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DESIGNS
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SUMMER KISSES BABY DRESS



This pattern is for the Summer Kisses dress. It is worked top down without seams so is a really quick project to work. The short sleeves are ideal for summer but it could just as easily be worn over a long sleeved top or babygrow in cooler weather. The finished dress can be left plain or trimmed with lace, ribbon, etc. An optional frill is provided.

Sizes:	0-6	6-12	12-18 months
	16"	18"	20"
	40.5cm	45.5cm	51cm chest
	10"	12"	14"
	25.5cm	30.5cm	35.5cm length

Lengths given are for short dress.
Length is measured at centre back

Materials:	330m	420m	555m DK (8-ply)
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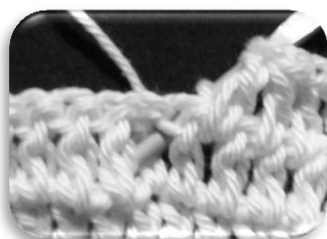
Colour changes are optional
Quantities quoted are for given lengths
3 buttons

Tools:	3.50mm (E) hook
Gauge:	12tr and 8 rows to 3" (7.5cm)

Instructions are written using UK abbreviations. Please see list below for US equivalents.

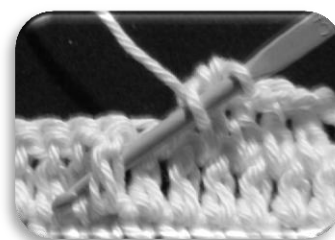
Abbreviation	Term	US Term (where different)	US Abbreviation
bptr	back post treble	back post double crochet	bpdc
ch	chain		
dc	double crochet	single crochet	sc
fp2tog	front post 2 together		
fptr	front post treble	front post double crochet	fpdc
kiss stitch	ks		
miss	miss	skip	sk
rep	repeat		
rnd	round		
RS	right side		
sp(s)	space(s)		
ss	slip stitch	slip	sl st
st(s)	stitch(s)		
tog	together		
tr	treble crochet	double crochet	dc
WS	wrong side		
yrh	yarn round hook	yarn over	yo

Special Stitches/Methods:



bptr: work the treble as usual but insert the hook from back to front **around the stem** of the stitch (right to left) instead of into the top of the stitch.

fptr: work the treble as usual but insert the hook from front to back **around the stem** of the stitch (right to left) instead of into the top of the stitch.



Working trebles in spaces (sps): Work the treble as usual but insert the hook **between the stitches** instead of into the top of the stitch. You should also include spaces immediately before and after any post stitches or between kiss stitches as applicable.

fp2tog: (used within pattern to form sleeve) yrh, insert hook around stem of first stitch, (miss a given number of stitches), insert hook around stem of second stitch, complete fptr normally around **both** stems.

kiss stitch (ks): (worked over two sps and counts as 2sts) miss next sp, make 1tr into sp that immediately follows, finish with 1tr into missed sp.

Instructions given are for 0-6 month size, with larger sizes in brackets where applicable.

Dress Bodice

Commence with 47 (55, 63) ch.

Row 1: (RS) 1tr into 4th ch from hook, 1tr into each ch to end, turn (45, 53, 61sts).

In the rows that follow, take special care to note whether trebles are worked in stitches or spaces (see special stitches/methods)

Row 2: (WS) 3ch (always counts as 1tr), 1tr into next tr, *1bptr around stem of next tr, 1tr into each of next 5 (6, 7) sps (always begin in the sp that immediately follows the post st), rep from * to last 3tr, 1bptr around stem of next tr, 1tr into each of next 2sts, turn - 53 (61, 69) sts.

Row 3: 3ch, 1tr into next tr, *1fprr around stem of next st, 1tr into each of next 6 (7, 8) sps, rep from * to last 3tr, 1fprr around stem of next st, 1tr into each of next 2sts, turn - 61 (69, 77) sts.

