

Life of the Party

Dress

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This dress was designed for the wild side of your precious little one. WW Yarn and a N hook will have this project on it's way. Changing of hook size will allow for many different sizes. This size fits 18 month old. Do not be afraid to change hook size and yarn weight to accommodate your needs.

Supplies

- 2 skeins Variegated Yarn - this pattern was done in Sherbet.
- 1 skein Red Heart that contrasts - this pattern was done using Pretty n Pink
- N crochet hook
- Needle for weaving in ends
- 3 buttons

Abbreviations

Ch = Chain

Sc = Single Crochet

Dc = Double Crochet

St = Stitch

Hk = Hook

Lp = Loop

Cr = Cross Stitch

Ldc = Long Double Crochet

Yo = Yarn Over

Fo = Fasten Off

BLO = Back Loop Only

Sl = Slip Stitch

Rnd = Round

Gage: 6 Dc = 2 inches

2 rows = 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

Special Stitches

Cross Stitch Stitch (CR)

The following link will show detailed instructions on making a cross stitch stitch; however, I skipped 3 stitches to their one. Click [here](#). You will find my instructions in my directions for this stitch.



The Long Double Crochet (LDC) is done exactly like the double crochet (YO, insert hk into the designated stitch in the row below and pull up loop even with the current row, *YO and pull through 2 lps* repeat twice)

Directions

Ch 42

Row 1 Dc in 4th ch from hk and next 4 chs, 3 dc in next ch, corner

made, dc in next 6 chs, 3 dc in next ch, corner made, dc in next 12, 3 dc in next ch, corner made, dc in next 6 chs, 3 dc in next, corner made, dc to end. Ch 3 and turn (this will be done every row or round throughout.)

Row 2 - 5 Dc in each st putting 3 dc in 'center' of each corner.

Row 6 If you want to add a ruffle for the bodice Dc in BLO in each st, put 3 in middle of each corner. Otherwise continue as like row 2.

Row 7 Repeat row 2

Row 8 Dc to middle st of corner, * dc in corner, ch 4, dc in middle of next corner, armhole made,* dc to next corner, repeat * to * dc to end of row.

Row 9 Dc in each st and ch across join. You will now be working in rounds (Ch 1 if doing row 10, otherwise FO and join Solid color. ch 3.)

Row 10 Optional row, I placed so there would be a dividing line. Sc in each st across, join, you will now be working in rounds. FO and join Solid color.

Rnd 1 Dc in same space as ch 3, * Dc in next st, 2 dc in next* repeat * to * to end of rnd, join, ch 3.

Rnd 2 *Skip next 2 sts, dc in next, dc in 2nd skipped st, cross st (cr) made, ch 1,* repeat from * to * to end, join, FO, join Variegated yarn ch 3 . NOTE: Make sure you have a cr st, a skipped st, a cr st.

Rnd 3 LDC (yo, insert hook into skipped stitch in row below, yo, draw up loop, yo draw thru 2 loops, yo draw thru remaining loops. Long double crocht made) * dc in next 2 sts, LDC in next* repeat * to * to end of rnd. Ch 3

Rnd 4 DC in each st around, FO, join solid color, ch 3

Rnd 5 Dc in each st around.

Rnd 6 Repeat rnd 2

Rnd 7 Repeat rnd 3

Rnd 8 Repeat rnd 4

Rnd 9 Repeat rnd 5

Rnd 10 repeat rnds 5-9 to desired length of dress. Finish on rnd 3. End of rnd 3, ch 1 and sc in each st around. FO.

Sleeves Join each rnd. Ch 3 beg of each round

Rnd 1 Join Variegated to center underarm stitch, dc in each stitch around armhole.



NOTE: Dc in sides of dcs of rows 8 and 9 to avoid holes.

Rnd 2 - 4 Dc in each stitch around.

Rnd 5 Dc decrease (*yo, insert hook into stitch, yo bring loop through, yo pull through 2 loops on hook,* repeat for next stitch, yo, pull through all loops on hook), around.

Rnd 6 *Dc in next stitch and dc decrease over next 2* around.

Rnd 7 Dc in each stitch and Fo. NOTE: To make long sleeves continue rnds 2-4 to desired length or for summer you don't even have to add sleeves.

Trim

Join your solid color to the left side of the back, ch 1 and sc in same st and sc along the side putting 3 sc in corner and in the corners around neck. Go down the other side of the back ch 1 turn and sc back to the color and fo. Join yarn back on the left side at the bottom, ch 1 sc in same st. Sc in next st, ch 1, sc in next st. Button hole made, sc in next 8 sts, ch 1 an sc in next, button home made, continue with sc and make buttonhole in top sc and Fo.