Girls' sailor dress with a pleated hem

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



Finished size
About 27½ in (70 cm) at the chest and about 21½ in (54.5 cm) long
To fit a chest of 25 in (63.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
One piece from the neck down, post stitches, a shaped collar

Yarn
Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: sail white, main color **about 875 yd (800 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: deep-navy, contrast **about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: signal red, the tie tail and the knot **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 290 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.

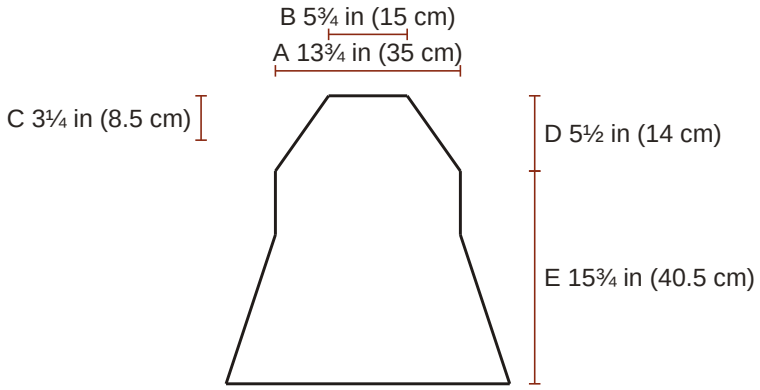
Sizes

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	Collar across the back	Depth of the collar at the back
2	21 in (53.5 cm)	about 750 yd (686 m)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	35½ in (90 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)
4	23 in (58.5 cm)	about 890 yd (814 m)	25¼ in (64 cm)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	37¾ in (96 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)
6 (this file)	**25 in (63.5 cm)**	**about 1,025 yd (937 m)**	**27½ in (70 cm)**	**21½ in (54.5 cm)**	**5½ in (14 cm)**	**3¾ in (9.5 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**3¼ in (8.5 cm)**	**42¼ in (107.5 cm)**	**10¼ in (26 cm)**	**2¾ in (7 cm)**
8	26½ in (67.5 cm)	about 1,185 yd (1,084 m)	29 in (73.5 cm)	23¾ in (60.5 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	44½ in (113 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)

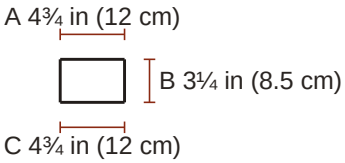
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10	28 in (71 cm)	about 1,365 yd (1,248 m)	30¾ in (78 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	46¾ in (118.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)

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 15 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 28; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 22 rows of half double crochet on 27 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 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. Pleated skirt: 18 sts and 9.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet and post double crochet (UK: treble and post treble), with the pleats drawn out flat for measuring. Waist line, hem, sleeve edge, neckband, edging of the opening, collar and its edging: 18 sts and 21 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet). Tie tail: 18 sts and 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Knot: 18 sts and 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single 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 and half double 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.

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- A ch-1 sp marks each of the four raglan lines. The ch-1 sps are counted apart from the stitches.
- 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.
- Pleats: the post stitches make lasting fold lines. Two front post lines with 4 double crochet between them stand forward as a box pleat; two back post lines with 2 double crochet between them lie back. In each round work every post stitch around the post of the post stitch below (in the first pleat round: around the post of the double crochet below). Work the first round of single crochet at the hem into the tops of all the stitches.
- The collar is worked on the neckband. Each half grows by 1 st in every row: 3 sts in one at its corner, and one decrease at its front edge.
- Whip stitch: put the needle in through both edges from the back to the front, take the yarn over the edge, and do the same again a short step farther on.
- 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.

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, **sp** space.

RS right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 12 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(66 hdc): 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.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Yoke, back opening

Yarn A, sail white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 67.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(66 hdc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 12 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 12 sts	(70 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rows 3 to 4** 3 4	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 (86 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	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 (86 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	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 (94 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; [hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp] twice, hdc in each st across (98 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 8 to 9** 8 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 (114 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **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 (114 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 11**	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 (122 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.

Yoke

Yarn A, sail white.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 11 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 hdc, so that the right side is outward. From here the yoke is worked in rounds.
☐ **Rnds 12 to 13** 12 13	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (138 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (138 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16** 15 16	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (154 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1; [hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp] twice, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (158 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (166 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (166 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnds 20 to 21** — Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (182 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)

20 21

☐ **End** — Do not fasten off.

Body and skirt

Yarn A, sail white.

☐ **Foundation** — Go on from rnd 21 of the yoke. Colors: rnds 22 to 46 yarn A; rnds 47 and 48 yarn B; rnds 49 to 64 yarn A; rnd 65 yarn B; rnd 66 yarn A; rnd 67 yarn B; rnds 68 to 70 yarn A.

☐ **Rnd 22** — Ch 1; hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 6 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 35 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 6 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 35 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (112 hdc, 12 ch)

☐ **Rnds 23 to 46** — Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (124 hdc)

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

☐ **Rnds 47 to 48** — Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc (124 sc)

47 48

☐ **Rnd 49** — Ch 2; **[**2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 58 times**; join with sl st in first dc (190 dc)

☐ **Rnds 50 to 68** — Ch 2;

> **[**fpdc around next st, dc in next 4 sts, fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts, bpdc around next st**] 19 times**;

join with sl st in first fpdc (38 fpdcs, 114 dc, 38 bpdcs)

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68

☐ **Rnds 69 to 70** — Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc (190 sc)

69 70

☐ **End** — Fasten off.

