Princess dress with an overskirt

6, to fit chest 25 in (63.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 27 in (68.5 cm) at the chest and about 29¾ in (75.5 cm) long
To fit a chest of 25 in (63.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
One piece from the neck down, gathers, a lace panel, rows on free loops, scallops

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: dusty-rose, color 1	**about 825 yd (754 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pearl-cream, color 2	**about 925 yd (846 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: soft-gold, the neckband, the opening edging and the overskirt edging	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 750 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, tape measure, 3 buttons, ½ in (12 mm) across, sewing thread and a sewing needle and pins.

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 cuff around	Overskirt with its edging	Around the lower edge of the overskirt	Lace panel with its edging
2	21 in (53.5 cm)	about 1,275 yd (1,166 m)	23 in (58.5 cm)	23¼ in (59 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	46 in (117 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	38¾ in (98.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)
4	23 in (58.5 cm)	about 1,555 yd (1,422 m)	25 in (63.5 cm)	26½ in (67.5 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	50 in (127 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	41¾ in (106 cm)	9 in (23 cm)
6 (this file)	**25 in (63.5 cm)**	**about 1,865 yd (1,705 m)**	**27 in (68.5 cm)**	**29¾ in (75.5 cm)**	**5¾ in (14.5 cm)**	**3 in (7.5 cm)**	**9¾ in (25 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm)**	**54 in (137 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**15¼ in (38.5 cm)**	**44¾ in (113.5 cm)**	**9¾ in (25 cm)**

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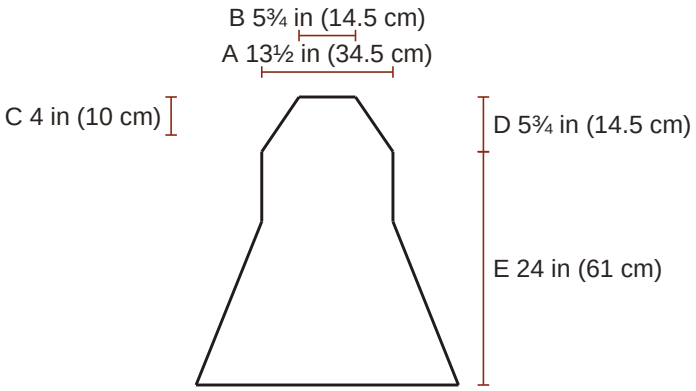
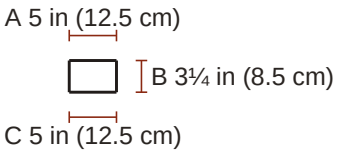
8	26½ in (67.5 cm)	about 2,220 yd (2,030 m)	28½ in (72.5 cm)	34 in (86.5 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	57 in (145 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	47¾ in (121.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)
10	28 in (71 cm)	about 2,580 yd (2,359 m)	30 in (76 cm)	37¼ in (94.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	60 in (152.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	50¾ in (129 cm)	11¾ in (30 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

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. Overskirt: 1 V-stitch (dc, ch 1, dc), worked over 3 sts, is ¾ in (1.9 cm) wide; 8.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Skirt and lace panel: 16 sts and 8.5 rounds or rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet (UK: treble). Gold edgings: a row of single crochet (UK: double crochet) is about ¼ in (0.6 cm) high and a row of shells about ½ in (1.3 cm).

Notes

- The finished chest 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 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 three 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 ch-1 sp marks each of the four raglan lines. The ch-1 sps are counted apart from the stitches.
- 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.
- The gold waist is two rounds of single crochet. The second is worked in the back loops of the first, and the overskirt hangs from the front loops that are left free.
- A V-stitch is (dc, ch 1, dc) in one place: in the second row of the overskirt in a st, from the third row on in the ch-1 sp of the V-stitch below.
- Whip stitch: put the needle in through both edges from the back to the front, take the yarn over the edge, and do the same again a short step farther on.
- A long skirt to dress up and play in: choose the size whose length from the neckband ends above the floor.
- 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.
- 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), **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 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 10 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(58 hdc): 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.

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.

Yoke, back opening

Yarn A, dusty-rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 59.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(58 hdc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next st, hdc in next 10 sts	(62 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rows 3 to 4** 3 4	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across (78 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across (78 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across (86 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; [hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp] twice, hdc in each st across (90 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across (98 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across (98 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 10 to 11** 10 11	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across (114 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.

Yoke

Yarn A, dusty-rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 11 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 hdc, so that the right side is outward. From here the yoke is worked in rounds.
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (122 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (122 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (130 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1; [hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp] twice, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (134 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (142 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (142 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnds 18 to 19**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(158 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)
	18 19	
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Body and skirt

Yarn A, dusty-rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 19 of the yoke. Colors: rnds 20 to 32 yarn A; rnds 33 and 34 yarn C; rnds 35 to 75 yarn B; rnds 76 and 77 yarn C.	
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1; hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 6 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 31 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 6 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 31 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc, 12 ch)
☐ **Rnds 21 to 32**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(108 hdc)
	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	
☐ **Rnd 33**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnd 34**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(108 sc)
☐ **Rnd 35**	Ch 2; 2 dc in each of next 108 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(216 dc)
☐ **Rnds 36 to 75**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(216 dc)
	36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 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	
☐ **Rnds 76 to 77**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(216 sc)
	76 77	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, dusty-rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 9 yarn A; rnds 10 and 11 yarn C. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm; ch 1, hdc in that ch and in each of the next 2 underarm chs, hdc in the ch-1 sp, hdc in each of the 31 sleeve sts, hdc in the next ch-1 sp and hdc in each of the 3 underarm chs left (39 hdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 6 times**, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 9 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(54 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 8**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(54 hdc)
	3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next st, hdc2tog**] 18 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 11**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(36 sc)
	10 11	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Neckband

Yarn C, soft-gold.

