"ANNA" CROCHET DRESS

SKILL LEVEL: MEDIUM / INTERMEDIATE / US TERMS

US Size: 6 - 12 / UK, AUS, NZ Size: 8 - 14

Inspired by the feminine day dresses from the 1930's and 1940's, this dress which is on the easy side of intermediate skill level will be done in no time!

Apart from the small shoulder piece, this is crocheted vertically (yes up and down rather than the traditional side to side). Starting with the zipper at the back crocheted around to the middle front, then repeated from the other side of the zipper and sewn up the front to join. I've also written the pattern out step by step, and row by row with "Tick" boxes next to each row so you can literally TICK OFF each row as you go so you can easily keep track of your progress. (Two tick boxes are for 2 x sides of the dress).

Made using the most luxuriously soft and shiny Bamboo yarn, it not only feels amazing on, but is perfect for almost all weather conditions as the bamboo is light but warm, and yet highly breathable.

Made from – Go Handmade – Tencel Bamboo (Fine) yarn from my favourite yarn supplier "Hobbii" from Denmark (yes, they ship worldwide and all yarn is very reasonable prices). The yarn is a fingering / sock yarn. Keep in mind, that when I purchased the yarn and created the dress, the yarn colour may now not be available although they always have a beautiful array of colours to choose from.

Additional notes:

The waistband is approximately 5 ½ IN / 14cm thick

The waist circumference is approximately (has some stretch):

6 - 22-23IN / 56-59cm

8 – 26-27 IN / 66-68cm

10 – 29-30 IN / 73-76cm

12 – 32-33 IN / 81-84cm

The entire length is approximately:

6 - 35IN / 89cm

8 – 35 ¼ IN / 90cm

10 – 35 ¼ IN / 90cm

12 – 35 ½ IN / 91cm

Try and "SC" the waistband area quite loosely, this will give you good stretch when wearing it

I used the invisible seam stitch when sewing up the front (great tutorials on Youtube), but use which stitch you like

.**Note: the waist circumference is based on your top waist, just above the belly button area.**

Materials:

- sz6 -10, sz8 – 11, sz10 – 12, sz12 - 13 x 50g balls of Go Handmade – Tencel Bamboo "Fine" Yarn or yarn equivalent
- 3mm hook (for shoulder piece)
- 3.5mm hook (for rest of the dress)
- 1 x 18.11 inch / 46cm zipper (best when colour matches the colour yarn you are using)
- 1 x 0.39 inch / 10mm button

Tension gauge / square (4in x 4in / 10cm x 10cm):

3.5mm hook – 22 DC stitches across x 13 DC rows

COLOUR CODES FOR EACH DRESS SIZES

BLACK - ALL SIZES
RED - US SIZE 6
GREEN - US SIZE 8
PURPLE – US SIZE 10
YELLOW – US SIZE 12

Abbreviations:

SC – single crochet

DC – double crochet

CH – chain

SLST – slip stitch

SC2INC – single crochet 2 stitches in the same hole

SC5INC – single crochet 5 stitches in the same hole

SC2DEC – single crochet 2 stitches together to decrease

DC2INC – double crochet 2 stitches in the same hole

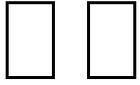DC2DEC – double crochet 2 stitches together to decrease

START OF PATTERN:

Shoulder piece x 2 (3mm Hook:)