Row 4: 3ch, 1tr into next tr, *1bptr around stem of next st, 1tr into each of next 7 (8, 9) sps, rep from * to last 3tr, 1bptr around stem of next st, 1tr into each of next 2sts, turn - 69 (77, 85) sts.

Row 5: 3ch, 1tr into next tr, *1fprr around stem of next st, 1tr into each of next 8 (9, 10) sps, rep from * to last 3tr, 1fprr around stem of next st, 1tr into each of next 2sts, turn - 77 (85, 93) sts.

You now have a curved piece with 8 sections, each separated by post stitches. At either end of the piece are 2tr which will later form the button bands.

Continue increasing, in this manner, keeping the post stitches lined up until you have 15 (17, 19) sts per section - 133 (149, 165) sts.

Proceed to appropriate skirt.

Skirt A (0-6 months):

If necessary, re-join the yarn with the RS of the work facing towards you. In the first row, you will create the sleeves, introduce a fptr to the centre of each of the remaining sections (to create a faux pleat) and overlap & join the button bands. The joining of the button bands will be completed in rnd 1.

Row 1: (RS)3ch, 1tr into next tr, (1fptr around stem of next st, 4ks over next 8sps) twice, *yrh, insert hook around stem of next st, miss 31sts, insert hook around stem of next st and fp2tog (sleeve formed and tucked inside)**; (4ks over next 8sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 3 times, 4ks over next 8sps, rep * to **, (4ks over next 8sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) twice, 1tr into each of next 2sts, bring ends together overlapping the button bands at each end of the row, ss to top of 1tr to join (77sts or 75sts counting overlapped stitches only once).

From this point forward, you will be working in rounds. The sleeves are currently tucked inside the body of the dress to be pulled to the outside later. Keep front post trebles lined up throughout skirt.

Rnd 1: 3ch (always counts as 1tr), 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 9sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, (working through 1tr of top layer and 3rd of 3ch on bottom layer) 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (83sts).

Rnd 2: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (5ks over next 10 sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (91sts).

Rnd 3: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 11sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (99sts).

Rnd 4: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (6ks over next 12sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (108sts).

Rnd 5: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 13sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (116sts).

Rnd 6: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (7ks over next 14sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (124sts).

Rnd 7: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 15sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (132sts).

Skirt increases are formed by working kiss stitches on each even numbered round and tr on each odd numbered round. Continue, working in this way, until desired length (stopping 1" (2.5cm) short if adding skirt frill). Fasten off and neaten ends. Proceed to dress trims.



Front



Back

Skirt B (6-12 months):

If necessary, re-join the yarn with the RS of the work facing towards you. In the first row, you will create the sleeves, introduce a fptr to the centre of each of the remaining sections (to create a faux pleat) and overlap & join the button bands. The joining of the button bands will be completed in rnd 1.

Row 1: (RS)3ch, 1tr into next tr, (1fptr around stem of next st, 1tr into next 9sps) twice, *yrh, insert hook around stem of next st, miss 35sts, insert hook around stem of next st and fp2tog (sleeve formed and tucked inside)** (1tr into each of next 9sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) three times, 1 tr into each of next 9sps, rep * to **, (1tr into next 9sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) twice, 1tr into each of next 2sts, bring ends together overlapping the button bands at each end of the row, ss to top of 1tr to join (85sts or 83sts counting overlapped stitches only once).

From this point forward, you will be working in rounds. The sleeves are currently tucked inside the body of the dress to be pulled to the outside later. Keep front post trebles lined up throughout skirt.

- Rnd 1: 3ch (always counts as 1tr), 1fptr around stem of next st, (5ks over next 10sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, (working through 1tr of top layer and 3rd of 3ch on bottom layer) 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (91sts).
- Rnd 2: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 11sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (99sts).
- Rnd 3: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (6ks over next 12sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (107sts).
- Rnd 4: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 13sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (115sts).
- Rnd 5: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (7ks over next 14sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (123sts).
- Rnd 6: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 15sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (131sts).
- Rnd 7: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (8ks over next 16sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (139sts).

