Vintage housecoat with a round collar

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



Finished size

About 41¼ in (105 cm) at the bust and about 40¼ in (102 cm) long

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

A round yoke from the neck down, shell stitch, picked-up bands and collar

Yarn

Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: butter, main color **about 2,750 yd (2,515 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: white, contrast **about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 820 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, stitch markers, pins, 9 flat white buttons, ¾ in (20 mm) across, 9 sew-on snaps, about 3/8 in (10 mm) across and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

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 (closed)	Length from the neck edge	Yoke depth	Sleeve from the underarm	Upper sleeve	Cuff around	Neck around (closed)	Collar depth	Lower edge around (closed)
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 2,420 yd (2,213 m)	33¼ in (84.5 cm)	40 in (101.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	45½ in (115.5 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 2,575 yd (2,355 m)	37 in (94 cm)	39¾ in (101 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	49½ in (125.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 2,880 yd (2,633 m)**	**41¼ in (105 cm)**	**40¼ in (102 cm)**	**8½ in (21.5 cm)**	**7¾ in (19.5 cm)**	**14¼ in (36 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**17 in (43 cm)**	**2¾ in (7 cm)**	**56¼ in (143 cm)**

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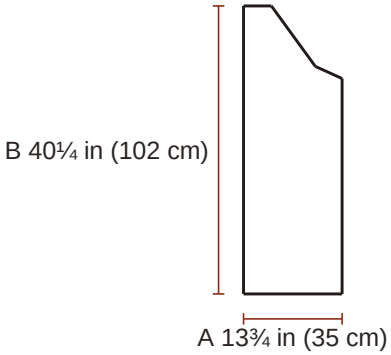
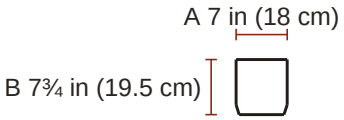
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 3,035 yd (2,775 m)	45 in (114.5 cm)	40¼ in (102 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	60¼ in (153 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 3,370 yd (3,082 m)	49¼ in (125 cm)	40¾ in (103.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	67 in (170 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 3,605 yd (3,296 m)	53 in (134.5 cm)	40½ in (103 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	72¼ in (183.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 3,890 yd (3,557 m)	57¼ in (145.5 cm)	41 in (104 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	77½ in (197 cm)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	about 4,145 yd (3,790 m)	61 in (155 cm)	41½ in (105.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	83 in (211 cm)

Schematic



Body, half, laid flat
A the whole width
B the length from the neck edge



Sleeve, laid flat
A half the top of the sleeve
B the sleeve

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ 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 29; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 14 rows of double crochet on 27 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. Shells: 1 sc with 1 shell of 5 dc is worked over 6 sts; 3 of these, 18 sts, are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, as wide as 18 dc; 13 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Single crochet of the bands and the cuffs: 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- The finished bust is from 4 in (10 cm) to 4¼ in (11 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; 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.
- 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.

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- Worked from the neck down in one piece. The yoke and the body are worked back and forth in rows; row 1 of the yoke is a right side row. The sleeves are worked in rounds that are joined and not turned, with the right side outward.
- Right and left are named as worn: right side rows of the yoke and the body begin at the left front edge and end at the right front edge.
- At the underarms work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next row. The sleeves are worked into the free side of these chains.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- From the second shell row on, each shell of 5 dc goes in a sc, and each sc between two shells goes in the middle dc of a shell. At the edges every second shell row has 3 dc, half a shell; in the row after it the first sc goes in the first of these 3 dc and the last sc in the last dc of the row.
- Scallops: 3 dc in one st, with 1 st skipped at each side and 1 sc between two scallops.
- A row end is the side of the first or the last stitch of a row: work under two strands of it.
- 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.
- Length from the neck edge, without the collar 40¼ in (102 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.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 16 times: work what is inside 16 times in all.
(70 dc): 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.

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.

Yoke

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 72.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(70 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 16 times**, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st	(88 dc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	(108 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(108 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 18 times**	(126 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 18 times**	(144 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(144 dc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, **[**dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**	(164 dc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(164 dc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, [dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice, **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**	(182 dc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 9 times**, [dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice, **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 9 times**	(202 dc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(202 dc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, **[**dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**	(220 dc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(220 dc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**, **[**dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 7 times**	(238 dc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 18 times**, dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st	(258 dc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(258 dc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, **[**dc in next 14 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, **[**dc in next 13 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	(276 dc)
☐ **Rows 19 to 20** 19 20	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(276 dc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

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Body

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Row 21 leaves the sleeve sts for later and makes a chain at each underarm. Row 23 widens the body; the shell stitch begins in row 24. Go on from row 20 of the yoke. Colors: rows 21 to 121 yarn A; row 122 yarn B.	
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 41 sts, ch 8 (underarm), skip next 56 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 82 sts, ch 8 (underarm), skip next 56 sts (one sleeve), dc in next 41 sts	(164 dc, 16 ch)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(180 dc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 46 times**, **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 10 times**	(247 dc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 41 times**	(42 sc, 205 dc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 40 times**, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(206 dc, 41 sc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 121**	Repeat Rows 24 and 25, 48 more times	(206 dc, 41 sc)

