Rainbow lace halter dress

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



Finished size
About 39 in (99 cm) round below the back and about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) at the neck band
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm), neck 14 in (35.5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Eyelet rows and V-stitch rounds, simple increases, edgings along row ends

Yarn
Light (3), 7 colors

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 A: cream, color 1	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, color 2	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, color 3	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: butter, color 4	**about 125 yd (114 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: mint, color 5	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: sky, color 6	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: lilac, color 7	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 360 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 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	Bust	Yarn, an estimate	Around below the back opening	Neck band	Bib across the top	Bib from the neck band to the underarms	Bib across at the underarms	From underarms to bottom of back opening	Hem around	Length from top of neck band to hem
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 680 yd (622 m)	30¾ in (78 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	51¼ in (130 cm)	32¼ in (82 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 810 yd (741 m)	35¼ in (89.5 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	58¾ in (149 cm)	34¼ in (87 cm)

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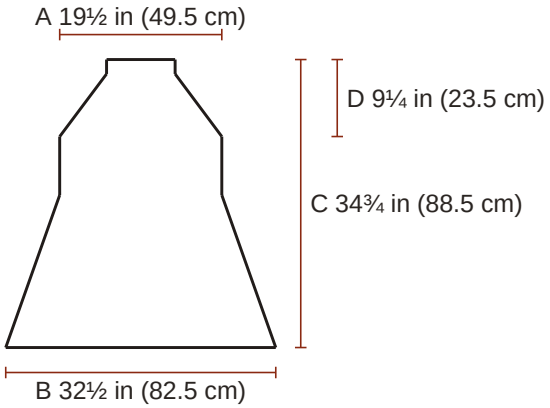
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 900 yd (823 m)**	**39 in (99 cm)**	**15¼ in (38.5 cm)**	**8¼ in (21 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**19¼ in (49 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**65 in (165 cm)**	**34¾ in (88.5 cm)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,000 yd (914 m)	42¾ in (108.5 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	71¼ in (181 cm)	35½ in (90 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 1,105 yd (1,010 m)	47¼ in (120 cm)	16¼ in (41.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	23¼ in (59 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	78¾ in (200 cm)	36½ in (92.5 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 1,175 yd (1,074 m)	51 in (129.5 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	25¼ in (64 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	85 in (216 cm)	36½ in (92.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 1,275 yd (1,166 m)	54¾ in (139 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	27¼ in (69 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	91¼ in (232 cm)	36½ in (92.5 cm)

Schematic



Dress, laid flat, front
A the bib across at the underarms
B half the hem
C the length from top of neck band to hem
D the upper part

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. Neck band and edging: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Rounds of groups are as high as rows of double crochet: the group (dc, ch 1, dc), worked over 3 sts, is ¾ in (1.9 cm) wide, and the group (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) is 1¼ in (3.2 cm) wide.

Notes

- Women's sizes, by the bust.

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- Below the back opening the dress is from 1¾ in (4.5 cm) to 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wider around than the bust, by the size; the bib covers the front half of it and the ties hold it at the back. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain. Work the last stitch into the last stitch of the row below, and never into the turning chain.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined. Where a round begins with sl sts, its first group goes in the ch sp in which the last sl st was worked.
- To work into a ch-1 or ch-2 sp, insert the hook in the space under the chain. In the rounds of groups, from the second one on, each group is worked into the ch sp in the middle of a group of the round below, and the dc of that group are not worked into; only the last round, the shells, goes into some of them, as it says. The later groups have more chs or more dc and so are wider: that widens the skirt.
- Step into the dress, or pull it on over the head, with all the ties open.
- The stitches are open: wear a slip or a swimsuit under the dress.
- 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.
- 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.
- Bib across at the underarms, without the edging 19¼ in (49 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.
RS right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 15 times: work what is inside 15 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(61 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Neck band

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 62.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(61 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(61 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The band is 15¼ in (38.5 cm) long and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) high; its foundation chain is its upper edge.	