Skirt increases are formed by working kiss stitches on each odd numbered round and tr on each even numbered round. Continue, working in this way, until desired length (stopping 1" (2.5cm) short if adding skirt frill). Fasten off and neaten ends. Proceed to dress trims.



Front



Back

Skirt C (12-18 months):

If necessary, re-join the yarn with the RS of the work facing towards you. In the first row, you will create the sleeves, introduce a fptr to the centre of each of the remaining sections (to create a faux pleat) and overlap & join the button bands. The joining of the button bands will be completed in rnd 1.

Row 1: (RS)3ch, 1tr into next tr, (1fptr around stem of next st, 5ks over next 10sps) twice, *yrh, insert hook around stem of next st, miss 39sts, insert hook around stem of next st and fp2tog (sleeve formed and tucked inside)**; (5ks over next 10sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 3 times, 5ks over next 10sps, rep * to **, (5ks over next 10sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) twice, 1tr into each of next 2sts, bring ends together overlapping the button bands at each end of the row, ss to top of 1tr to join (93sts or 91sts counting overlapped stitches only once).

From this point forward, you will be working in rounds. The sleeves are currently tucked inside the body of the dress to be pulled to the outside later. Keep front post trebles lined up throughout skirt.

Rnd 1: 3ch (always counts as 1tr), 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 11sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, (working through 1tr of top layer and 3rd of 3ch on bottom layer) 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (99sts).

Rnd 2: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (6ks over next 12sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (107sts).

Rnd 3: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 13sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (115sts).

Rnd 4: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (7ks over next 14sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (123sts).

Rnd 5: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 15sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (131sts).

Rnd 6: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (8ks over next 16sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (139sts).

Rnd 7: 3ch, 1fptr around stem of next st, (1tr into each of next 17sps, 1fptr around stem of next st) 8 times, 1tr into next st, ss to 3rd of 3ch (147sts).

Skirt increases are formed by working kiss stitches on each even numbered round and tr on each odd numbered round. Continue, working in this way, until desired length (stopping 1" (2.5cm) short if adding skirt frill). Fasten off and neaten ends. Proceed to dress trims.



Front



Back

Dress Trims

Buttons (all sizes):

Buttons should be sized to fit snugly through spaces in trebles on centre back panel. Three buttons should be securely sewn, evenly spaced, on lower flap. Optional: continue attaching buttons (at same spacing) down remainder of the centre back panel for decoration.

Optional - Skirt Frill (all sizes):

Join yarn into first sp following centre panel.

- Rnd 1: 1dc into same sp, *3ch, miss 1sp, 1tr into next sp, 3ch, miss 1sp, 1dc into next sp, rep from * ending with a ss into first dc. Depending on number of sts in last round, you may find border does not fit exactly. If necessary 3ch after last repeat before final ss.
- Rnd 2: *3ch, 1tr into next ch-3 sp, 3ch, 1dc into next st, 3ch, 1tr into next ch-3 sp, rep from * ending with a ss into first dc. If the additional 3ch was worked in rnd 1, (3ch, 1tr into ch-3 sp, 3ch) before final ss.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Optional - Sleeve Frill (all sizes):

Right sleeve: Join yarn to first space at back inner sleeve edge.

- Rnd 1: 1dc into same sp, *3ch, miss 1sp, 1tr into next sp, 3ch, miss 1sp, 1dc into next sp, rep from * ending with a ss into first dc. Depending on number of sts in last round, you may find border does not fit exactly. If necessary 3ch after last repeat before final ss.
- Rnd 2: *3ch, 1tr into next ch-3 sp, 3ch, 1dc into next st, rep from * ending with a ss into top of 3ch. If the additional 3ch was worked in rnd 1, (3ch, 1tr into ch-3 sp, 3ch) before final ss.

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Repeat for left sleeve, joining yarn to first space at front inner sleeve edge.