



CHRISTENING DRESS



Establish a beautiful family tradition by creating this heirloom to pass from one generation to the next. A special gift for your own child, godchild or grandchild, this lovely gown will surely be treasured for years to come.

SIZE

Infant size 6-9 months. Chest of finished garment measures 22 in. at underarm; skirt measures about 20 in. long from underarm

MATERIALS

- Big Cone Crochet Cotton, size 20 (2400-yard cone): 2 cones No. 001 white
- Size 9 steel crochet hook or size to reach gauge given below
- 1/3 yard cotton twill tape (1/4-3/8 in. wide)
- Snaps or Velcro spot fasteners
- 2 yards white satin ribbon (1/4 in. wide)
- Commercial pattern for infant's slip (model made from McCall's No. 2892)
- Lightweight fabric and notions for slip as listed on pattern

STITCHES USED

Chain, slip stitch, single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet, treble crochet

GAUGE

In filet mesh 11 sp = 2 in.; 6 rows = 1 in.

DIRECTIONS

Skirt:

□ Ch 370.

□ **Row 1:** Dc in 7th ch from hook; *dc in next 3 ch, (ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in next ch) 7 times. Rep from * 14 times more, ch 2, sk 2 ch, sc in last ch. Ch 5, turn.

□ **Row 2:** Dc in first dc—beg sp of even numbered row made; *(ch 2, dc in next dc—sp over sp made) 7 times,

ch 2, sk 2 dc, dc in next dc—sp over bl made. Rep from * 8 times more, 6 sp, **2 dc in ch-2 sp, dc in next dc—bl over sp made, ch 9, sk 2 dc, dc in next dc, bl over sp, 5 sp over sp. Rep from ** 4 times more, bl over sp, tr in ch-6 lp. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Row 3:** Sk 3 dc, dc in next dc, *1 bl, 3 sp, 1 bl, ch 5, sc in ch-9 lp, ch 5, sk 3 dc, dc in next dc. Rep from * 4 times more, 1 bl, work spaces across to within last sp, ch 2, sk 2 ch, sc in next ch—end sp of odd numbered row made. Ch 5, turn.

□ **Row 4:** Beg sp; work spaces across to within last sp before next bl; *1 bl, ch 6, sc in ch-5 lp, sc in sc, sc in ch-5 lp, ch 6, sk 3 dc, dc in next dc, 1 bl, 1 sp. Rep from * 4 times more, 1 bl, tr in end sp. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Row 5:** Sk 3 dc, dc in next dc, *1 bl, ch 7, sc in ch-6 lp, sc in next 3 sc, sc in ch-6 lp, ch 7, sk 3 dc, dc in next dc. Rep from * 4 times more; (1 bl, 7 sp) 9 times, 1 bl, 3 sp, end sp. Ch 5, turn.

□ **Row 6:** Beg sp, work spaces across to within 10th bl, *1 sp, 3 dc in ch-7 lp, ch 6, sk 1 sc, sc in next 3 sc, ch 6, 3 dc in ch-7 lp, dc in next dc. Rep from * 4 times more, 1 sp, in end sp work 3 dc, ch 2, tr in same sp. Ch 6, turn.

□ **Row 7:** 3 dc in beg sp, dc in next dc, *3 sp, 3 dc in ch-6 lp, ch 6, sk 1 sc, sc in next sc, ch 6, 3 dc in ch-6 lp, dc in next dc. Rep from * 4 times more, work spaces across to end sp, work end sp. Ch 5, turn.

□ **Row 8:** Beg sp, work spaces across to within first bl, *1 sp, 3 dc in ch-6 lp, ch 2, 3 dc in ch-6 lp, dc in next dc, 4 sp. Rep from * 4 times more, 1 sp, in end sp work 3 dc, ch 2, tr in same sp. Ch 6, turn.

□ **Row 9:** In beg sp work 3 dc, dc in next dc, *7 sp, 1 bl. Rep from * 4 times more; (7 sp, 1 bl) 9 times, 7 sp, end sp. Ch 5, turn.

□ **Rows 10-288:** Rep Rows 2-9 34 times more, then work Rows 2-8. End last row ch 3, turn to work along lower scalloped edge of skirt.