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, sail white.

☐ **Foundation** — Colors: rnds 1 to 12 yarn A; rnd 13 yarn B; rnd 14 yarn A; rnd 15 yarn B. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm; ch 1, hdc in that ch and in each of the next 2 underarm chs, hdc in the ch-1 sp, hdc in each of the 35 sleeve sts, hdc in the next ch-1 sp and hdc in each of the 3 underarm chs left (43 hdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.

☐ **Rnds 2 to 12** — Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (43 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

☐ **Rnds 13 to 15** — Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc (43 sc)

13 14 15

☐ **End** — Fasten off.

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Neckband

Yarn B, deep-navy.

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

Opening edging

Yarn B, deep-navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the neck end of the right back edge of the opening (as worn); ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 2 neckband rows, sc in the end of each of the 11 rows of the opening down to its foot; then go straight on up the left back edge, sc in the end of each of the 11 rows of the opening and sc in the end of each of the 2 neckband rows (26 sc). This is row 1.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, [ch 3, skip next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st	(22 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.	

Collar right half

Yarn B, deep-navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Row 2 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 right half is worked in rows on the 31 sts from st 64 to st 34: join yarn B in st 64. Row 1 begins at the middle of the back and ends at the middle of the front. The st that takes 3 sc in every row is the corner. Sts 65 and 66 stay free.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts	(35 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	(36 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts	(37 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 13 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	(38 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts	(39 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	(40 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	(41 sc)

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☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Collar left half

Yarn B, deep-navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress with the wrong side facing and the neck uppermost again. The left half is worked in rows on the 31 sts of row 2 of the neckband from st 33 to st 3: join yarn B in st 33, the st after the last st of the right half. Row 1 begins at the middle of the front and ends at the middle of the back. Sts 1 and 2 stay free.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 10 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	(35 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts	(36 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 12 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	(37 sc)
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☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts	(42 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Collar edging right half

Yarn A, sail white.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors, counted from row 1: 1 row yarn A, 1 row yarn B; repeat these 2 rows to the end (the last repeat may stop part way). Hold the collar right half with its right side facing and row 11 uppermost. Join yarn A in the st at the right-hand end of row 11, at the middle of the back; ch 1, sc in each of the 18 sts of the back part of row 11 of the collar right half (18 sc); 3 sc in the corner st, the middle one of the 3 sc of the corner of row 11 (3 sc); sc in each of the 22 sts of the front part of row 11 of the collar right half (22 sc); 2 sc in the end st of row 11, at the front (2 sc); down the slanted edge along rows 1 to 11 of the collar right half, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 3 times (14 sc). There are 59 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts	(61 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 20 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	(63 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts	(65 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Collar edging left half

Yarn A, sail white.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors, counted from row 1: 1 row yarn A, 1 row yarn B; repeat these 2 rows to the end (the last repeat may stop part way). Hold the collar left half with its right side facing and row 11 uppermost. Join yarn A in the end of row 1, at the lower right-hand corner, at the middle of the front; ch 1, up the slanted edge along rows 1 to 11 of the collar left half, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (14 sc); 2 sc in the end st of row 11, at the front (2 sc); sc in each of the 22 sts of the front part of row 11 of the collar left half (22 sc); 3 sc in the corner st, the middle one of the 3 sc of the corner of row 11 (3 sc); sc in each of the 18 sts of the back part of row 11 of the collar left half (18 sc). There are 59 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog	(61 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts	(63 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(65 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The collar folds down over the right side of the dress; the two slanted edges run down from the middle of the front. It is not sewn down at the back.	

Tie tail: make 2

Yarn C, signal red.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Rows 17 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
	17 18	
☐ **End**	Each tie tail comes to about 1¾ in (4.4 cm) wide and 3½ in (9 cm) long (8 sts, 18 rows). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 30 in (75 cm) for sewing.	

Knot

Yarn C, signal red.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
☐ **End**	The knot comes to about 1¾ in (4.4 cm) wide and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) long (8 sts, 9 rows). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 20 in (50 cm) for sewing.	

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Assembly

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

2. 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.

3. Tie: the tails lie under the collar, the knot lies on top of it. Lay the dress flat with the front up and turn both halves of the collar up, off the front, so that the neckband and the front below it lie bare. The middle of the front is straight below the line between sts 33 and 34 of the neckband. Lay the two tails side by side on the front, right sides up, with their foundation chains uppermost, level with the lower edge of the neckband; their inner upper corners touch at the middle of the front. Turn the lower end of each tail outward, so that the inner end of its row 16 lies ½ in (1.3 cm) from the middle of the front. Sew each tail down all around to the front of the dress, not through the back, with its own end and whip stitch. Now fold the collar down again, over the outer upper parts of the tails. Lay the knot, right side up and its foundation chain uppermost, over the collar and the upper ends of the tails, its middle on the middle of the front and its upper edge level with the lower edge of the neckband, so that it covers the ends of the two slanted collar edges there. Sew it down all around with its own end and whip stitch, through the collar, the tails and the front of the dress that lie under it. No part of the tie hangs free.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces.

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