Irish rose christening gown

3-6 months, to fit chest 17 in (43 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 19¾ in (50 cm) at the chest and about 31¾ in (80.5 cm) long

To fit a chest of 17 in (43 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Increases and net in rounds, layered roses, a lining sewn in

Yarn

Super fine (1)

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

22 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (snow in the picture), super fine (1) **about 1,025 yd (937 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 260 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 400 yd (366 m).

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 2 buttons, ½ in (12 mm) across, white cotton lawn for the lining, about 1 yd (1 m), 44 in (112 cm) wide, pins 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 around at the cuff	Cap around	Cap from middle of crown to edge
Newborn	14 in (35.5 cm)	about 750 yd (686 m)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	26¾ in (68 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	37 in (94 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)
0-3 months	16 in (40.5 cm)	about 900 yd (823 m)	18½ in (47 cm)	29½ in (75 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	41½ in (105.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	6 in (15 cm)
3-6 months (this file)	**17 in (43 cm)**	**about 1,025 yd (937 m)**	**19¾ in (50 cm)**	**31¾ in (80.5 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**6¾ in (17 cm)**	**7¾ in (19.5 cm)**	**12 in (30.5 cm)**	**3½ in (9 cm)**	**43¾ in (111 cm)**	**5¾ in (14.5 cm)**	**15¼ in (38.5 cm)**	**6½ in (16.5 cm)**

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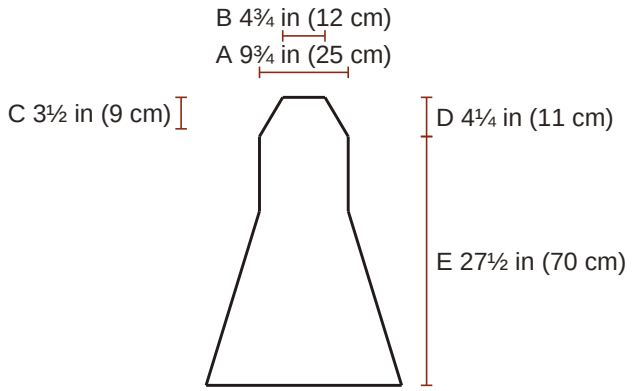
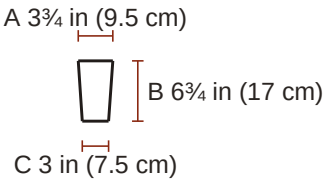
6-12 months	18 in (45.5 cm)	about 1,150 yd (1,052 m)	20¾ in (52.5 cm)	33¾ in (85.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	47 in (119.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	16¼ in (41.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)

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

22 stitches and 12 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 35; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 18 rows of double crochet on 33 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. Net: 10 dc, each with its ch 1, are 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) wide; 10 dc, each with its ch 2, 5½ in (14 cm); 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Single crochet (UK: double crochet), roses and leaves: 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm). In the hem, the round of ch-5 loops and the round of fans are each as high as a round of double crochet.

Notes

- The finished chest is from 2½ in (6.5 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 two buttons.

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- 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.
- 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.
- In the net and the mesh each dc stands on a dc of the round below, and the chain lies over a chain.
- (ch 1, picot, ch 1) is a space with a picot: ch 1, then a picot (ch 3, sl st in the first of these 3 chains), then ch 1. It is counted as a ch-2 sp, and the next round treats it as one.
- A picot of an edging is worked right after the sc that is named before it.
- To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain; the sts before the space are passed over where the line does not name them.
- Round 1 of the second row of petals is worked at the back of the rose, into the stems of sts that are there already; the petals of the first row lie over it.
- The cap is from ½ in (1.5 cm) to 1¼ in (3 cm) smaller around than the head it is for, and stretches.
- The roses, the leaves and the buttons are sewn on firmly; look at them before every wear.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.

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

[ ] 16 times: work what is inside 16 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(64 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.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the first of the 3 chains. A picot is not a stitch and is not counted.

Yoke, back opening

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 66.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(64 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 16 times**, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st	(84 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(84 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 17 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts	(106 dc)

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(106 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 4 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 14 times**, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st	(126 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(126 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 15 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts	(148 dc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(148 dc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Yoke

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 9 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 10**	Ch 2; dc in next 4 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts**] 12 times**, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 7 sts**] 7 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(168 dc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 13**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(168 dc)
11 12 13		
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Body and skirt

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 13 of the yoke.	
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 2; dc in next 24 sts, ch 6 (underarm), skip next 36 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 48 sts, ch 6 (underarm), skip next 36 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 24 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(96 dc, 12 ch)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(108 dc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 48 times**, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(160 dc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(80 dc, 80 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 39**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(80 dc, 80 ch-1 sps)
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39		
☐ **Rnd 40**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-1 sp**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(80 dc, 80 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 41**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(80 dc, 80 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 42**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, (ch 1, picot, ch 1), skip next ch-2 sp**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(80 dc, 80 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnds 43 to 44**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(80 dc, 80 ch-2 sps)

43 44

☐ **Rnds 45 to 92**	Repeat Rnds 42 to 44, 16 more times	(80 dc, 80 ch-2 sps)

45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72
73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92