Skirt edging:

□ *(In next sp work dc, ch 1, ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook—picot made, ch 1, dc in same sp) 3 times, sk sp bet scallops; (in next sp work dc, ch 1, picot, ch 1, dc) 3 times, in ch-6 lp at tip of scallop work 2 dc, ch 1, picot, ch 1, 2 dc in same lp. Rep from * across. Fasten off.

Left back bodice:

Note: Sp and bl of bodice are worked differently from sp and bl of skirt.

□ **Row 1:** With right side facing and beg at top edge of last skirt row, join thread with sl st in 3rd st of corner ch-5. Ch 5, dc in 4th and 5th ch from hook; dc in joining st. Working along spaces at top of skirt, make dc in next 2 sp, (ch 1, sk 1 sp, dc in next sp) 30 times. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Row 2:** Sk 1 dc, dc in next dc—beg sp on even numbered row made, (ch 1, dc in next dc—sp over sp made) 29 times, dc in next 4 dc, dc in top of turning ch. Ch 3, turn.

□ **Row 3:** Sk 1 dc, dc in next 5 dc, make 29 sp; ch 1, sk 1 ch, dc in next ch—end sp on odd numbered row made. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Rows 4-8:** Rep Rows 2 and 3 twice; rep Row 2 once.

□ **Row 9:** Sk 1 dc, dc in next 5 dc, (1 sp, dc in sp, dc in next dc—bl over sp made) 14 times, work 1 sp, end sp. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Row 10:** Beg sp, (1 sp, ch 1, sk 1 dc, dc in next dc—sp over bl made) 14 times, ch 1, dc in next 5 dc, dc in top of turning ch. Ch 3, turn.

□ **Rows 11 and 12:** Rep Rows 9 and 10.

□ **Row 13:** Rep Row 3.

□ **Row 14:** Rep Row 2.

□ **Rows 15-26:** Rep Rows 9-14 twice.

□ **Rows 27, 29 and 31:** Rep Row 3.

□ **Rows 28, 30 and 32:** Rep Row 2. Do not ch at end of Row 32.

□ **Row 33:** Turn, sl st across first 6 dc, (sl st in sp, sl st in next dc) 9 times, ch 3, dc in next dc, 19 sp, end sp. Ch 4, turn.

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□ **Row 34:** Beg sp, 17 sp, ch 1; *holding back on hook last lp of each st, make dc in each of next 2 dc, yo and draw through all lps on hook—dc-dec made.* Ch 3, turn.

□ **Row 35:** Sk dc dec, dc in next dc; 17 sp, end sp. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Row 36:** Beg sp, 15 sp, ch 1, work dc dec over last 2 dc. Ch 3, turn.

□ **Row 37:** Sk dc-dec, dc in next dc; 15 sp, end sp. Do not ch; turn.

□ **Row 38:** (Sl st in sp, sl st in next dc) 5 times, ch 3, dc in next dc, 8 sp, ch 1, make dc-dec over last 2 dc. Ch 3, turn.

□ **Row 39:** Sk dc-dec, dc in next dc, 3 sp, ch 1, make dc-dec over next 2 dc. Ch 3, turn.

□ **Row 40:** Sk dc-dec, dc in next dc; 3 sp. Ch 1, turn.

□ **Row 41:** Sc across Row 40, continue with sc along rem shoulder edge to end of Row 37. Work firmly but do not pull too tightly. Fasten off.

Front bodice:

□ **Row 1:** With right side facing, sk 20 sp to left of left back bodice for armhole, join thread in next sp, ch 4, dc in next sp, (ch 1, sk 1 sp, dc in next sp) 61 times—62 sp. Ch 4, turn.

Note: Unless otherwise indicated, on front bodice, beg sp on every row is sk first dc, dc in next dc; end sp on every row is ch 1, sk 1 ch, dc in next ch.

□ **Rows 2-8:** Work beg sp, 60 sp, end sp. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Row 9:** Beg sp, (1 sp, 1 bl) 30 times, end sp.

Note: Bodice front has 2 sp to right of first bl, 1 sp to left of last bl. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Rows 10-25:** Work in sp/bl pat as for bodice back.

□ **Row 26:** Beg sp, 21 sp, ch 1, make dc dec over next 2 dc. Ch 3, turn.