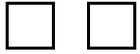|			
☐ ☐	1	CH13, SC10 from 2nd hole, SC5INC in next hole (pull and knot off last hole), keep going right round the other side, don't turn over (see photo #1), SC10, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	2	CH1, SC10 from 2nd hole, SC2INC x 3, SC11, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	3	CH1, SC11 from 2nd hole, SC2INC x 5, SC11, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	4	CH1, SC12 from 2nd hole, SC2INC x 2, SC3, SC2INC x 2, SC13, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	5	CH1, SC13 from 2nd hole, SC2INC x 3, SC3, SC2INC x 3, SC14, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	6	CH1, SC42 from 2nd hole, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	7	CH1, SC14 from 2nd hole, SC2INC x 4, SC5, SC2INC x 4, SC15, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	8	CH1, SC24 from 2nd hole, SC2INC, SC25, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	9	CH1, SC15 from 2nd hole, SC2INC x 2, SC1, SC2INC x 2, SC9, SC2INC x 2, SC1, SC2INC x 2, SC17, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	10	CH1, SC59 from 2nd hole, CH1, turn
☐ ☐	11	REPEAT ROW 10
☐ ☐	12	CH1, SC59 from 2nd hole. Knot off. Repeat for 2nd shoulder piece - continue then to zipper section (8-12 - CH1, turn)
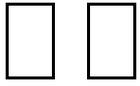
		13	CH1, SC20 from 2nd hole, SC2INC, SC14, SC2INC, SC23. Knot off. Repeat for 2nd shoulder piece - continue then to zipper section (10-12 - CH1, turn)
		14	CH1, SC23 from 2nd hole, SC2INC, SC3, SC2INC, SC10, SC2INC, SC3, SC2INC, SC22. Knot off. Repeat for 2nd shoulder piece - continue then to zipper section (12 - CH1, turn)
		15	CH1, SC20 from 2nd hole, SC2INC, SC8, SC2INC, SC5, SC2INC, SC8, SC2INC, SC24. Knot off. Repeat for 2nd should piece - continue then to zipper section

PHOTO #1 Continue around
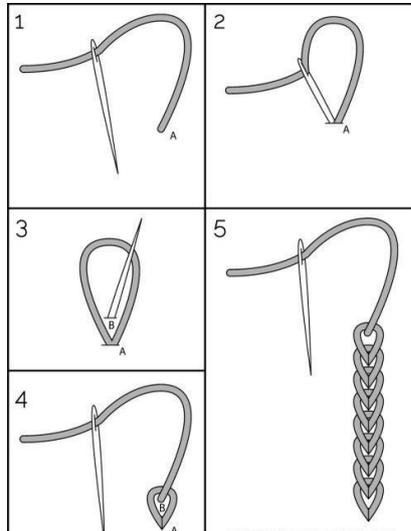
The other side, don't turn

PHOTO #2 Loop Stitch

PHOTO #3 Loop Stitch

from top of zipper right around

PHOTO #4 Shows loop stitch completed right around the zipper (90 stitches down, 2 stitches across the bottom, 90 stitches back up)

ZIPPER:

Cut approximately 4M length of yarn (or 2 x 2M if you want to sew it in 2 stages) and thread it through a needle. Copy the loop stitch (see photo #2) from the top of the zipper fabric right around the zipper at approximately 4mm sections. Should be 90 loops on each long side and 2 across the bottom. (Don't worry if you're a bit short on loops or have a couple too many, just DC2INC (next row) in a couple to increase along the side to get 90 loops or skip a couple of loops to bring it back down to 90).

PHOTO #5 Knot on left
bottom of zipper, ch91 down

PHOTO #6 SC back
up the chain stitches

PHOTO #7 Knot on top of
zipper, DC right down to bottom

DRESS (CROCHETED VERTICALLY) STARTING FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE ZIPPER AT THE BACK:

☐	1	Knot onto the left bottom loop of the bottom of the zipper - this is where you will extend from the bottom of the zipper to the length needed for the dress (see photo #5) CH(91, 93, 95, 97) turn, SC(90, 92, 94, 96) back from 2nd hole (see photo #6) knot back off

REPEAT PATTERN FROM HERE FOR 2ND HALF OF DRESS AS WELL

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	2	Knot onto the first loop at the very top of the zipper. CH3, DC(45, 47, 49, 51) along the loops (see photo #6), SC30, DC15, DC90 along the rest of the way to the bottom. CH1, turn
☐ ☐	3	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC(76, 78, 80, 82), CH1, turn

