Hula skirt of cords on a waistband

Adult M, to fit waist 30 in (76 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 30½ in (77.5 cm) at the waist and about 33½ in (85 cm) at the waist
To fit a waist of 30 in (76 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in rows, loops and cords, two buttons

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: fern, color 1	**about 425 yd (389 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lime, color 2	**about 450 yd (411 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, color 3	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: coral, color 4	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: lemon, color 5	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 480 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 2 flat buttons, ¾ in (2 cm) 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.

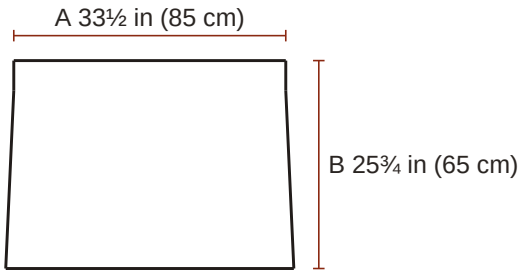
Sizes

Size	To fit waist	Yarn, an estimate	Around the waistband, buttoned	Waistband from end to end	Waistband from its upper	Cords, from the waistband	Loops
Child 4	21½ in (54.5 cm)	about 460 yd (421 m)	22½ in (57 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)
Child 6	22½ in (57 cm)	about 535 yd (489 m)	23 in (58.5 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)
Child 8	23½ in (59.5 cm)	about 585 yd (535 m)	24¼ in (61.5 cm)	27½ in (70 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)
Child 10	24½ in (62 cm)	about 660 yd (604 m)	25½ in (65 cm)	28½ in (72.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)

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Adult S	27 in (68.5 cm)	about 875 yd (800 m)	28 in (71 cm)	31 in (78.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	20¾ in (52.5 cm)	19½ in (49.5 cm)
Adult M (this file)	**30 in (76 cm)**	**about 950 yd (869 m)**	**30½ in (77.5 cm)**	**33½ in (85 cm)**	**3¾ in (9.5 cm)**	**22 in (56 cm)**	**20½ in (52 cm)**
Adult L	34 in (86.5 cm)	about 1,115 yd (1,020 m)	34¾ in (88.5 cm)	37¾ in (96 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)
Adult XL	38 in (96.5 cm)	about 1,215 yd (1,111 m)	38½ in (98 cm)	41½ in (105.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	21½ in (54.5 cm)

Schematic



Skirt, opened out
A across the top
B from top to bottom

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 21; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 22 rows of single crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 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. The cords: a chain with a sl st back along it, about 3.7 sl sts to 1 in (2.5 cm); the chain of a loop, about 3.25 chs to 1 in (2.5 cm), hanging. A small difference does not matter: what counts is that all of them are alike.

Notes

- Four sizes for children and four for adults, by the waist.
- Buttoned, the waistband is from ½ in (1.5 cm) to 1 in (2.5 cm) wider than the waist. Choose by the waist measurement; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain. Row 15 begins in the same way.
- Cord: the chs and sl sts of a cord are not counted in the row. The number of chs is in the line before the rows.
- To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain.
- The rows of flowers are worked in one color each, yarns C, D and E, the plain stitches between the flowers too. The first flower stands past the buttonholes, and the part that lies underneath has none.
- A child wears a skirt with loose cords for dressing up and dancing, with a grown-up near, and takes it off for climbing, cycling and playground slides.

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- 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.
- 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), **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 22 times: work what is inside 22 times in all.
(109 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

blossom (blossom, a flower of five loops): Sc in the st named, then [ch 4, sl st in the front loop of that sc] 5 times. It is worked on a right side row, and its five loops are the petals; it counts as one st. In the next row work it as one st: sc into the loop of its sc that is nearer to you, and let the petals stand out at the back, which is the right side.

Yarns in order of use: A, fern; B, lime, to finish.

☐ **Foundation**	The waistband is worked along its length, from its upper edge, the foundation chain, to its lower edge. The odd-numbered rows are right side rows. The end where the odd-numbered rows begin has the two buttonholes; it is called the buttonhole end, and it lies on top of the other end when the skirt is closed. Cord, in row 15: ch 83, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each of the other 81 chs, back to the waistband (82 sl sts). The next sl st of the row holds it in place. Each cord is about 22 in (56 cm) long. With yarn A, ch 110. Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn A; row 3 yarn C; rows 4 to 6 yarn A; row 7 yarn D; rows 8 to 10 yarn A; row 11 yarn E; rows 12 to 15 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(109 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(109 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, **[**blossom in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 22 times**, blossom in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(86 sc, 23 blossoms)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(109 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 105 sts	(107 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 105 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(109 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, **[**blossom in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 21 times**, blossom in next st, sc in next 15 sts	(87 sc, 22 blossoms)
☐ **Rows 8 to 9** 8 9	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(109 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 105 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(107 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)

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☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, **[**blossom in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 22 times**, blossom in next st, sc in next 13 sts	(86 sc, 23 blossoms)
☐ **Rows 12 to 14** 12 13 14	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(109 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in back loop only of first st, **[**cord, sl st in back loop only of each of next 2 sts**] 54 times**	(109 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Row 15 has 54 cords, and along it the front loops of row 14 are free on the right side. The ch-2 sps of rows 5 and 10 are the buttonholes.	

Assembly

1. Loops: Hold the waistband with the right side facing and its lower edge, row 14, uppermost, and let the cords hang behind. Join yarn B with a sl st in the free front loop of the st at the right-hand end of row 14, which is the buttonhole end; [ch 134, sl st in the free front loop of the next st] 108 times, to the last st (108 loops). Keep the chains loose and even. This is row 1, a right side row, and the only row. Fasten off. Each loop hangs about 20½ in (52 cm) long.

2. Knots. Lay the skirt flat, right side up, and count the loops from the buttonhole end. Take loops 1 and 2 together, smooth their four strands, and tie all four in one overhand knot about 3 in (7.5 cm) below the waistband. Do the same with loops 3 and 4, with loops 5 and 6, and so on to loops 107 and 108: 54 knots in one level line. Leave the cords behind them as they are.

3. Buttons. Lay the waistband around, right side outward, so that its buttonhole end lies over its other end by 10 sts, about 3 in (7.5 cm), the first st of row 1 over the 100th st, and the upper edges level. Sew the two buttons firmly with sewing thread to the right side of the end that lies underneath, below the buttonholes: between the 7th and the 8th st from that end, one on row 5 and one on row 10. Buttoned, the waistband is 30½ in (77.5 cm) around; for a looser waist move both buttons by 2 sts toward the end they stand near, for a tighter one by 2 sts away from it: 2 sts are about 5/8 in (1.6 cm).

4. To wear it, close it at the left or at the right side, as you like, and comb the loops and cords down with your fingers. Wash it by hand, press it in a towel and dry it flat, the cords side by side.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends on the wrong side of the waistband.

In all: 15 rows.

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