

HOT CAKES Child's Crochet Dress



Finished Measurements:

Chest: 23" (25, 27)

Length: 13" (15, 17)

Materials:

Hot Cakes: 1—200g cake, shown in color 4 Denim Mix

Gauge: 16 HDCs and 10 rows = 4"

Hook/Notions: Crochet Hook Size 8 H (5mm)

This sleeveless dress has ruffles at the shoulder edges and the bottom of the garment. The shoulders are worked first and are joined at the front and the back. The rest of the dress is worked from there down.

Directions are given for the smallest size with larger sizes in parentheses. If only 1 number is given, it applies to all sizes. Our sample is worked in the largest size.

SHOULDERS: (make 2) This is the same for all sizes.

CH 17. Insert hook into the 3rd CH from the hook and HDC to the end. Turn.

Row 1: CH 2 and HDC to the end. Turn

Repeat Row 1 - 5 times.

Ruffle:

Row 1: CH 2. 2 HDCs in each HDC. Turn.

Row 2: CH 2. *2 HDCs in next st, 1 HDC in the next st. Repeat from * to the end. Fasten off.

FRONT

Place the shoulders opposite each other with the ruffle at each end.

Beginning with the left shoulder inset the hook into the st just below the beginning of the ruffle and pull up a loop. CH 2 (counts as a HDC) Work 8 more HDCs across the bottom of the shoulder. CH 10, (12, 14) very loosely.

Work 9 HDCs into the bottom of the right shoulder. The last HDC will be just before the ruffle. Turn.

CH 2 and HDC across the row. This will be all the sts picked up at the bottom of the shoulder sections and the CH sts. joining the two. Turn. Continue working all of these sts in HDC and increasing 1 st at each end. (To increase, work 2 HDCs in the second and the next to last HDC). The neck should easily fit over the head but at this point, it might be wise to check before you continue.

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When you have 38, (42, 46) HDCs the yoke and armhole section are completed. Change to DCs with no more increases for 7", (8.5, 10) **Note an option for the length when you work the Back.** The next 2 rows make a ruffle. Work them as you did the ruffle ending the shoulder section.

BACK

This is worked as the front. Begin at the bottom of the right shoulder with CH 2 and 8 HDCs across the bottom of the shoulder, 10, (12, 14) CHs to the bottom of the left shoulder and 9 HDCs up to the ruffle. Continue as you did for the front.

Length Option: Our sample in the largest size and ended with plenty of yarn left. If you would like to make any size longer, work both the front and the back at the same time, using one strand from the outside of the ball and one from the inside of the ball. Make sure to save enough yarn to finish the neck and the armholes.

FINISHING

With any color, work one row of SC around the neck edge. Work one row of SC around each armhole snugging in the armhole if desired.

Sew side seams.

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