

## SHORT SLEEVE CROCHET DRESS

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**Yarn:** DK yarn (UK: 8ply, US: 3-Light)

**Hook:** 5-6mm

**Gauge:** 16 sc = 4 inches/10 cm

This dress will fit a teddy bear about 25-30cm/10-12in tall with a waist of about 29cm/11½in. See diagram for approximate finished measurements.

Apparently I crochet very loosely. If you are having trouble getting the correct length after completing row 1, try the alternate counts given in parenthesis.



The dress is worked from the top down, raglan style. The top has a button back. It is joined at the waist and the skirt is worked in the round. Directions are given for 3 different skirts.

### ABBREVIATIONS

sl.st.....Slip Stitch

ch.....chain

Sc.....single crochet

dc.....double crochet

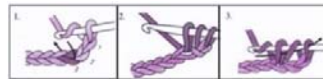
hdc .....half-double crochet



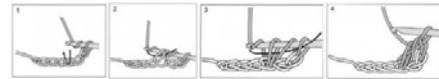
Pattern uses American terms, as illustrated below:



sc: single crochet



hdc: half double crochet



dc: double crochet

### **Bodice:**

Chain 35 (43).

**Row 1:** Working in the back ridge of beginning chain, sc in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook and in the next 33 (41) chs. Turn. 34 (42) sc Length should be 8½"/21cm – adjust hook size as needed to attain gauge, or use alternate counts given in parenthesis.

**Row 2:** ch 1; sc in next 4 (5) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 7 (9) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 8 (9) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 7 (9) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in last 4 (5) sts.  
42 (50) sc

**Row 3:** Turn; ch 1; sc in next 5 (6) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 9 (11) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in

next 10 (11) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 9 (11) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in last 5 (6) sts.  
50 (58) sc

**Row 4:** Turn; ch 1; sc in next 6 (7) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 11 (13) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 12 (13) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 11 (13) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in last 6 (7) sts.  
58 (66) sc

**Row 5:** Turn; ch 1; sc in next 7 (8) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 13 (15) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 14 (15) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 13 (15) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in last 7 (8) sts.  
66 (72) sc

**Row 6:** Turn; ch 1; sc in next 8 (9) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 15 (17) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in

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next 16 (17) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in next 15 (17) sts; 3 sc in next st; sc in last 8 (9) sts.  
74 (80) sc

This next row adds decorative trim to sleeve caps:

**Row 7:** Turn; ch 1; sc in next 9 (10) sts; \*\*sc-ch2-dc in next st, skip next st, repeat 9 (10) times for a total of 10 (11) sc-ch2-dc clusters; sc in next 18 (19) sts; \*\*sc-ch2-dc in next st, skip next st, repeat 9 (10) times for a total of 10 (11) sc-ch2-dc clusters; sc in next 9 (10) sts.

This next row forms the armholes:

**Row 8:** Turn; ch 1; Sc in next 9 (10) scs; ch 2; skip the next 10 (11) sc-ch2-dc clusters, sc in next 18 (19) scs; ch 2; skip the next 10 (11) sc-ch1-dc clusters; sc in next 9 (10) scs.  
36 (39) sc and 4 ch

**Row 9:** Turn; ch 1; Sc in each st and ch across.  
40 (43) sc

**Rows 10-12:** Turn; ch 1; Sc in each st across.  
40 (43) sc  
Underarm length should be about 1 inch/2 cm. (Work one row more or less if needed)

The next 2 rows are worked vertically to form the buttonholes.

**Buttonhole row 1:** ch 1; then going up the edge toward the neck, work 2 sc; chain 2; skip 2; sc 4 (plus, if you added rows after row 12, 1 for each additional row); ch 2; skip 2, sc at the top of the neck.

**Buttonhole row 2:** Turn; Ch1; then working back toward the waist, sc in each st and ch down 10 (or more) sc



Vertical buttonhole



2 overlapping stitches

This next row joins the dress at the waist, overlapping the 2 buttonhole rows with the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 sts of row 12.

**Row 13:** Turn; with optional contrast color, ch 2; 1 hdc thru last st of the buttonhole row **and** the 2<sup>nd</sup> st of row 12 (keeping the side with buttonhole loops on the top); 1 hdc thru next buttonhole row **and** the 1<sup>st</sup> st of row 12; hdc in each st to the end of the round  
40 (43) hdc

**Note:** if you want to add a ribbon to tie the waist, work this row in dc instead of hdc.

### BEGIN SKIRT

Work skirt until 3¾ -4 inches long, adjusting number of rows as needed.