		4	CH2, DC(45, 47, 49, 51) from 2nd hole, SC30, DC105, CH1, turn
		5	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, CH1, turn
		6	REPEAT ROW 5
		7	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC(76, 78, 80, 82) (tuck the excess into a loop on the wrong side of the dress - see photos #8-10 - this gives you the gathered/ full look on the skirt part of the dress)
		8	REPEAT ROW 4
		9	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC(76, 78, 80, 82), CH1, turn
		10	CH2, DC(45, 47, 49, 51) from 2nd hole, SC30, DC105, CH1, turn
		11	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC(76, 78, 80, 82), SLST into first hole on shoulder piece, (see photo #11) SLST, into next hole, turn - see photo #12)
		12	DC(46, 48, 50, 52), SC30, DC105, CH1, turn
		13	REPEAT ROW 5 x 2
		14	CH2, DC104, SC(76, 78, 80, 82), SLST into next hole on shoulder piece, SLST into next hole, turn
		15	DC(46, 48, 50, 52), SC30, DC105, CH1, turn
		16	CH2, DC104, SC(76, 78, 80, 82), SLST into next hole x 2 on shoulder piece, turn
		17	REPEAT ROW 15
		18	CH2, DC104, SC(76, 78, 80, 82), SLST into next hole x 2 on shoulder piece, turn
		19	REPEAT ROW 15
		20	REPEAT ROW 5 x 2
		21	CH2, DC104, SC(76, 78, 80, 82), SLST into next hole x 2, turn
		22	REPEAT ROW 15
		23	REPEAT ROW 21

☐	☐	24	REPEAT ROW 15
☐	☐	25	REPEAT ROW 21
☐	☐	26	REPEAT ROW 15
☐	☐	27	REPEAT ROW 5 x 2
☐	☐	28	REPEAT ROW 21
☐	☐	29	REPEAT ROW 15
☐	☐	30	REPEAT ROW 21
☐	☐	31	REPEAT ROW 15
☐	☐	32	REPEAT ROW 21
☐	☐	33	REPEAT ROW 15
☐	☐	34	REPEAT ROW 5 x 2 - (6 - continue to UNDERARM SECTION)
☐	☐	35	REPEAT ROW 21
☐	☐	36	REPEAT ROW 15 - (8 - continue to UNDERARM SECTION)
☐	☐	37	REPEAT ROW 21
☐	☐	38	REPEAT ROW 15 - (10 - continue to UNDERARM SECTION)
☐	☐	39	REPEAT ROW 21
☐	☐	40	REPEAT ROW 15 - (12 - continue to UNDERARM SECTION)

PHOTO #8 rows 5 & 6

PHOTO #9 tuck excess into loop on

wrong side, continue SC up

PHOTO #10 showing loop

PHOTO #11 SLST into first hole of

shoulder piece

PHOTO #12 SLST into NEXT hole

of shoulder piece

UNDERARM SECTION:

☐	☐	41	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC46, CH1, turn
☐	☐	42	CH1, DC16, SC30, DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	43	REPEAT ROW 35

☐	☐	44	REPEAT ROW 36
☐	☐	45	REPEAT ROW 35
☐	☐	46	REPEAT ROW 36
☐	☐	47	REPEAT ROW 5 x 2 (6 - continue to row 54)
☐	☐	48	REPEAT ROW 35
☐	☐	49	REPEAT ROW 36 (8 - continue to row 54)
☐	☐	50	REPEAT ROW 35
☐	☐	51	REPEAT ROW 36 (10 - continue to row 54)
☐	☐	52	REPEAT ROW 35
☐	☐	53	REPEAT ROW 36
☐	☐	54	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC45, SC2INC. CONTINUE AROUND THE TOP SECTION BY SC(7, 9, 11, 13) TO MEET UP TO TOP DRESS SECTION AGAIN (SEE PHOTO #13)
☐	☐	55	CONTINUE BACK UP TO THE TOP (SEE PHOTO #13) - DC(30, 32), SLST into next hole x 2, turn

PHOTO #13 **SC across to join**

& continue back up the dress
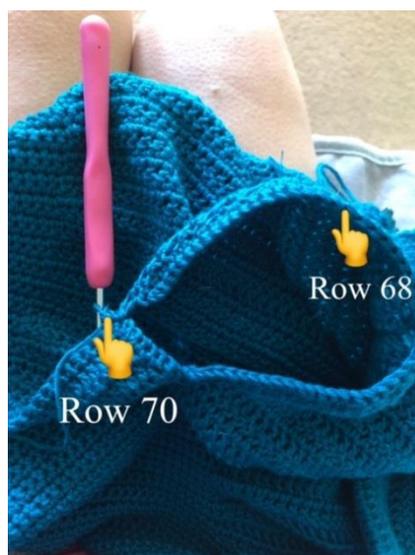
PHOTO #14 **Hem of row 68**

continue back down dress row 70

CAP SLEEVE SECTION:

