Ruffle dress in white, seven tiers

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



Finished size

About 38¾ in (98.5 cm) at the bust and about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) at the waist

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Lace rounds, gathers, edgings on free loops, sewing

Yarn

Fine (2)

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (clear white in the picture), fine (2) **about 3,225 yd (2,949 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 920 g, 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 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.

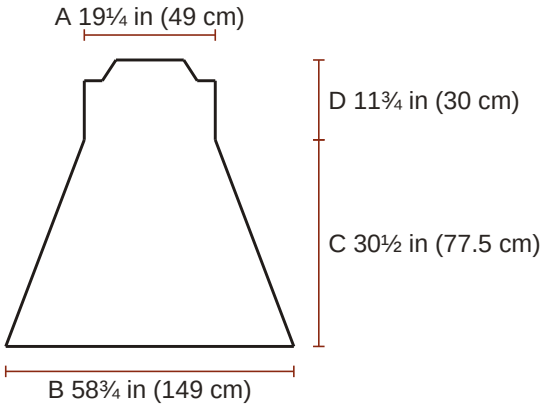
Sizes

Size	To fit bust	Yarn, an estimate	Bust	Waist to underarm, with the top edging	Waist to the top of the front	Top of the front across	Strap	Skirt from the waist	First tier around	Seventh tier around	Length from top of front to hem
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 2,450 yd (2,240 m)	30¾ in (78 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	30½ in (77.5 cm)	38¾ in (98.5 cm)	88 in (223.5 cm)	41¾ in (106 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 2,900 yd (2,652 m)	34¾ in (88.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	30½ in (77.5 cm)	45¼ in (115 cm)	106¾ in (271 cm)	41¾ in (106 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 3,225 yd (2,949 m)**	**38¾ in (98.5 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**11¾ in (30 cm)**	**10 in (25.5 cm)**	**14¼ in (36 cm)**	**30½ in (77.5 cm)**	**50¾ in (129 cm)**	**117¼ in (298 cm)**	**42¼ in (107.5 cm)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 3,400 yd (3,109 m)	42¾ in (108.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	30½ in (77.5 cm)	53¼ in (135.5 cm)	122¾ in (312 cm)	42½ in (108 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 3,725 yd (3,406 m)	46¾ in (118.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	30½ in (77.5 cm)	58¾ in (149 cm)	134¾ in (342.5 cm)	42½ in (108 cm)

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2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 4,150 yd (3,795 m)	50¾ in (129 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	30½ in (77.5 cm)	66¾ in (169.5 cm)	148 in (376 cm)	43¼ in (110 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 4,650 yd (4,252 m)	54¾ in (139 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	30½ in (77.5 cm)	72 in (183 cm)	168 in (426.5 cm)	43½ in (110.5 cm)

Schematic



Dress
A half the bust
B the whole width
C the skirt from the waist
D the waist to the top of the front

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 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 28; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 22 rows of half double crochet on 27 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 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. Bodice lace: 3 V-stitches (dc, ch 1, dc), worked over 9 sts, are 2 in (5.1 cm) wide; 9 rounds of V-stitches and 9 rounds of single crochet (UK: double crochet), worked in turn, are together 5½ in (14 cm) high. Skirt: 18 sts and 9.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet (UK: treble). A round of shells is about 3/8 in (1 cm) high. Single crochet (UK: double crochet): about 21 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- The finished bust is 1¾ in (4.5 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 bodice is worked upward from the waist and the skirt downward from the same chain. The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The turning chain, or 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 into the first stitch of the row or round below, at the base of that chain, and the last stitch into its last stitch. Where a round of V-stitches begins with a skipped stitch, that is the stitch at the base of the ch 2.
- In front loop: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is nearer to you.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.

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- The waves are worked after the whole skirt. The waves of tiers 1 to 6 lie over the first rounds of the tier below them. The wave of tier 7 has no tier below it: it is worked under both loops of the last round of the skirt and hangs below it as the hem.
- The dress goes on over the head. It has no lining: wear a slip under it.
- 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.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 58 times: work what is inside 58 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(174 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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.

Bodice

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 174; 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	(174 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	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**] 58 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(116 dc, 58 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 58 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(174 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 29**	Repeat Rnds 2 and 3, 13 more times	(174 sc)
	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	
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The foundation chain is the waist.	

Front

☐ **Foundation**	Rnd 29 of the bodice has 174 sts, counted from its first st, at the left side (as worn): sts 1 to 87 are the front and sts 88 to 174 are the back. With the right side facing, join the yarn in st 13 of rnd 29 of the bodice. This piece is worked in rows on that st and the next 62 sts, to st 75 (63 sts).	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(63 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(45 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Top edging

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bodice with the right side facing and the top uppermost. Join the yarn in st 88 of rnd 29 of the bodice, at the right side (as worn); ch 1, sc in each of the 87 sts 88 to 174 of rnd 29 (87 sc); sc in each of the 12 free sts 1 to 12 of rnd 29 (12 sc); up the front along rows 1 to 10 of the front, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 5 times (15 sc); 2 sc in the st at the right-hand end of row 10 of the front (2 sc); sc in each of the 43 sts between the two end sts of row 10 (43 sc); 2 sc in the st at the left-hand end of row 10 (2 sc); down the front along rows 1 to 10 of the front, met from the last of them, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row] 5 times (15 sc); sc in each of the 12 free sts 76 to 87 of rnd 29 (12 sc). There are 188 sc in all; 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	(188 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Skirt

