Off-the-shoulder lace dress

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



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

Skill
Intermediate
V-stitch and fan lace in rounds, simple shaping

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 (graphite in the picture), light (3) **about 1,650 yd (1,509 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 660 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.

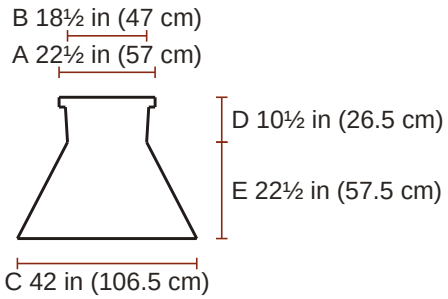
Sizes

Size	To fit bust	Yarn, an estimate	Bust	Waist before it is drawn in	Around the hip	Neckline before it is drawn in	From the neckline to the waist	Length from the neckline	Hem around	Ruffle depth	Ruffle around its lower edge	Armhole around
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 1,375 yd (1,257 m)	31 in (78.5 cm)	29 in (73.5 cm)	36 in (91.5 cm)	36 in (91.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	33 in (84 cm)	72 in (183 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	96 in (244 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 1,525 yd (1,394 m)	35 in (89 cm)	33 in (84 cm)	38¼ in (97 cm)	42 in (106.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	33 in (84 cm)	76½ in (194.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	112 in (284.5 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 1,650 yd (1,509 m)**	**39 in (99 cm)**	**37 in (94 cm)**	**42 in (106.5 cm)**	**45 in (114.5 cm)**	**10½ in (26.5 cm)**	**33 in (84 cm)**	**84 in (213.5 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**120 in (305 cm)**	**13 in (33 cm)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,875 yd (1,715 m)	43 in (109 cm)	41 in (104 cm)	45¾ in (116 cm)	51 in (129.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	34 in (86.5 cm)	91½ in (232.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	136 in (345.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 2,025 yd (1,852 m)	47 in (119.5 cm)	45 in (114.5 cm)	49½ in (125.5 cm)	54 in (137 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	34 in (86.5 cm)	99 in (251.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	144 in (366 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)

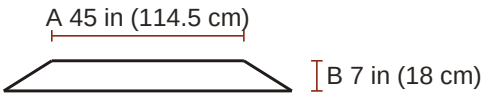
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2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 2,250 yd (2,057 m)	51 in (129.5 cm)	48 in (122 cm)	55½ in (141 cm)	60 in (152.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	34½ in (87.5 cm)	111 in (282 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	160 in (406.5 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 2,375 yd (2,172 m)	55 in (139.5 cm)	52 in (132 cm)	57 in (145 cm)	66 in (167.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	34½ in (87.5 cm)	114 in (289.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	176 in (447 cm)	19½ in (49.5 cm)

Schematic



Dress, laid flat, without the ruffle
A half the neckline before it is drawn in
B half the waist before it is drawn in
C around the hip
D the from the neckline to the waist
E the lower part



Ruffle, spread out
A the neckline before it is drawn in
B the ruffle depth

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. Single crochet (UK: double crochet) rounds: about 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). V-stitch rounds: the rounds are as tall as rounds of double crochet. The V (dc, ch 1, dc) is worked over 3 sts and is ¾ in (1.9 cm) wide; the group (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) of the hem is 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide.

Notes

- The finished bust is 2 in (5 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- Worked from the neckline down in rounds. The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you. The rounds begin 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 a sl st in a chain space, its first stitch or group goes in that space.
- The neckline goes around the body and both arms, below the shoulders; the cord draws it in. Put the dress on with both cords let out, and draw them in afterward.
- V-stitch (V): the group (dc, ch 1, dc) worked in one stitch or in one chain space. The later rounds have larger groups of the same kind, as each round says.

