

Crocheted Ensemble

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The directions are for a sixteen-year size. The model used thirteen balls of blue crochet- and-knitting cotton for jacket and skirt and one ball for hat, with steel crochet hook, No. 2. Four balls of cream were used for blouse, with steel crochet hook, No. 4. Four wooden button molds are required for the jacket, nine medium-sized pearl buttons for the blouse and a fancy hat ornament.

The measure of the stitch used for jacket and skirt is ten patterns to three inches, and fifteen rows to three inches.

JACKET — Make a chain of 109 stitches for the back.

1. One d c in 2d st from hook, 1 tr in same st, * miss 1 st, 1 d c and 1 tr in next st; repeat from *; end with 1 extra tr in last st (54 patterns), ch 1, turn.
2. * One d c in tr on row below, 1 tr in same st; repeat from * in every tr; end with 1 extra tr in top of turning ch on row below, ch 1, turn.

Repeat 2d row throughout.

* Work 8 rows. Decrease 1 pattern each side on the next 2 rows as follows: Ch 1 to turn, on beginning row make only 1 d c in 1st pattern, work to last pattern, omit the tr, end with 1 d c in last pattern, 1 tr over turning ch. Ch 1, turn, miss the 1st d c, work across, and end with 1 tr, making 1 pattern less each side. Repeat from * twice (48 patterns on a row and 6 inches from beginning of work).

Work even for 6 rows. Then increase 1 st each side on the next 2 rows as follows: 1 d c in every 1st st, then pattern as usual; end with 1 tr in last d c and also in turning ch, ch 1, turn; 1 d c, 1 tr in the extra tr of last row; end with 1 extra pattern and 1 tr in last st.

* Work 4 rows even, then increase each side on the

5th and 6th rows. Repeat from * 3 times (58 patterns). Work until 13 ½ inches from beginning. Sl st over 1st 3 patterns for underarm; work to within 3 patterns of the end, ch 1, turn. Decrease 1 st each side every row 6 times, work 46 patterns until 6 ½ inches from underarm and break off.

To shape the shoulder: Attach cotton in 1st st of 3d pattern with a sl st, 1 d c in next st, work pattern to within 3 patterns of end, then 1 d c, fasten off with a sl st, turn. Miss last 2 patterns of last row and repeat from beginning, thus leaving off 3 patterns each end of every row 5 times, making 15 patterns for each shoulder and 16 patterns remaining for back of neck. For the front: Make a ch of 67 st for lower edge of left side. Work 33 patterns across for 5 ½ inches. On beginning of next row decrease 1 st for underarm side, and also 1 st on end of the following row. Work 32 patterns for 6 rows. Increase 1 st at side seam and decrease 1 st at opposite end for front edge, and repeat on next row. Repeat the 2 decreases at front edge on every 4th and 5th row and the increases at underarm side every 5th and 6th row. Work thus until 5 patterns have been added at underarm side. Continue to decrease at front as before and keep underarm side even until there are the same number of rows to armhole as on back. Then leave off 4 patterns for the underarm; decrease 1 st at armhole every row 8 times, shaping front as before until there are 18 patterns on a row. * On the next row omit the tr in center pattern and on the following row miss the d c, making 1 pattern less. Work 4 rows even. Repeat from * twice (7 ½ inches from underarm). Fasten off.

Work the right side the same as left side, making 4 buttonholes as follows: On beginning 3d row work 1 pattern at front edge, ch 6, miss 3 patterns, work to end of row. Next row work 3 patterns over the chain. Work 9 rows between each of the buttonholes. Finish to correspond to the left side.

For the sleeves: Make a ch of 47 st for the cuff end. Work 23 patterns. Increase 1 st each side on every 7th and 8th row 9 times. Work 2 rows even; repeat the increases on the next 2 rows. Work 45 patterns until 17 ½ inches or desired length.

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Then leave off 3 patterns each side. Then decrease 1 st each side every row until 13 patterns remain, beginning last row with 1 s c, 1 d c, and ending row to correspond.

Sew seams. Sew sleeves to armholes with seams matching and center top of sleeve at center top of armhole.

