Girls' Easter dress with tulips

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



Finished size

About 27½ in (70 cm) at the chest and about 21¼ in (54 cm) long

To fit a chest of 25 in (63.5 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

One piece from the neck down, gathers, color runs in single crochet, a collar

Yarn

Fine (2), 4 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: spring-lilac, main color	**about 750 yd (686 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: soft-butter, contrast	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: leaf-mint, color 3	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: milk, color 4	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 270 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, 3 buttons, ½ in (12 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.

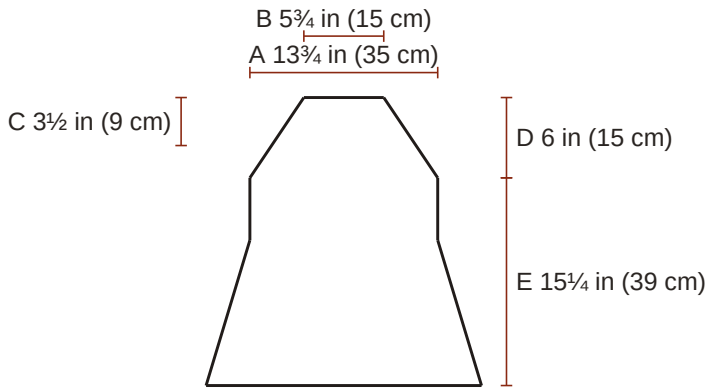
Sizes

Size	To fit chest	Yarn, an estimate	Chest	Length from the neckband	Yoke depth	Sleeve from the underarm	Upper sleeve	Neck around (buttoned)	Back opening	Hem around	Sleeve cuff around	Depth of the collar with its edging
2	21 in (53.5 cm)	about 745 yd (681 m)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	2 in (5 cm)
4	23 in (58.5 cm)	about 800 yd (732 m)	25¼ in (64 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	2 in (5 cm)
6 (this file)	**25 in (63.5 cm)**	**about 940 yd (860 m)**	**27½ in (70 cm)**	**21¼ in (54 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm)**	**2¾ in (7 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**3½ in (9 cm)**	**40½ in (103 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**2¼ in (5.5 cm)**
8	26½ in (67.5 cm)	about 1,105 yd (1,010 m)	29 in (73.5 cm)	23¼ in (59 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	43½ in (110.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	2¼ in (5.5 cm)

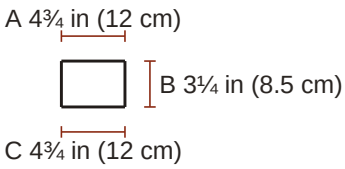
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10	28 in (71 cm)	about 1,265 yd (1,157 m)	30¾ in (78 cm)	25¼ in (64 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	46¾ in (118.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)

Schematic



Body
A half the chest
B across the neck opening
C the back opening
D the yoke depth
E below the yoke



Sleeve, laid flat
A half the top of the sleeve
B the sleeve
C half the cuff

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. Tulips, collar and cuffs: 18 sts and 21 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet).

Notes

- The finished chest is from 2¼ in (5.5 cm) to 2¾ in (7 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- Worked from the neck down in one piece. The yoke begins at the middle of the back. Its first rows are worked flat, back and forth, for the back opening; row 1 is a right side row, and so is the last of them, which is joined into a ring. From there the rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you. The neckband and the edging of the opening are worked at the end.
- The rows and rounds begin at the middle of the back, so the first and the last section of each row or round are the two halves of the back.
- The neck is small, so that it stays on the shoulders; the head goes through the opening at the back, which fastens with three buttons.
- The chain at the start of a round or row (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base. In the rows, work the last stitch into the last stitch of the row below, and never into the turning chain.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- At the underarms, work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next round. The sleeves are worked into the free side of these chains.

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- Ridges: from row 2 on, every row and round of the yoke is worked in one loop only, so that a fine ridge lies on the right side: in the front loop only where the wrong side faces you, in the back loop only where the right side faces you. In front loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is nearer to you, and leave the farther loop free. The body is worked under both loops again.
- Tulips: the skirt is worked downward, so the tulips are worked from their tips to their leaves. In a round with tulips the letter of the yarn stands before its stitches. Lay the yarns that are not in use along the top of the round below and work over them, so that nothing hangs on the wrong side. Change the yarn on the last yarn over of the stitch before the new color. Every round of the tulips begins and ends in yarn A. Join yarn B in the first round of the tulips and cut it after its last; do the same with yarn C.
- 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, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 28 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(66 dc): the stitches you have when the row 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.

Yoke, back opening

Yarn A, spring-lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 68.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(66 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in front loop only of next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in front loop only of next st, dc in front loop only of next 3 sts**] 4 times**, **[**2 dc in front loop only of next st, dc in front loop only of next 4 sts**] 9 times**, 2 dc in front loop only of next st, dc in front loop only of next 2 sts	(80 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in back loop only of next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 4 sts**] 15 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 2 sts	(96 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in front loop only of each st across	(96 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; dc in back loop only of next 4 sts, [2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts] twice, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 6 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 2 sts	(110 dc)

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☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc in front loop only of next 3 sts, [2 dc in front loop only of next st, dc in front loop only of next 6 sts] twice, **[**2 dc in front loop only of next st, dc in front loop only of next 7 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in front loop only of next st, dc in front loop only of next 4 sts	(124 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in back loop only of each st across	(124 dc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Yoke