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 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81
82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109
110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121

☐ **Row 122**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 41 times**	(42 sc, 205 dc)
☐ **End**	Row 122 is the scalloped lower edge. Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 15 yarn A; rnds 16 to 21 yarn B. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm; ch 2, dc in that ch and in each of the next 3 underarm chs, dc in each of the 56 sleeve sts and dc in each of the 4 underarm chs left (64 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 15**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(64 dc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 20**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(56 sc)

17 18 19 20

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☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next st, 3 dc in next st, skip next st**] 14 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(14 sc, 42 dc)
☐ **End**	Rnds 16 to 21 are the cuff; rnd 21 makes its scallops. Fasten off.	

Right front band

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 1 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the lower corner of the right front edge, as worn; ch 1, then work these edges in order: along rows 24 to 122 of the body, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 12 times (136 sc); along rows 21 to 23 of the body, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (6 sc); along rows 1 to 20 of the yoke, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 20 rows (40 sc). There are 182 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 7** 2 3 4 5 6 7	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(182 sc)
☐ **End**	The band is about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) wide. Fasten off.	

Left front band

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 1 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the neck corner of the left front edge, as worn; ch 1, then work these edges in order: along rows 1 to 20 of the yoke, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 20 rows (40 sc); along rows 21 to 23 of the body, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (6 sc); along rows 24 to 122 of the body, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 12 times, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row (136 sc). There are 182 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 7** 2 3 4 5 6 7	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(182 sc)
☐ **End**	The band is about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) wide. Fasten off.	

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Collar

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 2 of Assembly. The collar is picked up with the wrong side (the inside) of the yoke facing you. When it is turned down to the outside, the side that faces you in row 1 and in its other odd-numbered rows lies outward and shows: that is the right side of the collar. It begins and ends in the middle of a front band: row ends 1 to 3 of each band, the ones nearest the yoke, carry the collar, and row ends 4 to 7 stay free. The 2 chs skipped before the first dc of row 1 of the yoke are left out. With the wrong side facing, join yarn B at the neck end of the left front band, in the end of its row 3; ch 1, then work these edges in order: over the neck end of the left front band, along rows 1 to 3 of the left front band, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc); over the neck, sc in each of the 70 chs of the foundation chain of the yoke, along their free side (70 sc); over the neck end of the right front band, along rows 1 to 3 of the right front band, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc). There are 76 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row of the collar.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; [dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice, **[**dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**, [dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice	(84 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 5 times**	(103 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 3 times**	(114 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog twice, dc in next 4 sts, **[**dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**, dc in next 14 sts, dc2tog twice	(118 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog twice, dc in next 5 sts, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 19 times**, dc in next 10 sts, dc2tog twice	(133 dc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next st, 3 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st**] 33 times**	(34 sc, 99 dc)
☐ **End**	The collar is about 2¾ in (7 cm) deep. It widens as the yoke under it does, and the decreases of rows 5 and 6 round its front corners. Fasten off and turn it down over the yoke.	

Pocket: make 2

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 25. Colors: rows 1 to 14 yarn A; rows 15 and 16 yarn B.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(23 dc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in each st across to last st, 2 dc in last st	(29 dc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 14** 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(29 dc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(29 sc)

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☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next st, 3 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st**] 7 times** (8 sc, 21 dc)
☐ **End**	The pocket is about 6½ in (16.5 cm) wide and 6½ in (16.5 cm) high with its scallops. The foundation chain is its lower edge. Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Front bands: work the right front band and the left front band now, as written above. They end at the neck edge.

2. Collar: work it now, as written above. When the housecoat is closed, the right front band lies on the left one, edge on edge, and the two ends of the collar come to within one row of the bands, about ¼ in (0.6 cm), of each other at the middle of the front; below the neck its rounded corners spread apart.

3. Buttons and snaps: the right front, as worn, closes over the left front. On the right side of the right front band sew 9 buttons, in the middle of its width (row 4), at its sts 4, 21, 38, 56, 73, 90, 108, 125 and 142, counted from the neck end. On the wrong side of the band, under each button, sew one half of a snap; sew the other halves to the right side of the left front band, in row 4, at the same sts, counted from the neck end. Use sewing thread.

4. Pockets: lay the housecoat flat, closed, front up. Lay a pocket, right side up, on each front, its scallops uppermost, with its foundation chain along row 72 of the body and its nearer side edge 3½ in (9 cm) from the front band. Pin it flat. With a new length of yarn A of about 52 in (130 cm), sew it down one side from the sc row under the scallops, around the lower corners and up the other side to the same row; the top stays open.

5. If a gap shows at an underarm, close it with the yarn end there.

Finishing

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

In all: 35,033 stitches (3,724 in the yoke, 25,060 in the body, 1,232 in each sleeve, 1,092 in the right front band, 1,092 in the left front band, 685 in the collar, 458 in each pocket).

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