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- At the underarms, work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next round. The armhole edgings are worked into the free side of these chains.
- Rnd 4 of the band is worked in the back loops only of rnd 3; the front loops stay free for the ruffle.
- The ch-1 or ch-2 sp of a group is worked into as a space: put the hook under the chain.
- 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), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 29 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 90 times: work what is inside 90 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

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

Special stitches

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together (UK treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Band

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 180; 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	(180 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 90 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(90 dc, 90 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 90 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(180 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(180 dc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(180 dc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Body and skirt

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 6 of the band.	
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2; dc in next 29 sts, ch 20 (underarm), skip next 32 sts (one armhole), dc in next 58 sts, ch 20 (underarm), skip next 32 sts (one armhole), dc in next 29 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(116 dc, 40 ch)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 14** 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(156 dc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 2; dc in next 38 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 76 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 38 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(154 dc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(154 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2; dc in next 37 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 75 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 38 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(152 dc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(152 dc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 2; dc in next 37 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 74 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 37 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(150 dc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(150 dc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 2; dc in next 36 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 73 sts, dc2tog, dc in next 37 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(148 dc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(148 dc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 74 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(74 dc, 74 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 74 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(148 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, **[**dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(168 dc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	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**] 56 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(112 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 27 to 39**	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**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(112 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)
27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39		
☐ **Rnd 40**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 2, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(112 dc, 56 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnds 41 to 53**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 2, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(112 dc, 56 ch-2 sps)
41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53		
☐ **Rnd 54**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(224 dc, 56 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnds 55 to 71**	Sl st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(224 dc, 56 ch-2 sps)
55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71		
☐ **Rnd 72**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next st, 6 dc in next ch-2 sp, skip next st, sc in next st**] 56 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(112 sc, 336 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Ruffle

☐ **Foundation**	This is worked in the front loops of rnd 3 of the band, which were left free by rnd 4. With the right side facing and the neckline toward you, join the yarn in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 3, at the middle of the back; ch 2, dc in the free front loop of each of the 180 sts of rnd 3 (180 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1. The ruffle lies over the body, right side out.
☐ **Rnd 2**	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**] 60 times**; join with sl st in first dc (120 dc, 60 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	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**] 59 times**; join with sl st in first dc (120 dc, 60 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 2, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 59 times**; join with sl st in first dc (120 dc, 60 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6** 5 6	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 2, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 59 times**; join with sl st in first dc (120 dc, 60 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 59 times**; join with sl st in first dc (240 dc, 60 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 9** 8 9	Sl st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 59 times**; join with sl st in first dc (240 dc, 60 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 59 times**; join with sl st in first dc (360 dc, 60 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 14** 11 12 13 14	Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 59 times**; join with sl st in first dc (360 dc, 60 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 60 times**; join with sl st in first sc (120 sc, 420 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Armhole edging: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join the yarn in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm, along the free side of the chs; ch 1, sc in that ch and in each of the next 9 underarm chs, sc in each of the 32 sts of rnd 6 of the band that were skipped, and sc in each of the 10 underarm chs left (52 sc); 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 (52 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Neck cord

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 364.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(363 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The neck cord is about 79 in (200.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Waist cord

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 328.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(327 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The waist cord is about 71 in (180.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

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

2. Neck cord: rnd 2 of the band has 90 ch-1 sps, counted from the beginning of the rnd at the middle of the back; the middle of the front lies between sps 45 and 46. Take one end of the cord in from the outside to the inside through sp 46, out through sp 47, 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 45. Draw the neckline in to the length you like, and tie the two ends in a bow on the outside, at the middle of the front.

3. Waist cord: rnd 23 of the body and skirt has 74 ch-1 sps, counted from the beginning of the rnd at the middle of the back; the middle of the front lies between sps 37 and 38. Take one end of the cord in from the outside to the inside through sp 38, out through sp 39, 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 37. 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: 3 pieces; 15,906 stitches (990 in the band, 10,462 in the body and skirt, 3,660 in the ruffle, 52 in each armhole edging, 363 in the neck cord, 327 in the waist cord).

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