



LITTLE KISSES PINAFORE

DRESS



Cover your baby in little kisses! This delightful little pinafore dress can be made in a range of sizes from birth to 2 years. It is perfect as a dress for warmer days or for layering over a blouse or t-shirt in winter. The textured ribbed skirt is soft and squishy. Worked from the neck down, the length is fully adjustable. Choose to wear with the buttons to the back or front (as shown).

Sizes

0-6 months

40.5cm (16") chest

33cm (13") centre back length

6-12 months

46cm (18") chest

35.5 cm (14") centre back length

12 - 18 months

51cm (20") chest

38cm (15") centre back length

18 - 24 months

56cm (22") chest

40.5cm (16") centre back length

YOU WILL NEED: 250-450m DK (8ply) yarn (depending on size/style), 3.50mm hook, 1-3 buttons (sized to fit between pairs of trebles in the button band) and 1m of ribbon (optional) for waistband.

GAUGE: 12tr and 7 rows to 3" across the yoke. Skirt tension is less important as length is fully adjustable.

SPECIAL STITCHES/METHODS

This pattern is written in UK terms. The table below lists the US equivalents as applicable.

UK Abbreviation	UK Term	US Abbreviation	US Term
BLO	back loop(s) only		
ch	chain		
combo	combination		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
htr	half treble	hdc	half double crochet
ks	kiss stitch		
rep	repeat		
rnd	round		
RS	right side		
sp(s)	space(s)		
ss	slip stitch	sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)		
tr	treble	dc	double crochet

Kiss stitch (sometimes called cross stitch): miss next st, 1htr into next st, 1htr into previously missed st; working in front of previous htr.

Note about turning chain in ribbed pattern: a turning chain is not necessary for the ribbed pattern on the skirt. You may, however, prefer to add 1ch before turning. If you choose to do this, pull it quite tightly before working the first dc of the next row so that you don't get loose stitches along the edge.

Instructions are for 0-6 months with other sizes in brackets, (6-12, 12-18, 18-24) months as appropriate.

PATTERN

Yoke

Commence with 50 (66, 82, 82) ch.

Row 1: 1tr into 4th ch from hook, 1tr into each ch to end. 48 (64, 80, 80) sts, turn.

Row 2: (1dc, 2ch) into first st; this dc-ch combo counts as 1tr throughout, 1tr into each of next 6 (8, 10, 10) sts, *(2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into next st, 1tr into each of next 10 (14, 18, 18) sts, rep from * 3 times, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into next st, 1tr into each of next 7 (9, 11, 11) sts. 68 (84, 100, 100) sts, turn.

In the rows that follow, the (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) group will be worked into the ch-2 space of the previous row, creating eyelets that run from neckline to body.

Row 3: (1dc, 2ch) into first st, 1tr into each of next 8 (10, 12, 12) sts, *(2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 14 (18, 22, 22) sts, rep from * 3 times, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 9 (11, 13, 13) sts. 84 (100, 116, 116) sts; counting chains as stitches, turn.

Row 4: (1dc, 2ch) into first st, 1tr into each of next 10 (12, 14, 14) sts, *(2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 18 (22, 26, 26) sts, rep from * 3 times, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 11 (13, 15, 15) sts. 100 (116, 132, 132) sts, turn.

Row 5: (1dc, 2ch) into first st, 1tr into each of next 12 (14, 16, 16) sts, *(2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 22 (26, 30, 30) sts, rep from * 3 times, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 13 (15, 17, 17) sts. 116 (132, 148, 148) sts, turn.

Row 6: **Applies to 56cm chest only:** (1dc, 2ch) into first st, 1tr into each of next 18sts, *(2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 34 sts, rep from * 3 times, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 19sts. 164sts, turn.

Proceed to Body

Body

In the rounds that follow, the button bands i.e. the three outermost stitches of each row, at the open end of the yoke, will be overlapped. You will work through both layers as if they were one.

The upper band (the one on the hook) will be laid over the lower band so that the three end stitches on the top button band cover the three end stitches on the bottom button band.

