

Little princess' dress (1-2.5 years)





Materials

Pure cotton (50g = 125m) 200g of white and 50g of pink color, crochet needle № 3,5; small amounts of a thinner yarn (50g = 300-400m) of pink and olive green color for the rosettes.

The dress is worked in rounds from top to bottom as a single piece.

Top

Ch. 80, marking the 14th, 27th, 54th, and 67th st (this will be the corners for increases in the next rows). The first 13 rows are not joined into rounds to form the opening at the back.

1st row: ch 3, 1 dc into the 4th st from the hook, 1 dc into each st till the mark, 3 dc

together into the marked st. (move the mark into the 2nd of those 3 dc !) till the end (= 88 st.). Turn.

The next 11 rows are worked in the same way (= 176 st.)

13th row: 1 sc in each of the next 26 st., ch 20 (for the arm hole), skip 36 st., 1 sc in each of the next 52 st., ch 20, skip 36 st., 1 sc in each of the next 26 st., sl st into the first st to join the work into a round (= 144 st.).

Skirt

To see how to make front-to-post (FP) crochet, see the video tutorial at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yIu4HfUpvsY>. Unlike in the video, we need a FP treble dc (3 times yarn over!)

Explanations to the charts: dc and tr dc above the chains are worked into the chain and not into single stitches!

Note: The first *FP tr dc* in each round is replaced by the following : ch1, 1 FP sc, ch 3.

1st round: work according to Chart I starting with the 1st st of the pattern (the length of the pattern = 9 st, i.e., you should have the total of 16 patterns).

2nd to 6th rounds: according to Chart I placing the pattern exactly above each other.

7th round (increasing): ch 4 after the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th and 15th pattern (see row 7 of the chart).

8th round: work a pattern into each of the added ch-4 spaces (see row 8 of the chart). You should now have the total of 24 patterns.

Rounds 9 to 20: according to the row 2 of the chart.

Rounds 21 and 22: the edging in pink color, see Chart II.

Ruffle between the top and the skirt

The 1st row is worked between the 13th row of the upper part and the 1st row of the skirt by



stitching into the front loops of the stitches of the 13th row (= 176 st). With pink color, work according to Chart III (start the row in the middle of the back placing the center of the shell into the center of the back for symmetry).

Neck line

With pink color, work 1 sl st into each st of the neck opening; turn.

2nd row: * 1 sc, ch 3, skip 1 st, * repeat from * to * until the end of the row.

Rosettes

8 pcs. of medium size for the skirt, 2 small and 1 large one for the top (medium and large size are specified in parentheses).

Chain 17 (35, 53).

1st row: 1 dc into the 5th st from the hook, * ch 1, skip 1 st, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) into the next st *, repeat from * to * until end of the row, turn.

2nd row: ch 3, 5 dc into the 1st ch-1 space, * 1 sc into the next ch-1 space, 6 dc into the next ch-1 space *, repeat from * to * until the end of the row (= 6 (16, 25) petals).



Roll the stripe tightly into a rosette and sew together with a few stitches at the bottom.

Leaves

8 pcs. of medium size (= 5 leaves) for the skirt, 2 small (= 3 leaves) and 1 large (= 6 leaves) for the top (medium and large size are specified in parentheses).

Chart IV shows the leaf pattern for each size.

1st row: ch 9 (15, 18) and join into a ring with a sl st.

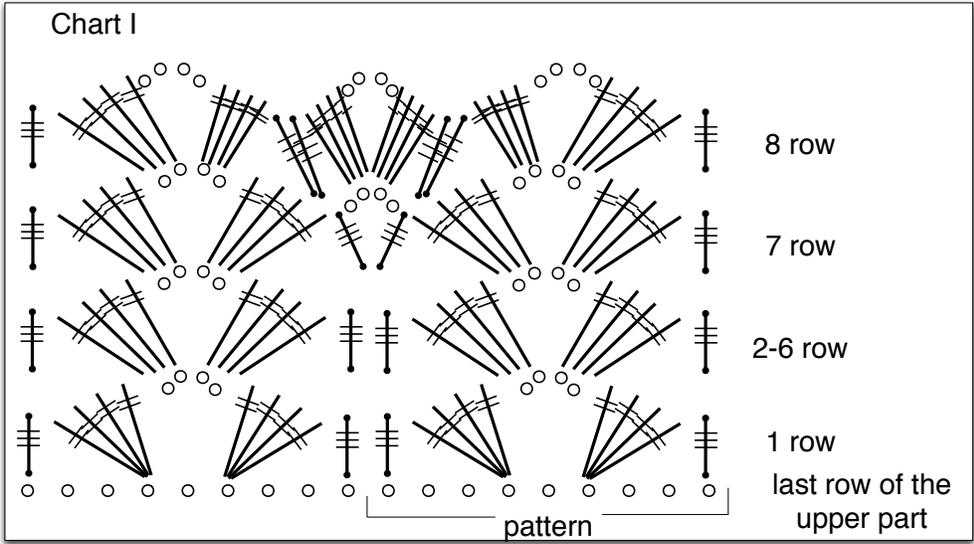
2nd row: (1 sc, ch 1) into each st (= 18 (30, 36) sts).

3rd and 4th row: according to the chart (= 3 (5, 6) leaves).

Attach the rosettes to the leaves and then to the dress (see photo).

Cord

Ch 180 and work a row of sl st. Pull the cord along the opening at the back of the top (see photo).



○	ch st
●	sl st
⌈	FP tr dc
⌋	tr dc
+	dc
+	hdc
	sc