Work a row of d c around all edges, and end of sleeves, holding in the front edge to keep rows in an even line.

For the sleeve buttons: With a double strand of cotton ch 2 st, work 4 d c in 2d st from hook; then 2 d c in each of the 4 st; then 1 d c in each of 8 st. With single strand insert hook and draw a loop through each of the 1st 4 st, wrap, take off all the loops; repeat in the next 4 st; fasten off.

To cover button molds: With single strand ch 2 st, 4 d c in 2d st from hook, 2 d c in each of 4 st. Then work around with 1 d c in 1 st, 2 d c in next, until large enough to cover button, work a round missing every 2d st; insert button, draw up and fasten off on wrong side.

SKIRT — Make a chain of 165 stitches for lower edge of front. Working in the pattern stitch used for jacket make 82 patterns for 20 rows. * Decrease 1 st each side on next 2 rows. Work 10 rows without decreasing. Repeat from * until there are 8 decreases each side and work is 23 inches from beginning. Decrease 1 st each side on the next 2 rows; repeat decreases on every 3d and 4th row until there are 50 patterns, then fasten off, or work until front is desired length. Make a second piece to correspond for the back. Sew seams, matching the rows and holding in the edges to prevent stretching. Work a row of d c around the lower edge.

For elastic casing: Make a row of d c across top of skirt, turn. With wrong side toward you, ch 5, s c in 2d pattern to the left on 2d row below, * ch 5, s c in 4th st from last st at top of skirt, ch 5, s c in 4th pattern from last st on row below; repeat from * and join to beginning of round.

BLOUSE — The measure of the stitch used is two patterns to two inches and seven rows to two inches.

Using No. 4 hook and cream cotton make a chain of 93 stitches for back.

1. One tr in 6th st from hook, 4 tr in same st, * ch 2, miss 2, 1 d c in next st, ch 2, miss 2, 5 tr in next st; repeat from *; end with ch 2, miss 2, 1 d c in last st (15 patterns). Ch 3, turn.

2. * One tr in top of 1st tr of group, ch 2, 2 tr with 2 ch between in top of center tr, ch 2, 1 tr in last tr of group, miss the two chains and d c of preceding row, and repeat from *; end with 1 tr in top of turning ch on last row. Ch 3, turn.

3. * Five tr over center 2 ch of last row, ch 2, 1 d c in space between patterns on preceding row (in space over the d c of 1st row), ch 2; repeat from *; end with ch 2, 1 d c in top of turning ch, ch 3, turn.

Repeat 2d and 3d rows throughout.

Work 3 ¾ inches, ending with 3d pattern row. Increase 1 whole pattern each side on the next 6 rows as follows: Ch 5 to turn, and make 1 tr in every 1st st (an increase), continue pattern, ending row with an extra 2 ch and tr in last st. Ch 5 to turn, on beginning 3d pattern row, d c in extra ch on last row, ch 2, and continue pattern, ending with ch 2, 1 tr in turning ch. Ch 5 to turn, and work 2d pattern row as before. Then ch 3, 2 tr over 1st ch, ch 2, 1 d c over 1st space, and continue pattern, ending row with ch 2 and 3 tr in last space. Ch 5, 1 tr in every 1st tr, ch 2, 1 tr over 3d tr; repeat from * of 2d pattern row, ending with 1 tr in 3d st from end, ch 2, 2 tr with 2 ch between in last st. Ch 3, 4 tr over 1st ch, ch 2, 1 d c over space, continue across, ending with 5 tr in last ch. Ch 5, 2 tr with 2 ch between in center tr, ch 2, 1 tr in last tr of group; end row with 1 tr in top of turning ch.

Then work 17 patterns even until 12 inches from beginning, ending at underarm with 3d pattern row. Sl st over 1st tr group, ch 3, continue 2d pattern row to within 1 pattern of end of row, ch 3, 1 d c in top of 1st tr on last pattern. Turn, sl st over 1st pattern, ch 3, continue to within a pattern of beginning of last row; ch 3, 1 d c in 1st tr of last pattern. With 13 patterns in a row continue as before until 6 inches above underarm.

