# Toddler watermelon dress

2, to fit chest 21 in (53.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
**About 22 in (56 cm) at the chest and about 4 in (10 cm) down the bodice**
To fit a chest of 21 in (53.5 cm)

Skill
**Easy**
Basic stitches in rounds, with embroidered seeds

Yarn
**Light (3), 4 colors**

Hook
**4.5 mm (US 7)**

Gauge
**16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In half double crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: leaf-green, color 1 | **about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: white, color 2 | **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: melon-red, color 3 | **about 375 yd (343 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: black, color 4 | **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate** |

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 chest | Chest | Bodice from the foundation | Skirt length | Length without the ties | Hem | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **12 months** | 18 in (45.5 cm) | 19 in (48.5 cm) | 3½ in (9 cm) | 10 in (25.5 cm) | 13¼ in (33.5 cm) | 33 in (84 cm) | about 390 yd (357 m) |
| **18 months** | 19 in (48.5 cm) | 20 in (51 cm) | 3¾ in (9.5 cm) | 10½ in (26.5 cm) | 14¼ in (36 cm) | 39 in (99 cm) | about 455 yd (416 m) |
| **2 (this file)** | **21 in (53.5 cm)** | **22 in (56 cm)** | **4 in (10 cm)** | **11¾ in (30 cm)** | **15¾ in (40 cm)** | **42 in (106.5 cm)** | **about 560 yd (512 m)** |
| **3** | 22 in (56 cm) | 23 in (58.5 cm) | 4½ in (11.5 cm) | 13¼ in (33.5 cm) | 17¾ in (45 cm) | 42 in (106.5 cm) | about 630 yd (576 m) |
| **4** | 23 in (58.5 cm) | 24 in (61 cm) | 5 in (12.5 cm) | 14¼ in (36 cm) | 19 in (48.5 cm) | 45 in (114.5 cm) | about 700 yd (640 m) |
| **5** | 24 in (61 cm) | 25 in (63.5 cm) | 5¼ in (13.5 cm) | 15½ in (39.5 cm) | 20¾ in (52.5 cm) | 45 in (114.5 cm) | about 770 yd (704 m) |


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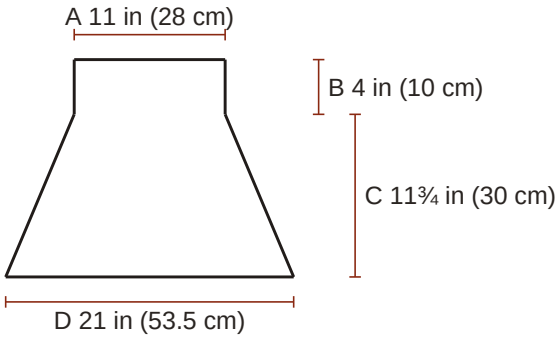
## Schematic




**Dress, laid flat**
A half the chest
B the bodice from the foundation
C the skirt length
D half the hem

## Abbreviations

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

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| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **hdc** | half double crochet (UK htr, half treble) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **dc** | double crochet (UK tr, treble) |
| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **Rnd** | round |
| **st** | stitch |

## 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. Single crochet (UK: double crochet) rounds: about 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Double crochet (UK: treble) rounds: about 8.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Shell rounds: 1 sc with 1 shell of 5 dc, worked over 6 sts, is 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide; 11.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

## Before you start

- Six sizes. Choose by the chest: a size is for the chest it names.
- The finished chest is 1 in (2.5 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single and half double 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 dress is worked from its top edge down. The rounds begin at the middle of the back.


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- In a round of seeds, the first dc after the join is st 1.
- 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.

## Instructions

Chosen: 2, to fit chest 21 in (53.5 cm). 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, hdc is half treble, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

### Body

**Yarn A, leaf-green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With yarn A, ch 88; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain. Colors: rnds 1 to 12 yarn A; rnds 13 and 14 yarn B; rnds 15 to 38 yarn C; rnd 39 yarn B; rnd 40 yarn A. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1; hdc in each ch around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(88 hdc)** |
| ☐ **Rnds 2 to 12** | Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc | **(88 hdc)** |

A box for each round, 2 to 12: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

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| ☐ **Rnds 13 to 14** | Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc | **(88 sc)** |

A box for each round, 13 to 14: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Rnd 15** | Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 44 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(132 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnds 16 to 25** | Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc | **(132 dc)** |

A box for each round, 16 to 25: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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| ☐ **Rnd 26** | Ch 2; **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(168 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnds 27 to 38** | Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc | **(168 dc)** |

A box for each round, 27 to 38: tick them off as you go.

27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

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| ☐ **Rnd 39** | Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc | **(168 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 40** | Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 28 times**; join with sl st in first sc | **(28 sc, 140 dc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |


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### Top edging

**Yarn B, white.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With the right side facing, join yarn B in the foundation chain at the start of rnd 1; ch 1, sc in each ch around (88 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 | **(88 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

### Shoulder tie: make 4

**Yarn A, leaf-green.**

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| ☐ **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 shoulder tie is about 10 in (25.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 10 in (25 cm) for sewing. | |

### Assembly

**1.** Seeds: thread the yarn needle with yarn D, a length of about 36 in (90 cm) at a time. Each seed is one chain stitch over the post of a dc: bring the needle up at the foot of the dc, put it back down at the same place and leave a loop on the right side, bring it up again at the top of the dc inside the loop, draw the loop snug and take the needle down just outside it, so that a small stitch holds the loop. Work the seeds on rnds 17, 23, 29 and 35, on st 6 and every 12th st after it, counted from the join (rnds 17 and 23: 11 seeds each, the last on st 126; rnds 29 and 35: 14 seeds each, the last on st 162), and on rnds 20, 26 and 32, on st 12 and every 12th st after it, counted from the join (rnd 20: 11 seeds, the last on st 132; rnds 26 and 32: 14 seeds each, the last on st 168): 89 seeds in all. From one seed to the next one of the same round, run the needle on the wrong side through the backs of the 11 dc between them, under one strand of each, loosely and without coming through to the right side: so no strand lies loose on the inside. After the last seed of a round fasten the yarn off on the wrong side, and begin the next round of seeds with a new end. When a length runs out, weave its end into the backs of the sts and go on with a new one.

**2.** Ties: the sts of rnd 1 of the top edging are counted from the join at the middle of the back. On the inside, sew one end of a tie behind each of these sts with the yarn needle and the end left for sewing: for the front sts 34 and 55, for the back sts 11 and 78. Sew back and forth through the end of the tie and the edging six times or more. Tie a front tie to the back tie of the same side on each shoulder, in a firm bow.

## Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 5,476 stitches (5,204 in the body, 88 in the top edging, 46 in each shoulder tie).

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