☐	☐	56	DC(30, 32, 34, 36), CH1, turn
☐	☐	57	CH2, DC(29, 31, 33, 35) from 2nd hole, SLST into next hole x 2, turn
☐	☐	58	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	59	REPEAT ROW 57
☐	☐	60	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	61	CH2, DC(29, 31, 33, 35) from 2nd hole, SLST into next hole, turn
☐	☐	62	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	63	REPEAT ROW 61
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☐	☐	68	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	69	REPEAT ROW 61
☐	☐	70	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	71	REPEAT ROW 61
☐	☐	72	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	73	REPEAT ROW 61 (6 - continue row 70)
☐	☐	74	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	75	REPEAT ROW 61
☐	☐	76	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	77	REPEAT ROW 61 (8 - continue row 70)
☐	☐	78	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	79	REPEAT ROW 61

		80	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	81	REPEAT ROW 61 (10 - continue row
☐	☐	82	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	83	REPEAT ROW 61
☐	☐	84	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	85	REPEAT ROW 61
☐	☐	86	REPEAT ROW 56
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☐	☐	89	REPEAT ROW 57
☐	☐	90	REPEAT ROW 56
☐	☐	91	REPEAT ROW 57
☐	☐	92	DC(30, 32, 34, 36), CONTINUE AROUND THE "HEM" AND SC(53, 61) ALONG THE EDGE (see photo #14) SLST into hole on other side, turn,
☐	☐	93	SC(52, 60, 68, 76) SC3INC (CORNER), continue back up to top of shoulder, SC(30, 32, 34, 36),SLST into next hole x 2, turn
☐	☐	94	DC(30, 32, 34, 36), continue back down the dress - SLST into 1st hole of underarm (see photo #14) CH1, DC15, SC30, DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	95	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC(76, 78, 80, 82), SLST into next hole x 2, turn
☐	☐	96	REPEAT ROW 15
☐	☐	97	INCREASE WAISTBAND: CH2, DC104, SC31, DC(45, 47, 49, 51), SLST into next hole x 2, turn
☐	☐	98	DC(45, 47, 49, 51), SC31, DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	99	REPEAT ROW 5 x 2
☐	☐	100	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC31, DC(45, 47, 49, 51), SLST into next hole, turn

☐	☐	101	DC(45, 47, 49, 51), SC31, DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	102	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole,SC32, DC(44, 46, 48, 50), SLST into next hole x 2, turn
☐	☐	103	DC(44, 46, 48, 50), SC32, DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	104	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC32, DC(44, 46, 48, 50), SLST into next hole, turn
☐	☐	105	DC(44, 46, 48, 50), SC32, DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	106	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC33, DC(43, 45, 47, 49), SLST into next hole, turn
☐	☐	107	DC(43, 45, 47, 49), SC33,DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	108	REPEAT ROW 106
☐	☐	109	REPEAT ROW 107
☐	☐	110	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC34, DC(42, 44, 46, 48), SLST into next hole, turn
☐	☐	111	DC(42, 44, 46, 48), SC34, DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	112	REPEAT ROW 110
☐	☐	113	REPEAT ROW 111
☐	☐	114	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC35, DC(41, 43, 45, 47), SLST into next hole, turn
☐	☐	115	DC(41, 43, 45, 47), SC35, DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	116	REPEAT ROW 114
☐	☐	117	REPEAT ROW 115
☐	☐	118	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC36, DC(40, 42, 44, 46), SLST into next hole, turn
☐	☐	119	DC(40, 42, 44, 46), SC36, DC105, CH1, turn
☐	☐	120	REPEAT ROW 118
☐	☐	121	REPEAT ROW 119

