Shell stitch summer skirt

Size M · US terms



Finished size
About 40 in (101.5 cm) at the waist and about 42 in (106.5 cm) at the hip
To fit a waist of 29 in (73.5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches in rounds, with simple increases.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 8½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: lilac, the main color — **about 1,000 yd (914 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, the second color — **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

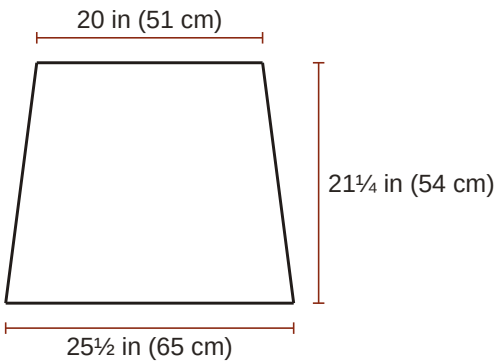
Sizes

Size	To fit waist	Waist	Hip	Length	Hem	Yarn, an estimate
XS	23½ in (59.5 cm)	34 in (86.5 cm)	36½ in (92.5 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)	43½ in (110.5 cm)	about 845 yd (772 m)
Size S	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	36 in (91.5 cm)	38½ in (98 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	46½ in (118 cm)	about 920 yd (841 m)
Size M (this file)	**29 in (73.5 cm)**	**40 in (101.5 cm)**	**42 in (106.5 cm)**	**21¼ in (54 cm)**	**51 in (129.5 cm)**	**about 1,020 yd (932 m)**
Size L	33 in (84 cm)	44 in (112 cm)	46 in (117 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	55½ in (141 cm)	about 1,095 yd (1,001 m)
1X	37 in (94 cm)	48 in (122 cm)	50 in (127 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm)	60 in (152.5 cm)	about 1,220 yd (1,115 m)
2X	41 in (104 cm)	53 in (134.5 cm)	55½ in (141 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm)	66 in (167.5 cm)	about 1,325 yd (1,212 m)
3X	44½ in (113 cm)	55 in (139.5 cm)	57½ in (146 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	69 in (175.5 cm)	about 1,425 yd (1,303 m)

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4X	46½ in (118 cm)	57 in (145 cm)	59½ in (151 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	72 in (183 cm)	about 1,475 yd (1,349 m)
5X	49½ in (125.5 cm)	62 in (157.5 cm)	64½ in (164 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	78 in (198 cm)	about 1,625 yd (1,486 m)

Schematic



Skirt, laid flat

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch chain
sl st slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp space
st stitch
rnd round

Gauge

16 stitches and 8½ rounds 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: each repeat of 6 sts (one shell of 5 dc and one sc) is about 1½ in (4 cm) wide; 11.5 rnds to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- Women's sizes.
- The waist is made wide enough to pull on over the hip: before the cord is drawn in it is from ½ in (1.5 cm) to 1 in (2.5 cm) wider than the hip measurement, by the size. Choose by the hip measurement; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.

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- 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.
- The rounds begin and end at the middle of the back.
- The length is that of the whole skirt, from the foundation chain to the lower edge.

Instructions

Chosen: Size M. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Skirt

Yarn A, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 160; 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	**(160 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(160 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(160 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(160 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 19 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(168 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 20**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(168 dc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(204 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 34 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc, 170 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 2; **[**5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 34 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(170 dc, 34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	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**] 33 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc, 170 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 25 to 56**	Repeat rnds 23 and 24 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 24, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 23.	

A box for each round, 25 to 56: tick them off as you go.

☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 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 ☐ 56

☐ **End** Fasten off.

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Cord

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 245.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(244 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	The cord is about 53 in (134.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Thread the cord. Lay the skirt flat with the joins of the rounds at the middle of the back; the middle of the front is then between spaces 40 and 41 of the 80 spaces of rnd 3, counted from the join. From the outside, take the cord in through space 41, out through the next space, and so on, in and out of every space around: it comes out again through space 40. Draw the waist in and tie the ends in a bow.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 10,828 stitches (10,584 in the skirt, 244 in the cord); 4 ends to weave in.

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