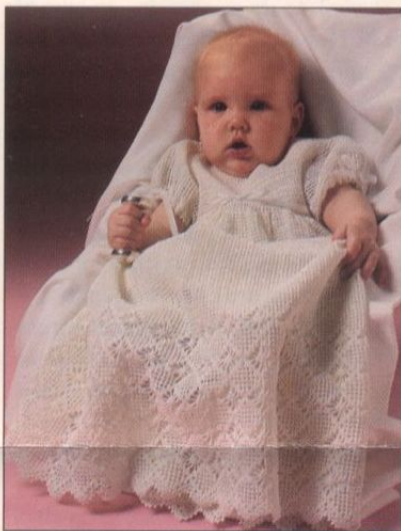
□ **Row 27:** Sk dc dec, dc in next dc, 21 sp, end sp. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Rows 28-31:** Dec one sp at neck edge each row as on Rows 26 and 27.

□ **Row 32:** Beg sp, 17 sp. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Row 33:** Beg sp, 16 sp, end sp. Ch 4, turn.

□ **Row 34:** Beg sp, 16 sp, end sp. Ch 4, turn.



□ **Row 35:** Rep Row 33.

□ **Rows 36-39:** Work as on left back bodice. *Note: Dc dec at end of Row 36 is worked in next dc, sk 1 ch, and in next ch.*

Complete other shoulder as follows:

□ With right side facing, join thread with sl st in turning ch at beg of Row 25. Ch 4, work as Rows 26-39 of first shoulder, reversing shaping.

Right back bodice:

□ With wrong side facing and beg at top corner of opposite end of skirt at beg of left back bodice, join thread with sl st in first sp. Work as Rows 1-41 of left back bodice. Twenty sp rem unworked each side of front bodice for armhole. Seam shoulders by hand or machine with narrow seam.

Neckline finish:

□ With right side of dress facing, join thread with sc at center back neck edge of left back bodice; work 2 more sc along neck edge. *Ch 3, sl st in top of last sc made for picot, make 3 more sc along neck edge; rep from * around to center back neck edge of right back bodice. Fasten off.

Sleeve:

□ **Rnd 1:** With right side facing, join thread with sl st in either of 2 sp at center of underarm. Ch 5, sk 1 sp, dc in next sp, *ch 2, sk 1 sp, dc in next sp; rep from * across underarm. Then work armhole edge of bodice as follows: *ch 2, dc in next sp; rep from *

to shoulder, then work down other armhole to underarm, work 2nd half of armhole as for first half—84 sp.

□ **Rnd 2:** Ch 2, (stands for hdc), (ch 2, hdc in next dc) 22 times, (ch 2, dc in next dc) 40 times, (ch 2, hdc in next dc) 21 times, ch 2, sl st in top of beg ch-2.

□ **Rnd 3:** Ch 2 (stands for hdc), (ch 2, hdc in next dc) 21 times, dc in next hdc, (ch 2, dc in next dc) 40 times, ch 2, dc in next hdc, (ch 2, hdc in next hdc) 20 times, ch 2, sl st in top of beg ch-2.

□ **Rnds 4-21:** Continue working on 84 sp as in Rnds 2 and 3, having 2 dc more in center and 1 hdc less on each side of dc's on each rnd.

□ **Rnds 22 and 23:** Ch 5, work 84 sp around using dc, ch 2. Join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5. *Note: If longer sleeve is desired, rep this last rnd several times more.*

□ **Rnd 24 (beading rnd):** Ch 4, *tr in sp, tr in dc, ch 1, **tr in next dc. Rep from *around ending at **, ch 1, sl st in top of beg ch-4.

□ **Rnd 25:** Sl st in next 2 tr and in ch-1 sp, ch 7, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, ch 1, dc in same sp. *In next ch-1 sp work dc, ch 4, sl st in 3rd ch from hook, ch 1, dc in same sp. Rep from * around, join with sl st in 3rd st of beg ch-7. Fasten off. Work other sleeve in same way.

Finishing:

□ Stitch preshrunk twill tape to wrong side of both center back bodice plackets. Sew on fasteners. Sew center back seam of skirt by hand with double strand of matching sewing thread, carefully matching pattern and leaving a 6-in. opening at top. Wash dress and starch lightly; steam press. Run ribbon through beading rnd at lower edge of each sleeve, making rem ribbon into bow for front bodice. Make fabric slip according to pattern instructions, adjusting to length appropriate for dress. 