### LACY SKIRT:

Abbreviations:

V-St: dc ch dc into same stitch

Shell: 2dc ch 2dc into same stitch



**Rnd 1:** Turn; ch 1, 40 (43) sc. Join with sl st to ch 1

**Rnd 2:** Turn; ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and 1 ch); 1 dc in the same sc; \*\*skip 1; shell in next sc; skip 1; V-st in next st; repeat from \*\* to end of round. Join with sl st to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch at beginning of round

**Rnd 3-6:** Turn; ch 4 (counts as 1 dc and 1 ch); 1 dc in the 1<sup>st</sup> V-st; \*\*shell in shell; V-st in V-st; repeat from \*\* to end of round. Join with sl st to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch at beginning of round

**Rnd 7:** Turn; ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc; ch 1; 2 dc in the in the 1<sup>st</sup> V-st; \*\*shell in shell; shell in V-st; repeat from \*\* to end of round. Join with sl st to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch at beginning of round

**Rnd 8-9:** Turn; ch 3 (counts as 1 dc); 1 dc in the in the 1<sup>st</sup> shell; \*\*1 shell in each shell; repeat from \*\* to end of round. Join with sl st to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch at beginning of round

Check length, adding or removing a round as needed.

### RIBBED SKIRT:

Abbreviations:

BPdc: Back Post double crochet

FPdc: Front Post double crochet



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**Rnd 1:** Turn; ch 3; 40 (44) dc – count should be a multiple of 4.. Join with sl.st. to beginning of round.

**Rnd 2-3:** Turn; ch 3; dc; \*\*BPdc into BPdc; dc into dc; FPdc into FPdc; dc into dc; repeat from \*\* to end of round. Join with sl.st. to beginning of round.

**Rnd 4** (Increase by working 2 dc over single dc): Turn; ch 3; dc; \*\*BPdc into BPdc; 2 dc into next dc; FPdc into FPdc; 2 dc into next dc; repeat from \*\* to end of round. Join with sl.st.

**Rnds 5-6:** Turn; ch 3; dc; \*\*BPdc into BPdc; 2 dc; FPdc into FPdc; 2 dc; repeat from \*\* to end of round. Join with sl.st..

**Rnd 7:** (Increase by working 3 dc over 2 dc): ch 3; Turn; dc; \*\*BPdc into BPdc; 3 dc over next 2 dc; FPdc into FPdc; 3 dc over next 2 dc; repeat from repeat from \*\* to end of round. Join with sl.st..

**Rnd 8:** Turn; ch 3; dc; \*\*BPdc; 3 dc; FPdc; 3 dc; repeat from repeat from \*\* to end of round. Join with sl.st..

Check and adjust length if needed-at this point the dress will be ½ inch/1cm shorter than the finished length.

**Rnd 9:** Turn; with contrast color, sc all around

**Rnd 10:** Turn; ch 1; \*\*sc, ch 3, skip 1 sc; repeat from \*\* to end of round.

**Rnd 16:** Turn; in optional contrast color, sc 1; \*\*sc 3; sc 3 in next (middle) st; sc 3; repeat from \*\*

**Rnd 17-20:** Turn; sc 1; \*\*sc 3; sc 3 in next (middle) st; sc 3; skip 2; repeat from \*\* around

**Rnd 21:** Turn; in optional contrast color, sc 1, \*\*sc 4; sc 3 in next (middle) st; sc 4; repeat from \*\*

Check length. If necessary, add 1-3 rounds:

**Rnd 22+:** Turn; sc 1; \*\*sc 3; sc 3 in next (middle) st; sc 3; skip 2; repeat from \*\* around

### Chevron Skirt:

**Rnd 1:** Turn; ch 1, \*\*sc 3 in next st; sc 2; repeat from \*\* around



**Rnd 2-5:** Turn; sc 1; \*\*sc 1; sc 3 in next (middle) st; sc 1; skip 2; repeat from \*\* around

**Rnd 6:** Turn; in optional contrast color, sc 1; \*\*sc 2; sc 3 in next (middle) st; sc 2; repeat from \*\* around

**Rnd 7-10:** Turn; sc 1; \*\*sc 2; sc 3 in next (middle) st; sc 1; skip 2; repeat from \*\* around

**Rnd 11:** Turn; in optional contrast color, sc 1; \*\*sc 2; sc 3 in next (middle) st; sc 2; repeat from \*\*

**Rnd 12-15:** Turn; sc 1; \*\*sc 2; sc 3 in next (middle) st; sc 2; skip 2; repeat from \*\* around