Halter sundress with an open back

M, to fit bust 37 in (94 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 39 in (99 cm) at the waist and about 3½ in (9 cm) at the midriff height
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm) and a hip of 39 in (99 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches in rounds and rows, with a ripple border

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: sunbeam, main color — **about 1,200 yd (1,097 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, contrast — **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, color 3 — **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 610 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 and tape measure.

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	Bust	Yarn, an estimate	Waist before it is drawn in	Midriff height	Bib across the bottom	Bib across the top	Bib height	Skirt from the foundation chain	Hem around	Length from the top of the bib
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 1,320 yd (1,207 m)	34 in (86.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	23¾ in (60.5 cm)	53 in (134.5 cm)	37 in (94 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 1,400 yd (1,280 m)	36 in (91.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	23¾ in (60.5 cm)	56 in (142 cm)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 1,530 yd (1,399 m)**	**39 in (99 cm)**	**3½ in (9 cm)**	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm)**	**10¾ in (27.5 cm)**	**24¼ in (61.5 cm)**	**59 in (150 cm)**	**38½ in (98 cm)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,690 yd (1,545 m)	43 in (109 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	24¼ in (61.5 cm)	65¼ in (165.5 cm)	38½ in (98 cm)

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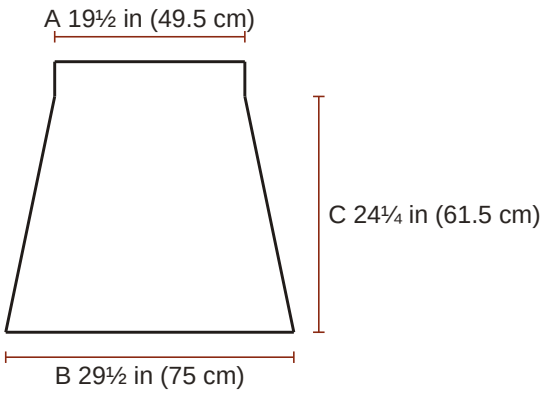
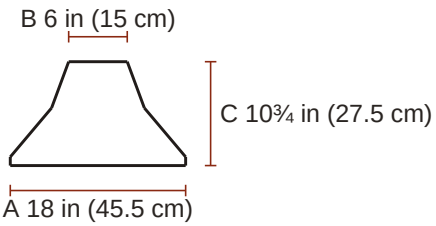
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 1,820 yd (1,664 m)	47 in (119.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	24¼ in (61.5 cm)	68½ in (174 cm)	38¾ in (98.5 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 2,170 yd (1,984 m)	53 in (134.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	24¾ in (63 cm)	81 in (205.5 cm)	40¼ in (102 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 2,250 yd (2,057 m)	55 in (139.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	24¾ in (63 cm)	84 in (213.5 cm)	41¼ in (105 cm)

Schematic



Skirt and midriff, laid flat
A half the waist
B half the hem
C the lower part



Bib
A the bib across the bottom
B the bib across the top
C the bib height

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: 8.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm), with as many stitches to 4 in (10 cm) as half double crochet. Single crochet (UK: double crochet) rounds: about 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Ripple border: one repeat of 14 sts is about 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) wide, measured straight across; 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- Choose by the hip and bust measurements. The waist is drawn in with a cord and the ties set the length of the neck; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The skirt is worked in rounds from the waist down. The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you. They begin and end at the middle of the back. The midriff is worked in rounds upward from the waist, and the bib in rows on the front of the midriff.
- 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 of a round into the stitch at its base, and the first stitch of a row into the first stitch. In the rows of the bib the last stitch goes in the last stitch, and never in the turning chain.