☐ **Foundation**	The neckband is not joined. With the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost, join yarn C in the first ch made, at the left back edge of the opening (as worn), under the last hdc of row 1; ch 1, sc in each ch across (58 sc), to the right back edge; the 1 ch skipped at the start of row 1 is left. This is row 1.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(58 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Opening edging

Yarn C, soft-gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn C 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, sc in the end of each of the 11 rows of the opening down to its foot; then go straight on up the left back edge, sc in the end of each of the 11 rows of the opening and sc in the end of each of the 3 neckband rows (28 sc). This is row 1.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, [ch 3, skip next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st	(24 sc, 3 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 3 ch-3 sps are the button loops, the last of them at the neck. No row is worked into them. Fasten off.	

Overskirt

Yarn A, dusty-rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress upside down with the right side facing. The sts of rnd 33 of the body, the first gold round, are numbered 1 to 108 from the beginning of the round, at the middle of the back; rnd 34 was worked in their back loops, so their front loops are free. The overskirt is worked in rows on the front loops of sts 64 to 108 and then, over the beginning of the round, of sts 1 to 45 (90 loops); the loops of the 18 sts at the middle of the front stay free. Join yarn A in the front loop of st 64, on the left side of the front (as worn). Work row 1 into these loops; each loop is called a st there. The first 2 dc of row 1 go into the loop where you joined.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2; 2 dc in each of next 89 sts, dc in next st	(179 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 59 times**, dc in last st	(120 dc, 59 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 3 to 31** 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 59 times**, dc in last st	(120 dc, 59 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The front edges of the overskirt stand apart at the waist.	

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Overskirt edging

Yarn C, soft-gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the overskirt with the right side facing and row 31 uppermost. Join yarn C in the end of row 1, at the lower right-hand corner; ch 1, 2 sc in the end of each of the 31 rows up the right-hand edge (62 sc); along row 31, 3 sc in the dc at its right-hand end, sc in each dc and in each ch-1 sp of the 59 V-stitches (177 sc), 3 sc in the dc at its left-hand end; 2 sc in the end of each of the 31 rows down the left-hand edge (62 sc). There are 307 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 51 times**	(52 sc, 255 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Lace panel

Yarn B, pearl-cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in next st, 2 dc in last st	(5 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, 2 dc in last st	(5 dc, 2 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in next st, [dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st] twice, 2 dc in last st	(9 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 3 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 2 dc in last st	(7 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 4 times**, 2 dc in last st	(13 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 5 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 2 dc in last st	(9 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 6 times**, dc in last st	(15 dc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 6 times**, dc in last st	(9 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 10 to 19** 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Repeat Rows 8 and 9, 5 more times	(9 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 6 times**, dc in last st	(15 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The foundation chain is the point of the panel, at its lower end. Without the edging the panel is about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide and 9½ in (24 cm) long.	

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Rosette: make 4, two for the overskirt and one for each sleeve

Yarn B, pearl-cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 22.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in first st, **[**skip next st, 5 dc in next st, skip next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	(6 sl sts, 25 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 22 in (55 cm) for sewing. The end hangs at the last sl st of row 2. With the yarn needle take it down along the short edge of the strip to the foundation chain. Then roll the whole strip up, beginning at the other short edge, the one without the yarn end, with the right side of row 1 outward and the foundation chain level at the bottom; the edge with the yarn end comes last and lies outside. Hold the roll, or pin it, and sew all its layers together with the end, through the bottom from side to side, four or five times across. Do not cut the end: it sews the rosette on. The rosette is about 1½ in (4 cm) across.	

Assembly

1. Panel edging: Hold the panel with the right side facing and row 20 uppermost. Join yarn C in the st at the right-hand end of row 20; ch 1, 2 sc in that end st (2 sc); sc in each of the 13 sts between the two end sts of row 20 (13 sc); 2 sc in the st at the left-hand end of row 20 (2 sc); down the left-hand edge along rows 1 to 20 of the lace panel, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 20 rows (40 sc); sc in each of the 3 chs of the foundation chain along their free side (3 sc); up the right-hand edge along rows 1 to 20 of the lace panel, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 20 rows (40 sc). There are 100 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 66 in (170 cm) for sewing.

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

3. Opening: lay the edging of the right back over the edging of the left back and sew its lower end down with a few stitches at the foot of the opening. Mark the place under each loop on the left back, where the edging meets the yoke or the neckband, and sew the 3 buttons there with the sewing thread, so that the loops go over them without pulling. The buttons must hold a child's pull: take the thread through each one six times or more and wind it round under the button before you fasten it off.

4. Lace panel: lay the dress flat with the front up. Lay the panel on it with the right side up and the point down, its middle on the middle of the front, straight below the line between sts 29 and 30 of the neckband, counted from the left back edge (as worn). The lower edge of its edging lies 2 in (5 cm) below the lower edge of rnd 34, the second gold round, between the two front edges of the overskirt. Pin it, and sew the outer edge of the edging down all around through the front of the dress with its own end and whip stitch.

5. Rosettes: lay a rosette on each front corner of the overskirt at the waist, its middle on rnd 34 of the body, and one on the middle of the outer side of each sleeve, its middle on the upper round of the gold cuff, straight below the shoulder. Sew each one down all around its bottom with its own end.

Finishing

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

In all: 6 pieces; 17,856 stitches.

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