☐ **Rnd 93**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(80 dc, 80 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 94**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(240 sc)
☐ **Rnd 95**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, ch 5, skip next 5 sts**] 40 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(40 sc, 40 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 96**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next ch-5 sp**] 40 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(40 sc, 320 dc, 40 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join the yarn 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, ch 1, skip next st**] 21 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(21 dc, 21 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 17**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 21 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(21 dc, 21 ch-1 sps)

3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 21 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(42 sc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1; sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 8 times**, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnds 20 to 22**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(32 sc)

20 21 22

☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(32 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Neckband

☐ **Foundation**	The neckband is not joined. With the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost, join the yarn 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 (64 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	(64 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Opening edging

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join the yarn 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 9 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 9 rows of the opening and sc in the end of each of the 3 neckband rows (42 sc). This is row 1.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next 8 sts, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st	(39 sc, 2 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 2 ch-3 sps are the button loops, the last of them at the neck. No row is worked into them. Fasten off.	

Irish rose: make 4

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 12 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, ch 3, skip next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc, 6 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**(sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc, 12 hdc, 18 dc)
☐ **End**	The petals of rnd 3 stand in the 6 ch-3 sps; the 6 sc of rnd 2, between them, are passed over. Do not fasten off.	

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Irish rose, second row of petals: make 4

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 3 of the Irish rose. Do not turn. Fold the petals toward you and work behind them: ch 1, sc around the post of the first sc of rnd 2 of the Irish rose, which stands at the join, just before the first petal, with the hook put in from the back to the front and to the back again, ch 5, [sc in the same way around the post of the next sc of rnd 2 of the Irish rose, ch 5] 5 times; join with sl st in first sc (6 sc, 6 ch-5 sps). This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**(sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-5 sp**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(12 sc, 12 hdc, 30 dc)
☐ **End**	The 6 sc of rnd 1 are passed over. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing. The rose is about 2 in (5 cm) across.	

Leaf: make 6

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next st, 2 sc in back loop only of next st	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(5 sc)
3 4 5 6		
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog in back loops only, sc in back loop only of next st, sc2tog in back loops only	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Row 8 is the tip. Fasten off and weave this end in. The leaf is about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) long.	

Cap

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; 12 dc in ring; join with sl st in first dc	(12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; 2 dc in each of next 12 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(48 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(60 dc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(72 dc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(84 dc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 42 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(42 dc, 42 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 17**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 42 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(42 dc, 42 ch-1 sps)
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17		

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☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 42 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnds 19 to 21** 19 20 21	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(84 sc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot**] 42 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(84 sc)
☐ **End**	The first 7 rnds are the crown, which lies flat; the cap is worn with the crown at the back of the head. Rnd 21 is the last round under the picots. Fasten off.	

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 at the foot of the opening with a few stitches and a new length of yarn of about 10 in (25 cm). Mark the place under each loop on the left back, where the edging meets the yoke or the neckband, and sew the 2 buttons there with the sewing thread, so that the loops go over them without pulling. The buttons must hold a child's pull: sew each one on, fasten the thread off, and sew through it a second time with a new thread. A loose button is a danger to a baby: see that each one is firm before every wear.

3. Roses and leaves: rnd 10 of the yoke has 168 sts, counted from the middle of the back; the middle of the front lies between sts 84 and 85. Lay the middle of one rose there, right side up, the middle of a second rose between sts 72 and 73 and the middle of a third between sts 96 and 97. Lay one leaf at the outer side of each of the two outer roses, pointing straight away from the middle rose along rnd 10, and one leaf in each of the two gaps below and between the roses, pointing straight down: the foundation chain of every leaf goes ¼ in (6 mm) under the petals. Pin them all and see that the two sides are alike. Sew each leaf down with a new length of yarn of about 12 in (30 cm), around its edge with small stitches, then each rose with its own end, around its middle and through the tip of each of the 6 petals of its second row; the petals of the first row stay free.

4. Lining of the skirt: cut a piece of white cotton lawn 41 in (104 cm) wide and 27½ in (70 cm) long. Sew its two short edges together with a seam of ½ in (1.3 cm), right sides together, to make a tube. Hem the lower edge: turn ½ in (1.3 cm) to the wrong side, turn the same ½ in (1.3 cm) over once more, so that the raw edge lies inside, and sew it; the hem takes 1 in (2.5 cm) of the length in all. Turn ½ in (1.3 cm) of the upper edge to the wrong side, run a strong gathering thread along it close to the fold, and draw it up to 19¾ in (50 cm) around, about half its width. With the gown inside out, slip the lining over the skirt, wrong side to wrong side, the seam at the middle of the back, and sew its upper fold to rnd 15 of the body and skirt with sewing thread and small stitches that do not show on the right side. The lining hangs loose below; it ends about ¾ in (2 cm) above the hem of the net.

5. Cap: rnd 21 of the cap has 84 sc, counted from the beginning of the rnds. Put the cap with the beginning of the rnds at the nape. Lay the fourth rose on the mesh above the brim, its middle over the column of st 21, which is at one side of the head, and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) above the edge, and one leaf at each side of it, pointing along the brim, its foundation chain ¼ in (6 mm) under the petals. Sew them down as on the yoke.

Finishing

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

In all: 12 pieces; 11,919 stitches.

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