd 51**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 63 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 16 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (648 dc)
☐ **Rnd 52**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 65 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 15 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (664 dc)
☐ **Rnd 53**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 68 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 14 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (672 dc)
☐ **Rnd 54**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 70 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 13 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc (688 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 55**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 73 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 12 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(696 dc)
☐ **Rnd 56**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 75 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(712 dc)
☐ **Rnd 57**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 78 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(720 dc)
☐ **Rnd 58**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 80 sts, 3 dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(736 dc)
☐ **Rnd 59**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(736 sc)
☐ **Rnds 60 to 62** 60 61 62	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(736 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off yarn B. Rnds 59 to 62 are the roll of the hem; rnd 59 has left the front loops of rnd 58 free on the right side.	

Assembly

1. Closing the roll: Hold the skirt with the right side facing and its lower edge uppermost. Fold rnds 59 to 62 down toward you, on the right side of the skirt, so that the tops of the sts of rnd 62 lie against the free front loops of rnd 58, the first st of rnd 62 against the first st of rnd 58. Join yarn C with a sl st through both loops of the first st of rnd 62 and the free front loop of the first st of rnd 58 behind it; then work one loose sl st through each st of rnd 62 and the free loop behind it, 736 sl sts in all, the first one counted; join with sl st in first sl st. This is rnd 1 and the only round. Fasten off. The sl sts lie as a fine line of yarn C on the right side, above the roll of yarn B. Work them so loosely that the hem stays as wide as it is.

2. Waistband: fold rnds 1 to 6 of the waistband to the inside along the ridge that the free loops of rnd 6 make, so that the foundation chain lies behind rnd 12. With a new length of yarn A of about 106 in (270 cm), whip stitch the 184 chs of the foundation chain to the backs of the 184 sts of rnd 12, one to one, with stitches that do not show on the right side; leave about 2 in (5 cm) open at the middle of the back. Cut a piece of elastic 1 in (2.5 cm) wide and 28 in (71 cm) long, draw it through the casing with a safety pin and pin its two ends together with a lap of 1 in (2.5 cm): the elastic is now 27 in (68.5 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) less than the waist. Try the skirt on and take the elastic in or let it out as you like, then sew the two ends together firmly with sewing thread. Sew the rest of the casing shut with the end of yarn A.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends, those of the hem into the roll. Wet the skirt, press the water out in a towel, lay it flat as a ring, smooth the hem into a circle and let it dry. Wash it later as the yarn label says and dry it flat, not hanging: the weight of the wet skirt would draw it longer.

In all: 26,496 stitches (2,208 in the waistband, 24,288 in the skirt).

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