To shape shoulder: Sl st over 1st pattern, ch 2, work to within a pattern of end of row, ch 2, sl st in 1st st of last pattern, turn. Repeat until 4 patterns have been left off each side for shoulders, fasten off.

For the front: Make a ch of 99 st, and work 16 patterns as for the back for 3 ¾ inches, ending with 3d pattern row. Increase on beginning of row as for back, work 8 patterns to center, add a separate ch of 7 st to the last st of 8th pattern on row below and continue 9th pattern across this ch, turn, work back. Keep front edge even and increase at side until there are 10 patterns on a row. Work even until 12 inches from beginning. Shape armhole as for back. Work even until 15 rows (4 ¼ inches) from underarm. Work to within 3 patterns of front edge, turn, sl st over ½ pattern, work to end of row. On next row work to within ½ pattern of neck edge, turn. Work 4 patterns until 6 ¾ inches from underarm; fasten off.

For the right side: Beginning at center front work across 8 patterns and increase at end. Keep front edge even, omitting lap and increase at side. Finish to correspond to left side.

For sleeves: Make a ch of 67 st for lower edge. Work 11 patterns for 2 rows. Then increase as on sides of blouse until there is 1 extra pattern each side. Work even 2 rows. On next 2d pattern row, leave off 1 tr group each end. Then decrease 1 st at end of rows, and 2 st at beginning of rows by ending with 3 ch, sl st 1, missing the st to decrease. Turn, d

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c over last 3 ch, and decrease 2 by missing. Work thus carrying out the pattern for 16 rows, and 5 patterns remain in center with a half pattern each end. Fasten off.

Sew seams, leaving 3 ½ inches of band open on left side. Sew sleeves to armhole, with seams matching and center top of sleeve at center of armhole.

For the finishing edge: Attach cotton at opening on right side, d c up right front edge, working 2 d c over end of each row, 3 d c at top corner. Continue around neck and down leftside, fasten off.

Attach at top of right front edge, make 1 row of d c. In the next row make the buttonholes as follows: 5 d c, * ch 4, miss 4 d c of row below, 6 d c; repeat from * making 9th hole about 2 or 3 d c from the top, ch 1, turn; make next row of d c with 1 d c in each ch st. Make 1 more row of d c to top and fasten off.

Attach in front edge of top of left side, work around neck edge as follows: ch 3, 2 tr with 2 ch between in 1st st, * miss 2 st, 2 tr with 2 ch between in next st; repeat from * around neck, miss 3 st at shoulder seams; continue down to end of right side, ch 1, turn.

Last row: * One d c over 1st ch on row below, 5 d tr over next ch; repeat from * around to left front edge; then d c down left side. Fasten off.

On sleeve end make 1 row of d c. Then work as for last 2 rows on front edge.

D c on both sides of opening at waistband. Sew snap fasteners.

HAT — The stitch measure is six double crochets to the inch, and seven rounds of double crochets to the inch.

Chain 3 and join to form a ring.

1. Six d c in ring.

2. Two d c in each st of previous round.

3. * One d c in 1st st, 2 d c in next st; repeat from * to end of round.

4. * One d c in each of 1st 2 st, 2 d c in next st; repeat from * to end of round (24 dc).

Continue to increase 6 times every round, equal distances apart, having 1 stitch more between increases each round. Work thus until 19 rounds or about 3 inches from the center. Work even for 4 rounds; fasten off.

For the band: Make a ch of 43 st. Work 21 patterns as used for skirt and jacket. Work 102 rows or stretch to desired head size. Join to foundation ch of 1st row with s c.

Hold top of hat with wrong side toward you, and join to edge of band as follows: * D c through back loop of st on last round of top and through edge of row on band, ch 1, miss 1 d c; repeat from * around, keeping both edges even. Make 1 row of d c around lower edge to prevent stretching.

To drape as illustrated, place on head, draw up top edge of band on each side to the center. Run ornament through the top of the band, not top of hat. Draw down front in three folds and tack in place, allowing back to stand up.