		122	CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC37, DC(39, 41, 43, 45), SLST into next hole, turn
		123	DC(39, 41, 43, 45), SC37, DC105, CH1, turn
		124	REPEAT ROW 122
		125	REPEAT ROW 123
		126	6 - CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC38, DC38, SLST into last hole, turn (continue to row 133)
		127	8 - DC40, SC38, DC105, CH1, turn
		128	8 - CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC38, DC40, SLST into last hole, turn (continue to row 133)
		129	10 - DC42, SC38, DC105, CH1, turn
		130	10- CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC39, DC41, SLST into last hole, turn (continue to row 133)
		131	12 - DC43, SC39, DC105, CH1, turn
		132	12- CH2, DC104 from 2nd hole, SC39, DC43, SLST into last hole, turn (continue to row 133)
		133	DC(37, 39, 41, 43), SC39, DC105 (knot off first half - this section is finished)

REPEAT FROM ROW 2 FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ZIPPER. ONCE BOTH SIDES ARE DONE, CONTINUE SC AROUND THE BOTTOM TO CREATE A NEAT BOTTOM HEM. SC BACK AROUND AGAIN (TOTAL 2 SC ROWS FOR THE HEM).

134. TIME TO SEW UP THE FRONT. KNOT OFF YARN BUT LEAVE ON. MEASURE APPROXIMATELY 2.5 METRES AND CUT. SWITCH TO A SEWING NEEDLE AND SEW UP THE FRONT TILL TOP OF WAISTLINE (SEE PHOTO #15 & 16). KNOT OFF.

***PHOTO #15* sew up front**
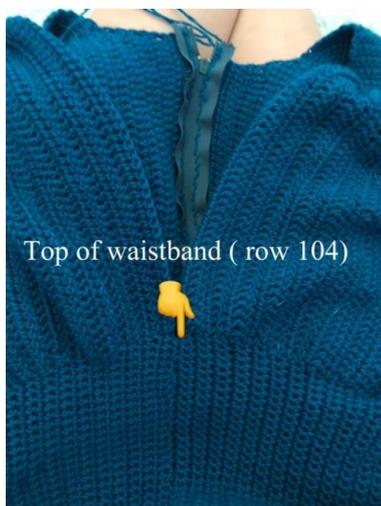
Top of waistband (row 104)

***PHOTO #16* finish at top of**

Waistband

***PHOTO #17* knot back at zipper**

top, DC around neckline to 'V'

135.	Retie the yarn back to the top of the zipper (left side – see photo # 17) DC across the left along the top of the neckline around the shoulder and down the front to the 'V' of the front (do not continue up the other side). SLST into the other side of the 'V', turn back and DC back around to the top of the zipper again

136.	Continue going around and down the zipper (but SC this time) to meet the zipper head – SC6. turn

137.	CH1, SC1, CH3 (this chain will become the buttonhole), SC(20, 21, 22, 23), SC2DEC, SC(7, 8, 9, 10), DC(40, 42, 44, 46), SLST into next hole on other side of 'V'. Knot off

138.	Knot back on at bottom of 'V' but 3 rows in from where you just knotted off (this will give a crossover effect) see photo #18 & 19. SLST into 1st hole next to knot on the left going back up the other side of the 'V' to do that side of the neckline. Continue DC up to the top of the zipper, then SC5 around to the zipper head, turn, CH1, SC4 from 2nd hole, DC(12, 13, 14, 15), DC2DEC, DC(12, 13, 14, 15), DC2DEC, DC(41, 43, 45, 47), SLST into the next hole OVER the crossover section –see photo #20. Turn, DC(38, 40, 42, 44), SC(8, 9, 10, 11), SC2DEC, SC(25, 26, 27, 28), knot off

***PHOTO #18* 3 rows in for**

Crossover effect

PHOTO #19

crossover effect

***PHOTO #20* Shows how**

crossover is done

Sew on your button on this side opposite the buttonhole. Weave in ends.

All Done!

Conclusion:

Well now you're done, I hope you're happy with your new dress! Thanks very much for purchasing from my tiny business. Please follow me on Instagram @retro_revamping, share a photo of your completed project and I'll give you 10% off your next purchase!