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Bib and back

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	The front of the dress is worked downward from the neck band. Rows 1 to 16 are the bib, from the neck to the underarms; from there on both ends of the rows go around to the back. Colors: rows 1 to 12 yarn B; rows 13 to 23 yarn C; rows 24 to 31 yarn D. Hold the neck band with the right side facing and row 8 uppermost. Row 8 has 61 sts; skip the first 14 at the right-hand end and join yarn B in the next st. Ch 2, dc in that st and in each of the next 32 sts (33 dc); the last 14 sts stay free. This is row 1, a right side row.
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 15 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 2 dc in last st (19 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 15 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in last st (37 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 17 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 2 dc in last st (21 dc, 18 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 17 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in last st (41 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 19 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 2 dc in last st (23 dc, 20 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 19 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in last st (45 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 21 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 2 dc in last st (25 dc, 22 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in next st, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 21 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in last st (49 dc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 23 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st (29 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 23 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st (57 dc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 27 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st (33 dc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 27 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st (65 dc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 31 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st (37 dc, 32 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 31 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(73 dc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 35 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st	(41 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 35 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(81 dc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 39 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st	(45 dc, 40 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 39 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(89 dc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 43 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st	(49 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 43 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(97 dc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 47 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st	(53 dc, 48 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 47 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(105 dc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 51 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st	(57 dc, 52 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 51 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(113 dc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 55 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st	(61 dc, 56 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 55 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(121 dc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 59 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st	(65 dc, 60 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 59 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(129 dc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 63 times**, ch 1, skip next st, 3 dc in last st	(69 dc, 64 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 31**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 63 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(137 dc)
☐ **End**	Row 16 ends at the underarms. Do not fasten off.	

Body and skirt

Yarn D, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 31 of the bib and back, a right side row. Do not turn. Ch 19 for the middle of the back and join with a sl st in the first dc of row 31, so that the right side is outward and neither the row nor the chain is twisted. From here on the dress is worked in rounds, which begin and end at that first dc, at the right side of the back (as worn). Rnd 32 takes in the 137 sts of row 31 and the 19 chs (156 places); every later rnd is worked into the groups of the rnd below. Colors: rnds 32 to 35 yarn D; rnds 36 to 46 yarn E; rnds 47 to 58 yarn F; rnds 59 to 69 yarn G; rnd 70 yarn A.	
☐ **Rnd 32**	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**] 52 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(104 dc, 52 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 33 to 44**	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**] 51 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(104 dc, 52 ch-1 sps)
33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44		
☐ **Rnd 45**	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**] 51 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(104 dc, 52 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnds 46 to 57**	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**] 51 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(104 dc, 52 ch-2 sps)
46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57		
☐ **Rnd 58**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 51 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(208 dc, 52 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 59 to 69**	Sl st in next dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 51 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(208 dc, 52 ch-1 sps)
59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69		
☐ **Rnd 70**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next st, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp, skip next st, sc in next st**] 52 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(104 sc, 260 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Arm and back edging

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	This edging goes along the open edge of the dress. Hold the dress with the right side facing and the right edge of the bib (as worn) uppermost. Join yarn A in the end of row 1 of the bib, just below the neck band; ch 1, 2 sc in the end of each of rows 1 to 9 (18 sc), 3 sc in the end of each of rows 10 to 31 (66 sc), sc in each of the 19 chs of the back along their free side, then up the other edge 3 sc in the end of each of rows 31 to 10 (66 sc) and 2 sc in the end of each of rows 9 to 1 (18 sc). There are 187 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(187 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neck tie: make 4

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 47.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(46 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each neck tie is about 10 in (25.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Back tie: make 2

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 98.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(97 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each back tie is about 21 in (53.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Neck ties: sew one end of a neck tie with its own end to the wrong side of each of the four corners of the neck band, at the 2nd st from the short edge, two ties to each short edge: one in row 2 and one in row 7. The two pairs are tied at the back of the neck.

2. Back ties: row 2 of the arm and back edging has 187 sts. Sew one end of a back tie with its own end to the wrong side of the edging at st 38 and one at st 150, counted from either end of the row: these places are the underarms. Worn, the two ties are tied behind the back.

Finishing

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

In all: 7 pieces; 8,483 stitches (488 in the neck band, 1,866 in the bib and back, 5,564 in the body and skirt, 187 in the arm and back edging, 46 in each neck tie, 97 in each back tie).

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