

Sharleen's Crochet Dress

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Materials:

Size 10 cotton crochet thread
No. 8 (1.50 mm) steel hook
2 tiny buttons
Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Chain stitch = ch

Single crochet = sc

Double crochet = dc

Slip stitch = sl st

Chain space = ch sp

V stitch = 1 dc, ch1, 1 dc in same stitch or space

GAUGE: Ten rows of 18 dc stitches makes a 2" square sample.

EXPERIENCE LEVEL: Intermediate



Skirt:

Starting at the waist, ch 35.

Row 1: miss 1st ch, 1sc in each ch. Turn, ch3. (34)

Row 2: V stitch in each sc. Turn, ch3. (34)

Row 3: V stitch in each ch sp. Turn, ch3. (34)

Rows 4-13: repeat Row 3 ten times.

NOTE: If you want a longer dress, add 2 more rows. Leave a 10" long tail to sew back edges together when finished. Cut thread and draw it through loop to fasten off.



Bodice:

Rotate skirt 180 degrees and work from waist upwards. When you rejoin thread, the thread tails will be on the same side.

Row 1: rejoin thread with sl st. Ch 1, work 1 sc into each ch of skirt. Turn, ch1. (34)

Row 2: 1 sc in each sc. Turn, ch3. (34)

Row 3: 1 dc in each sc. Turn, ch1. (34)

Row 4: 1 sc in each dc. Turn, ch3. (34)

(Armhole Shaping)

Row 5: 1 dc in next 7 sc. Sl st in next 4 sc. 1dc in next 12 sc. Sl st in next 4 sc. 1dc in next 7 sc. Turn, ch3. (34)



(Bodice Back - First Side)

Row 6A: 1 dc in next 7 dc. Turn, ch1. (7)

Row 7A: 1 sc in next 7 dc. Turn, ch3. (7)

Row 8A: 1 dc in next 7 sc. (7)

Cut thread and fasten off.

(Bodice Center Front)

NOTE: When rejoining thread, *always work on the same side* to keep stitches consistent.

Row 6B: rejoin thread with a sl st at first dc in center section. ch1, 1 sc in each dc. Turn, ch3. (12)

Row 7B: 1 dc each sc. Turn, ch1. (12)

Row 8B: 2 sc in first dc. 1 sc in next 10 dc. 2 sc in last dc. (14) Cut thread and fasten off.



(Bodice Back - Second Side)

Row 6C: rejoin thread with a sl st at first dc after last sl st. Ch3, 1 dc in next 7 dc. Turn, ch1. (7)

Row 7C: 1 sc in next 7 dc. Turn, ch3. (7)

Row 8C: 1 dc in next 7 sc. Turn. (7) Cut thread and fasten off. Weave in all loose ends in bodice.

(Bodice Collar)

Row 9: skip first two dc at center back. Join thread with sl st. Ch1, sc in next 5 dc; ch 4, join thread with sl st at corner of bodice front; ch1, sc in next 14 sc; ch 4, join thread with sl st at corner of bodice back; ch1, sc in next 5 dc. Turn, ch1. (32)

Row 10: sc in next 5 sc. 4 sc in ch sp; sc in next 14 sc; 4 sc in ch sp; sc in next 5 sc. Turn, ch4 (note the extra chain). (32)

Row 11: (dc, ch1) in each sc. Turn, ch3. (32)

Row 12: dc in next 9 ch sp; (ch1, dc) in ch sp 14 times; dc in next 10 ch sp. (32) Cut thread and fasten off. Weave in loose ends of collar.



Finishing:

Make button loops on bodice back at neckline and just above waistline. Add buttons on opposite side of bodice back. If preferred, snaps can be used for closure. Partially sew up bottom 1.5" of back seam with the existing thread tail, leaving top open at waist.

Sharleen's Crochet Dress Diagram

This free crochet pattern makes a sleeveless dress for 6½" tall Hitty-type dolls. You may use it to create doll clothes for personal use or for sale, as long as you credit the pattern to *A Tale of Two Hittys*.

View the tutorial here: <https://ataleoftwohittys.com/sharleens-crochet-dress/>