The bands are joined together in two stages. At the end of Rnd 1, the last stitch of the upper band is joined to the third stitch of the lower button band. Finally, at the end of Rnd 2, the remaining pairs of overlapped stitches will be joined.

Rnd 1: (1dc, 2ch) into first st, 1tr into each of next 14 (**16**, 18, **20**) sts, *(2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 26 (**30**, 34, **38**) sts, rep from * 3 times, (2tr, 2ch, 2tr) into ch-2 sp, 1tr into each of next 15 (**17**, 19, **21**) sts, insert hook into current tr just below the top and ss to the 3rd treble of the lower band. 129 (**145**, 161, **177**) sts.

As per the earlier note, the button band is now partially joined. The join will be completed in Rnd 2.

Rnd 2: Continuing from yoke without turning, ch3; counts as 1tr, 1tr into each of next 14 (**16**, 18, **20**) tr, 2tr into ch-2 sp, miss trebles between and work 2tr into next ch-2 sp; sleeve opening made, 1tr into each of next 30 (**34**, 38, **42**) sts, 2tr into ch-2 sp, miss trebles between and work 2tr into next ch-2 sp; sleeve opening made, 1tr into each of next 14 (**16**, 18, **20**) sts, working through both layers 1tr into each of last 2sts, ss to 2nd of 2ch to join. 69 (**77**, 85, **93**) sts.

The button bands are now overlapped and joined, completely. You will work one further round before proceeding to the Skirt.

Rnd 3: (1dc, 2ch) into first st, 1tr into each st around, ss to 2nd of 2ch to join. 69 (**77**, 85, **93**) sts.

Proceed to Skirt.

Skirt (worked sideways)

Measuring from the shoulder down, work an **odd** number of chain until the total length from the shoulder to final chain is 33 (**35.5**, 38, **40.5**) cm. Work more or less chain if you wish to adjust the finished length, remembering to keep an odd number.

Row 1: 1dc into 3rd ch from hook; picot made, 1ks into each pair of chain along until you reach the body, ss into the next 2sts along the bottom edge of the body, turn.

Count the number of ks worked in Row 1. The number of ks per row should remain constant throughout the skirt to keep the length even. The number of htr in Row 2 will be double the number of ks.

See note about turning chain in the special stitches/methods section.

Row 2: Miss the 2ss, **working in BLO** 1htr into each st to end, 3ch, turn.

Row 3: 1dc into 3rd ch from hook; picot made, **working in BLO** 1ks into each pair of sts back to the body, ss into the next 2sts along the bottom edge of the body, turn.

Rep Rows 2 and 3 around the bottom of the Body, ending with Row 2.

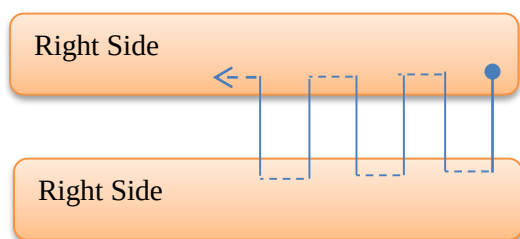
When two sides meet, fasten off leaving a long tail to join back seam. Join seam, fasten off and neaten ends.

See next page for information on joining the seam.

DRAFT

When joining pick up the back or front loops, as appropriate, to retain the ribbed appearance.

A ladder stitch will produce a nice neat seam with fewest stitches showing, as illustrated below.



Starting at the solid blue dot, bring the needle and thread over to the other side. Move the needle under the fabric (shown as a broken line) and back out. Take the yarn back to the original side, under the fabric, as shown, and back out. Repeat to the end of the seam.

Proceed to finishing.

Finishing

Securely stitch a button near the top of the lower button band, evenly space further buttons down the button band as required.

Edge the arm openings, if desired, with picot as follows:

Picot trim: With RS facing join the yarn at the underarm, *3ch, 1dc into 3rd ch from hook, miss 2sts, 1dc into next st, rep from * around, ss to base of 3ch to join, fasten off and neaten ends.

Thread ribbon through Rnd 3 of the body and add embellishments, if desired.