

Christening Gown

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MATERIALS: Red Heart® Pompadour yarn by Coats & Clark or baby yarn—12 ozs. White No. 1; 17" x 35" piece satin fabric; 5½ yds. white ¼" ribbon; 4 white ½" buttons; white sewing thread; sewing needle; E and F hooks or hooks needed to obtain gauges.

FINISHED SIZE: 0 to 3 mos.

GAUGES: E hook, 11 dc = 2"; 5 dc rows = 2". F hook, 9 dc = 2"; 1 shell = 1"; 2 shell rows = 1".

GOWN

Row 1: Starting at yoke, with F hook, ch 46, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each of next 3 ch, 4 ch, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch, *dc in next 10 ch, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch; repeat from * 2 more times, dc in last 5 ch (48 dc, 4 ch sps).

Rows 2-6: Ch 3, *dc in each st across to next ch sp, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch sp; repeat from * 3 more times, dc in each st across, turn. At end of last row (88).

Row 7: Ch 3, (dc in each st across to next ch sp, 2 dc in next ch sp) 4 times, dc in each st across, turn (96).

Rnd 8: Working in rnds, ch 3, dc in next 11 sts; (for underarm, ch 8, skip next 24 sts); dc in next 24 sts; repeat between (), dc in last 12 sts, join with sl st in top of ch 3 (48 dc, 16 ch).

Rnd 9: Ch 3, dc in each st and in each ch around, join as before (64).

Rnd 10: Ch 3, skip next 2 sts; for shell, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st; skip next st; repeat from * around to last st, dc in last st, join (30 shells).

Rnd 11: Ch 3, shell in ch sp of each shell across to last st, dc in last st, join.

Rnd 12: Ch 3, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in each shell around to last st, dc in last st, join.

Rnds 13-38: Ch 3, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in each ch-2 sp around to last st, dc in last st, join.

Rnd 39: Ch 3, 7 dc in each ch-2 sp

around to last st, dc in last st, join. Fasten off.

Sleeves

Rnd 1: Working around armhole, with F hook, join with sc in 5th ch at underarm, evenly space 34 more sc around armhole, join with sl st in first sc (35 sc).

Rnd 2: Ch 3, (skip next st, shell in next st) 16 times, skip next st, dc in last st, join with sl st in top of ch 3 (16 shells).

Rnds 3-5: Repeat rnd 11 of Gown.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in first st, (sc in next shell, sc in sp between this shell and next shell) 15 times, sc in next shell, sc in last st, join with sl st in first sc (33 sc).

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc first 2 sts tog, (sc in next 5 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) 4 times, sc in each of last 3 sts, join as before (28).

Rnd 8: Ch 3, dc in each st around, join.

Rnd 9: Ch 3, (skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st) 8 times, skip next st, 5 dc in next st, dc in last st, join. Fasten off.

Repeat on other armhole.

Neck Trim

Row 1: With F hook, working in ends of rows and in sts, join with sc in row 7 on left back opening, sc in same row, 2 sc in each of next 6 rows; working on opposite side of starting ch, 3 sc in next ch, sc in each ch across with 3 sc in last ch, 2 sc in each of next 7 rows, **do not turn** (76 sc). Fasten off.

Row 2: Skip first 15 sts, join with sl st in next st, ch 3, 4 dc in same st, (skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st) 15 times, sc in last 15 sts, turn.

Row 3: For placket, ch 1, sc in first 16 sts leaving remaining sts unworked (16).

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first st; for buttonholes, ch 2, (skip next 2 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts) 3 times, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in last st, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each st and in each ch across. Fasten off.

Sew buttons to back opening opposite buttonholes.

Finishing

Cut piece ribbon 56" long. Weave through sts of rnd 9 on Gown, tie in bow in front.

Cut 2 pieces ribbon each 20" long. Weave 1 piece through rnd 8 on each Sleeve; tie in bow.

Cut piece ribbon 12" long. Weave through sts of row 1 on Gown, turn ends under, tack in place.

Cut piece ribbon 11" long. Tie in bow; tack to center front of Gown on row 1.

Fold fabric in half crosswise, allowing ½" for seam, sew ends tog. Hem ½" on each edge. Easing to fit, sew 1 hemmed edge to rnd 8 on wrong side of Gown.

BONNET

Rnd 1: With E hook, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring, ch 3, 11 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of ch 3 (12 dc).

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around, join as before (24).

Rnd 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next st, 2 dc in next st) around, join (36).

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st) around, join (48).

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in each of next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, (dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st) 8 times, dc in each of last 3 sts, join (57).

Rnd 6: Ch 3, (dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st) around, join (65).

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in each st around, join.

Row 8: Working in rows, ch 3, dc in next 53 sts leaving last 11 sts unworked, turn (54).

Rows 9-10: Or until desired size to fit over baby's ears; ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Brim

Row 1: Ch 3, dc in next st, (skip next 2 sts, shell in next st) 16 times, skip next 2 sts, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn (16 shells, 4 dc).

Rows 2-3: Ch 3, dc in next st, shell in each shell across to last 2 sts, dc in each of last 2 sts, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in next st, 5 dc in each shell across to last 2 sts, dc in each of last 2 sts. Fasten off.

Cut 2 pieces ribbon each 18" long. Sew 1 piece to each end of row 10.

BOOTIE (make 2)

Rnd 1: With E hook, ch 16, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 11 ch, 5 dc in last ch; working on opposite side of ch, dc in next 11 ch, 3 dc in last ch, join with sl st in top of ch 3 (32 dc).

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in each of next 5 sts, dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in each of last 3 sts, join as before (42).

Rnd 3: Working this rnd in back lps (see Stitch Guide), ch 3, dc in each st around, join.

Rnds 4-5: Ch 3, dc in each st around, join. At end of last rnd, fasten off.

Row 6: For toe, skip next 11 sts, join with sl st in next st, ch 3, (yo, insert hook in next st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through 2 lps on hook) 19 times, yo, pull through all 20 lps on hook, ch 1. Fasten off.

Rnd 7: Join with sl st in first st on rnd 5, ch 4, skip next st, dc in next st, (ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st) 4 times; evenly spacing sts across toe, (ch 1, dc in end of toe) 4 times; ch 1, dc in next st, (ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st) 5 times, ch 1, join with sl st in 3rd ch of ch 4 (16 dc, 16 ch sps).

Rnd 8: (Sl st, ch 3, dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch sp, skip next ch sp, (shell in next ch sp, skip next ch sp) around, join with sl st in top of ch 3.

Rnd 9: Sl st in next st, (sl st, ch 3, dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch sp, shell in each shell around, join as before. Fasten off.

Cut remaining ribbon in half. Weave 1 piece through rnd 7 on each Bootie. □□

"A special friend wanted something original for their first baby, so I kept trying until I was able to create something that I liked!" writes Jeanne MacVila.