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- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The dress is stepped into: the waist is as wide as the hip before the cord draws it in.
- 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.
- Length from the top of the bib, without the edging 38½ in (98 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, **sp** space.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 38 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 78 times: work what is inside 78 times in all.
(156 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Skirt

Yarn A, sunbeam.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 156; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain. Colors: rnds 1 to 44 yarn A; rnds 45 and 46 yarn B; rnds 47 and 48 yarn C; rnds 49 and 50 yarn A; rnds 51 and 52 yarn B; rnds 53 and 54 yarn C; rnds 55 and 56 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	(156 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 78 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(78 dc, 78 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 78 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(156 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(156 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 38 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(160 dc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 7** 6 7	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(160 dc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2; dc in next 10 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 19 sts**] 7 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(168 dc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10** 9 10	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(168 dc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 20 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(176 dc)

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☐ **Rnds 12 to 16** 12 13 14 15 16	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(176 dc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 21 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(184 dc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19** 18 19	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(184 dc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 2; dc in next 12 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 22 sts**] 7 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 10 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(192 dc)
☐ **Rnds 21 to 22** 21 22	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(192 dc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 23 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(200 dc)
☐ **Rnds 24 to 28** 24 25 26 27 28	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(200 dc)
☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 24 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(208 dc)
☐ **Rnds 30 to 31** 30 31	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(208 dc)
☐ **Rnd 32**	Ch 2; dc in next 13 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 25 sts**] 7 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 12 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(216 dc)
☐ **Rnds 33 to 34** 33 34	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(216 dc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 26 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(224 dc)
☐ **Rnds 36 to 40** 36 37 38 39 40	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(224 dc)
☐ **Rnd 41**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 27 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(232 dc)
☐ **Rnds 42 to 43** 42 43	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(232 dc)
☐ **Rnd 44**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 28 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(266 dc)
☐ **Rnds 45 to 56** 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56	Ch 1; **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog twice, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 19 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(266 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Midriff

Yarn A, sunbeam.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the skirt so that the foundation chain is uppermost. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the foundation chain at the middle of the back, in the first ch to the left of the beginning of the rounds; ch 1, hdc in each ch around, along its free side (156 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	(156 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Bib

Yarn A, sunbeam.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 to 30 yarn A; rows 31 and 32 yarn B; rows 33 and 34 yarn C; rows 35 and 36 yarn B. Rnd 12 of the midriff has 156 sts, counted from the join at the middle of the back; the middle of the front lies between sts 78 and 79. With the right side facing, join yarn A in st 43; ch 1, hdc in that st and in each of the next 71 sts, the last of them st 114 (72 hdc). This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(72 hdc)
	2 3	
☐ **Rows 4 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(38 hdc)
	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(38 hdc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 31**	Repeat Rows 20 and 21, 5 more times (36, 34, 32, 30, 28 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(28 hdc)
	22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(26 hdc)
☐ **Rows 34 to 35**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
	34 35	
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(24 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Top edging

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the bib uppermost, join yarn B in the first st of rnd 12 of the midriff, at the middle of the back; ch 1, sc in that st and in each of the next 41 sts to the bib (42 sc), along the 36 row ends up the side of the bib work [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 7 times, sc in the end of the next row: 43 sc; sc in each of the 24 sts across the top of the bib, along the 36 row ends down the other side of the bib work [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 7 times, sc in the end of the next row: 43 sc; sc in each of the 42 sts left, to the middle of the back (42 sc). There are 194 sc in all; 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	(194 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neck tie: make 2

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 111.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(110 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each neck tie is about 24 in (61 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Waist cord

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 282.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(281 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The waist cord is about 61 in (155 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Neck ties: with the yarn needle and yarn B, sew one end of each tie to the wrong side of rnd 1 of the top edging, so that it stands up: one behind sts 86 and 87 of that rnd, and the other behind sts 108 and 109. These are the first two and the last two of the 24 sts at the top of the bib.

2. Waist cord: rnd 2 of the skirt has 78 ch-1 sps, counted from the beginning of the rnd at the middle of the back; the middle of the front lies between sps 39 and 40. Take one end of the cord in from the outside to the inside through sp 40, out through sp 41, and on in this way, in and out through every sp around the back and to the front again; the last time it comes out through sp 39. Draw the waist in as you like, and tie the two ends in a bow on the outside, at the middle of the front.

Finishing

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

In all: 4 pieces; 15,333 stitches (11,684 in the skirt, 1,716 in the midriff, 1,238 in the bib, 194 in the top edging, 110 in each neck tie, 281 in the waist cord).

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