Lace maxi dress with straps

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



Finished size

About 37½ in (95 cm) at the bust and about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) at the bodice height

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm) and a hip of 39 in (99 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Shells and three laces in rounds, simple increases

Yarn

Light (3)

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (terracotta in the picture), light (3) **about 1,750 yd (1,600 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 700 g, 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.

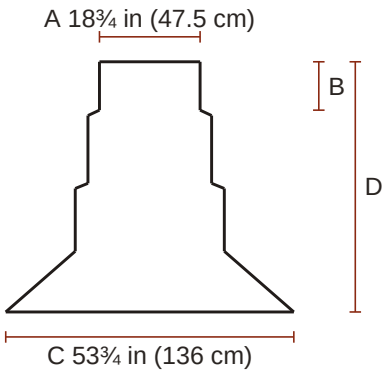
Sizes

Size	To fit bust	Yarn, an estimate	Bust	Bodice height, with the top edging	First tier around	Second tier around	Hem around	Length from the top edge
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 1,400 yd (1,280 m)	30 in (76 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	38 in (96.5 cm)	45¾ in (116 cm)	87¾ in (223 cm)	45¾ in (116 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 1,575 yd (1,440 m)	34½ in (87.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	42 in (106.5 cm)	50¼ in (127.5 cm)	97½ in (247.5 cm)	46¼ in (117.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 1,750 yd (1,600 m)**	**37½ in (95 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**46 in (117 cm)**	**55½ in (141 cm)**	**107¼ in (272.5 cm)**	**46¾ in (118.5 cm)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,975 yd (1,806 m)	42 in (106.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	51 in (129.5 cm)	61½ in (156 cm)	120¼ in (305.5 cm)	47½ in (120.5 cm)

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1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 2,225 yd (2,035 m)	46½ in (118 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	57 in (145 cm)	68¼ in (173.5 cm)	133¼ in (338.5 cm)	48 in (122 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 2,325 yd (2,126 m)	49½ in (125.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	60 in (152.5 cm)	72 in (183 cm)	139¾ in (355 cm)	48 in (122 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 2,600 yd (2,377 m)	54 in (137 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	66 in (167.5 cm)	79½ in (202 cm)	156 in (396 cm)	48¾ in (124 cm)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	about 2,800 yd (2,560 m)	58½ in (148.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	71 in (180.5 cm)	85½ in (217 cm)	165¾ in (421 cm)	48¾ in (124 cm)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	about 3,000 yd (2,743 m)	61½ in (156 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	75 in (190.5 cm)	90 in (228.5 cm)	175½ in (446 cm)	49¼ in (125 cm)

Schematic



Dress, laid flat
A half the bust
B 9 in (23 cm), the bodice height, with the top edging
C half the hem
D 46½ in (118.5 cm), the length from the top edge

Gauge

16 stitches and 8½ 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 26; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 13 rows of 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. Shell rounds (rounds of 5 dc and 1 sc in turn): about 11.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Single crochet (UK: double crochet) rounds: about 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Mesh, V-stitch and fan rounds are as tall as rounds of double crochet. One dc with its ch 1 is ½ in (1.3 cm) wide, one V (dc, ch 1, dc) ¾ in (1.9 cm); the larger fan of the hem with its single dc is 3¼ in (8.3 cm) wide.

Notes

- The finished bust is from ½ in (1.5 cm) to 1½ in (4 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.

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- The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The rounds begin and end at the middle of the back.
- The chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base. Where a round begins with sl sts, its first stitch or group goes where the last sl st was worked. The last 2 sts that such a shell round skips are then the first 2 dc of the round below.
- In the third tier each repeat is one single dc and one fan. The single dc of a round stands on the single dc of the round below; what is left of each fan after its ch-2 sp is passed over.
- Length from the top edge, without the ties 46¾ in (118.5 cm).

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.

5 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **dc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 25 times: work what is inside 25 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(150 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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

Dress

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 150; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	(150 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 25 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(25 sc, 125 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 25 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(125 dc, 25 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in each of next 2 dc (the second is the middle of the shell), ch 1; sc in same st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(25 sc, 125 dc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 24**	Repeat Rnds 3 and 4, 10 more times	(25 sc, 125 dc)
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24		
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 2; **[**5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 25 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(125 dc, 25 sc)
☐ **Rnds 26 to 27**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(150 sc)
26 27		
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 20 times**, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 14 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(184 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 92 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(92 dc, 92 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 30 to 55**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 92 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(92 dc, 92 ch-1 sps)

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55

☐ **Rnd 56**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 92 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(184 sc)
☐ **Rnd 57**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(184 sc)
☐ **Rnd 58**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 32 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(222 dc)
☐ **Rnd 59**	Ch 2; beginning with the st at the base of the ch-2, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 74 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(148 dc, 74 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 60 to 83**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 1, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 73 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(148 dc, 74 ch-1 sps)

60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83

☐ **Rnd 84**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 74 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(222 sc)
☐ **Rnd 85**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(222 sc)
☐ **Rnd 86**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 30 times**, **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(264 dc)
☐ **Rnd 87**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, skip next 3 sts, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next 3 sts**] 33 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(165 dc, 66 ch-1 sps, 33 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnds 88 to 97**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next single dc, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc) in the ch-2 sp of the next fan**] 33 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(165 dc, 66 ch-1 sps, 33 ch-2 sps)

88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97

☐ **Rnds 98 to 108**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next single dc, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in the ch-2 sp of the next fan**] 33 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(231 dc, 132 ch-1 sps, 33 ch-2 sps)

98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108

☐ **Rnd 109**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next single dc, 11 dc in the ch-2 sp of the next fan**] 33 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(33 sc, 363 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Top edging

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the dress so that the foundation chain is uppermost. With the right side facing, join the yarn 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, sc in each ch around, along its free side (150 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 50 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(150 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Strap tie: make 4

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 79.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(78 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each strap tie is about 17 in (43 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Straps: rnd 1 of the top edging has 150 sc, counted from the join at the middle of the back. With the yarn needle, sew one end of each tie to the wrong side of rnd 1 of the edging, so that the tie stands up: for the front behind sts 60 and 91, for the back behind sts 16 and 135. On each shoulder tie the front tie and the back tie in a bow, at the length that suits you.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 16,930 stitches (16,468 in the dress, 150 in the top edging, 78 in each strap tie).

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