☐ **Foundation**	The rounds by tier: tier 1 is rnds 2 to 8, tier 2 is rnds 9 to 16, tier 3 is rnds 17 to 25, tier 4 is rnds 26 to 35, tier 5 is rnds 36 to 46, tier 6 is rnds 47 to 58, tier 7 is rnds 59 to 71. The first round of every tier gathers: it has the increases. From tier 2 on it is worked in the back loops of the last round of the tier above, so that the front loops of that round stay free for the wave of that tier. Turn the bodice so that its foundation chain is uppermost. With the right side facing, join the yarn in the first ch to the left of the beginning of the rounds, at the left side (as worn); ch 1, sc in each of the 174 chs around, along their free side (174 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 42 times**, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(228 dc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 8** 3 4 5 6 7 8	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(228 dc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts**] 24 times**, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 6 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 3 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(264 dc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 16** 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(264 dc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts**] 30 times**, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 6 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 4 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(306 dc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 25** 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(306 dc)
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of next 5 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 6 sts**] 30 times**, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 7 sts**] 11 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 2 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(348 dc)

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☐ **Rnds 27 to 35** 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(348 dc)
☐ **Rnd 36**	Ch 2; **[**dc in back loop only of next 6 sts, 2 dc in back loop only of next st**] 36 times**, **[**dc in back loop only of next 7 sts, 2 dc in back loop only of next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(396 dc)
☐ **Rnds 37 to 46** 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(396 dc)
☐ **Rnd 47**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of next 3 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 5 sts**] 65 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 2 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(462 dc)
☐ **Rnds 48 to 58** 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(462 dc)
☐ **Rnd 59**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 6 sts**] 65 times**, 2 dc in back loop only of next st, dc in back loop only of next 4 sts; join with sl st in first dc	(528 dc)
☐ **Rnds 60 to 71** 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(528 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Wave of tier 1

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress upside down with the right side facing. Rnd 8 of the skirt is the last round of tier 1. Join the yarn in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 8, at the left side (as worn); ch 2, dc in the free front loop of each of the 228 sts of rnd 8 (228 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 38 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(38 sc, 190 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Wave of tier 2

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress upside down with the right side facing. Rnd 16 of the skirt is the last round of tier 2. Join the yarn in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 16, at the left side (as worn); ch 2, dc in the free front loop of each of the 264 sts of rnd 16 (264 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 44 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(44 sc, 220 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Wave of tier 3

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress upside down with the right side facing. Rnd 25 of the skirt is the last round of tier 3. Join the yarn in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 25, at the left side (as worn); ch 2, dc in the free front loop of each of the 306 sts of rnd 25 (306 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 51 times**; join with sl st in first sc (51 sc, 255 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Wave of tier 4

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress upside down with the right side facing. Rnd 35 of the skirt is the last round of tier 4. Join the yarn in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 35, at the left side (as worn); ch 2, dc in the free front loop of each of the 348 sts of rnd 35 (348 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 58 times**; join with sl st in first sc (58 sc, 290 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Wave of tier 5

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress upside down with the right side facing. Rnd 46 of the skirt is the last round of tier 5. Join the yarn in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 46, at the left side (as worn); ch 2, dc in the free front loop of each of the 396 sts of rnd 46 (396 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 66 times**; join with sl st in first sc (66 sc, 330 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Wave of tier 6

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress upside down with the right side facing. Rnd 58 of the skirt is the last round of tier 6. Join the yarn in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 58, at the left side (as worn); ch 2, dc in the free front loop of each of the 462 sts of rnd 58 (462 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 77 times**; join with sl st in first sc (77 sc, 385 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Wave of tier 7

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress upside down with the right side facing. Rnd 71 of the skirt is the last round of tier 7. Join the yarn in the first st of rnd 71, at the left side (as worn); ch 2, dc in each of the 528 sts of rnd 71 (528 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 88 times**; join with sl st in first sc (88 sc, 440 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Strap: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 65.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(64 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(64 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 18 in (45 cm) for sewing. The strap is about 14¼ in (36 cm) long and ¾ in (1.9 cm) wide.	

Strap ruffle: make 2, one on each strap

☐ **Foundation**	Hold a strap with the right side facing and row 4 uppermost. Row 4 has 64 sts; skip the first 5 at the right-hand end and join the yarn in the next st. Ch 2, 2 dc in that st and 2 dc in each of the next 53 sts (108 dc); leave the last 5 sts free. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 100 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 4 hdc, 100 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 17 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(23 sc, 85 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Straps: rnd 2 of the top edging has 188 sts, counted from its first st, at the right side (as worn): sts 1 to 87 lie along the back, and sts 115 to 161 along the top of the front. The left strap (as worn) goes from the left half of the front to the left half of the back: the middle of one end lies at st 118 and the middle of the other end at st 66. The right strap goes from the right half of the front to the right half of the back: the middle of one end lies at st 158 and the middle of the other end at st 22. The right side of each strap is outside, its foundation chain lies toward the neck and its ruffle toward the arm. The last 2 sts of each end of a strap lie on the inside of the dress, behind the two rounds of the edging. Sew each end down around its edge, one end of each strap with its own yarn end and the other with a new length of the yarn of about 12 in (30 cm).

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces; 35,826 stitches.

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