Yarn A, spring-lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 7 of the back opening, 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 dc, so that the right side is outward. From here the yoke is worked in rounds.	
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of next 4 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 6 sts**] 4 times**, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 7 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(140 dc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 9 sts**] 13 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 6 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(154 dc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(154 dc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of next 6 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 8 sts**] 6 times**, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 9 sts**] 9 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(170 dc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of next 5 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 11 sts**] 12 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 12 sts, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 7 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(184 dc)
☐ **Rnds 13 to 14** 13 14	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(184 dc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Body and skirt

Yarns in order of use: A, spring-lilac; B, soft-butter; C, leaf-mint.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 14 of the yoke. Colors: rnds 15 to 57 yarn A; rnds 58 and 59 yarn D.	
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2; dc in next 28 sts, ch 6 (underarm), skip next 36 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 56 sts, ch 6 (underarm), skip next 36 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 28 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(112 dc, 12 ch)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(124 dc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 50 times**, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(182 dc)

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☐ **Rnds 18 to 43** 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	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(182 dc)
☐ **Rnd 44**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnd 45**	Ch 1; **[**with A sc in next 2 sts, with B sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts, with B sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts, with B sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnds 46 to 49** 46 47 48 49	Ch 1; **[**with A sc in next 2 sts, with B sc in next 10 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnd 50**	Ch 1; **[**with A sc in next 3 sts, with B sc in next 8 sts, with A sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnd 51**	Ch 1; **[**with A sc in next 5 sts, with B sc in next 4 sts, with A sc in next 5 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnd 52**	Ch 1; **[**with A sc in next 6 sts, with C sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 6 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnd 53**	Ch 1; **[**with A sc in next 2 sts, with C sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts, with C sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts, with C sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnd 54**	Ch 1; **[**with A sc in next 2 sts, with C sc in next 10 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnd 55**	Ch 1; **[**with A sc in next 3 sts, with C sc in next 8 sts, with A sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnd 56**	Ch 1; **[**with A sc in next 4 sts, with C sc in next 6 sts, with A sc in next 4 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **Rnds 57 to 59** 57 58 59	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(182 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, spring-lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 5 yarn A; rnds 6 to 8 yarn D. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm; ch 2, dc in that ch and in each of the next 2 underarm chs, dc in each of the 36 sleeve sts and dc in each of the 3 underarm chs left (42 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(60 dc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(60 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, dc2tog**] 20 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(40 dc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 8** 6 7 8	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(40 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neckband

Yarn D, milk.

☐ **Foundation**	The neckband is not joined. With the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost, join yarn D in the first ch made, at the left back edge of the opening (as worn), under the last dc of row 1; ch 1, sc in each ch across (66 sc), to the right back edge; the 2 chs skipped at the start of row 1 are left. This is row 1.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(66 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Opening edging

Yarn D, milk.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn D at the neck end of the right back edge of the opening (as worn); ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 3 neckband rows, 2 sc in the end of each of the 7 rows of the opening down to its foot; then go straight on up the left back edge, 2 sc in the end of each of the 7 rows of the opening and sc in the end of each of the 3 neckband rows (34 sc). This is row 1.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, [ch 3, skip next st, sc in next 4 sts] twice, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st	(30 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Row 2 goes down the left back edge and up the right back edge; the sc2tog turns it at the foot of the opening, and the 3 ch-3 sps are the button loops, the last of them at the neck. No row is worked into them. Fasten off.	

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Collar half: make 2, one on each half of the neck

Yarn D, milk.

☐ **Foundation**	Row 3 of the neckband has 66 sts. Number them 1 to 66 from the left back edge (as worn), along the neck to the right back edge. The collar folds down over the right side of the dress, so its right side faces you while the wrong side of the dress does. Hold the dress with the wrong side facing and the neck uppermost; st 66 is at the right-hand end. The first half is worked in rows on the 31 sts from st 64 to st 34: join yarn D in st 64. The second half is worked in rows on the 31 sts from st 33 to st 3: join yarn D in st 33. Sts 1 and 2 and sts 65 and 66 stay free. Both halves have the same rows.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; sc in each st across	(31 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 5 times**, sc in next st	(36 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(36 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, sc in next st	(41 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(41 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**, sc in next st	(45 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(45 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(50 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 10** 9 10	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(46 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog twice, sc in each st across to last 4 sts, sc2tog twice	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Collar edging (make 2): Hold a collar half with its right side facing and row 11 uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 1, at the lower right-hand corner; ch 1, up the right-hand edge along rows 1 to 11 of the collar half, sc in the end of each of the next 11 rows (11 sc); sc in each of the 42 sts of row 11 of the collar half (42 sc); down the left-hand edge along rows 1 to 11 of the collar half, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 11 rows (11 sc). There are 64 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row. Fasten off. Fold the collar down over the right side of the dress. It is not sewn down.

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

3. Opening: lay the edging of the right back over the edging of the left back and sew its lower end down with a few stitches at the foot of the opening. Mark the place under each loop on the left back, where the edging meets the yoke or the neckband, and sew the 3 buttons there with the sewing thread, so that the loops go over them without pulling. The buttons must hold a child's pull: take the thread through each one six times or more and wind it round under the button before you fasten it off.

Finishing

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

In all: 11,700 stitches (696 in the yoke, back opening, 1,170 in the yoke, 8,074 in the body and skirt, 340 in each sleeve, 132 in the neckband, 30 in the opening edging, 459 in each collar half).

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