



Chloe Dress

Crochet dresses are fun and easy to make. This dress is almost seamless. You will have to make small shoulder and, if needed, small side seams.

It can be made with 100% cotton yarn or any cotton blend yarn.

When choosing yarn alternatives – suggested yardage per 50g ball is approximately 125m up to 140m. With finer yarns, the dress might turn out smaller than listed below, even if you adjust the gauge by using larger hook. It will be difficult to maintain same tension through the whole piece.

Size and measurements of the finished garment

| Size | Chest* | Length** |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Newborn | 40cm/15 ¾ in | 28cm/11in |
| 3-6m | 45cm/17 ¾ in | 35cm/13 ¾ in |
| 6-12m | 50cm/19 ¾ in | 40cm/15 ¾ in |
| 1-2y | 55cm/21 ¾ in | 45cm/17 ¾ in |
| 3-4y | 60cm/23 ¾ in | 52cm/20 ½ in |
| 5-6y | 66cm/26 in | 57cm/22 ½ in |
| 7-8y | 72cm/28 ¼ in | 60cm/23 ½ in |

*suggested positive ease – approx. 2-4cm

** length is easy to adjust

Materials



approx. 250 (375, 450, 500, 625, 750, 875) m or 274 (411, 493, 548, 685, 822, 959) yards of any sport weight yarn

Suggested yarn: Ultra Pima Fine Cascade, 100% pima cotton, 100g (3.5oz) / 250m (273yds)

- crochet hook 3.5mm or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- 2 stitch markers

Gauge

19sts and 19rows in sc to measure 10x10cm or 4x4in

Stitches and abbreviations

st(s) – stitch(es)

ch – chain stitch

sc – single crochet

dc – double crochet

yo – yarn over

sp - space

sl st – slip stitch

WS – wrong side

RS – right side

Special stitches

Cluster (CL)

Yo, insert hook in specified st and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops, two loops on hook (*photo 1*), repeat from * two times more working in same stitch, (*photo 2*) yo and draw through all four loops, CL made (*photo 3*)



photo 1

photo 2

photo 3

Cluster shell (CL shell)

In specified st or space work (CL, ch2, CL), CL shell made



V-stitch (v-st)

Work (dc, ch1, dc) into the specified stitch



Pattern is written for *newborn* size, changes for *3-6m*, *6-12m*, *1-2y*, *3-4y*, *5-6y*, *7-8y* sizes are in (...)

Ch1 at the beginning of each round doesn't count as stitch

Front

Make two

Row 1 (WS): ch38 (44, 50, 56, 62, 68, 74), sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each next ch, turn; 37 (43, 49, 55, 61, 67, 73) sc

Row 2 (RS): ch1, sc in first st, *ch2, skip next 2sts, dc in next st, ch2, skip next 2sts, sc in next st*, repeat from * 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) more times, turn (*photo 1*)

Row 3 (WS): ch1, but pull it longer here and throughout when next st is dc, dc in first st, *CL shell in next dc, dc in next sc*, repeat from * 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) more times, turn; 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) CL shells made (*photo 2*)

Row 4 (RS): ch1, dc in first st, *ch2, skip next CL, sc in next ch2sp, ch2, skip next CL, dc in next dc*, repeat from * 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) more times, turn (*photo 3*)

Row 5 (WS): ch1, (dc, ch1, CL) in first st, *dc in next sc, CL shell in next dc*, repeat from * 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) more times, dc in next sc, (CL, ch1, dc) in last dc, turn; 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11) CL shells made and 2 CL (*photo 4*)

Row 6 (RS): ch1, sc in first st, ch2, skip next CL, dc in next dc, *ch2, skip next CL, sc in next ch2sp, ch2, skip next CL, dc in next dc*, repeat from * 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10) more times, ch2, skip next CL, sc in last dc, turn (*photo 5*)

Repeat Row 3 through 6 – one (one, two, two, three, three, three) more times

For sizes newborn, 6-12m, 3-4y - repeat Row 3 once more, fasten off, but leave long tail

For sizes 3-6m, 1-2y, 5-6y and 7-8y – repeat Rows 3 through 5 once more, fasten off, but leave long tail

Shoulder seams

You can join the shoulder seams now or choose to do it later. I did mine later. Put both pieces together, right side inside, and using the tail you left, join working sc across the first shell, working through both layers, fasten off. (*photo 8*) Repeat on second side. For the smallest sizes you can simply work sc through first 2sts and fasten off to make the neck opening wider, especially if using cotton yarn which is less stretchy than some blend yarns

Skirt part

Rnd 1 (RS): on RS, join yarn into the first st (into remaining loop of foundation ch) at the bottom of the first piece and work sc in each st across, ch3 (3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5), sc in first st (on RS) of the second piece, sc in each of next st to end, ch3 (3, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5), join with sl st in first sc of the rnd; 80 (92, 104, 116, 130, 144, 156) sts, turn and work on WS (*photo 6*)

Rnd 2 (WS): ch1, skip st at the base of ch1, *v-st in each of next 2sts, skip next st*, repeat from * to end, join with sl st in first dc; 53 (61, 69, 77, 87, 96, 104) v-sts made

Rnd 3 (WS): ch1, v-st in each ch1sp of v-st from previous rnd to end, join with sl st in first dc; 53 (61, 69, 77, 87, 96, 104) v-sts (*photo 7*)

Repeat Rnd 3 – 12 (14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34) more times or until desired length; the skirt part is worked entirely on WS

Fasten off, don't turn the dress inside out but work the Armhole Edging

Armhole Edging

For larger sizes or if the side splits are too deep, before making Armhole Edging make a side seams using tapestry needle or working sl sts across, on WS, working through both layers up to desired height, leaving enough space for armholes

Armhole Edging is worked on WS as well. Visually divide the armhole in two parts and place markers slightly off the center as shown in photo 9, leaving largest part at the top of

the armhole. Join yarn into the middle of the underarm and work:

Rnd 1 (WS): ch1, sc in first st and work sc evenly across to the first marker, work 2dc in each st or sp to next marker, work sc to end, join with sl st in first sc (*photo 10*)

Rnd 2 (WS): ch1, sc in each sc to last sc, skip last sc, *v-st in next dc, skip next dc*, repeat from * to last dc, skip last dc, sc in each sc to end, join with sl st in first sc, fasten off (*photo 11*)

Work edging around the second armhole in the same way

Fasten off

Weave in all ends



