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Jade Dress
by **Natasha Robarge**
Make yourself the flatter-
ing dress with butterfly
sleeves to evoke spring in any
season. The flowing sleeves pair
perfectly with the basic V-neck
shaping. YARN: Universal Yarn
Cotton Supreme DK. PAGE 52.





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Getting Started

FINISHED SIZE 33 (36, 39, 42, 45)* bust circumference. Garment shown measures 33", modeled with 1" ease.

YARN Universal Yarn Cotton Supreme DK (100% cotton; 230 yd [210 m]/3½ oz [100 g]; #710 spring green, 5 (6, 7, 7, 8) balls.

HOOK Size G/6 (4.25 mm). Adjust hook size if necessary to obtain correct gauge.

NOTIONS Yarn needle; stitch markers (m).

GAUGE 16 sts and 8½ rows = 4" in main patt, blocked.

See the Glossary on page 78 for terms you don't know. For our master glossary, visit <http://bit.ly/iwc-glossary>.

Notes

Dress is worked seamlessly from shoulders down to hem with sleeves worked at the same time as the upper body and an A-line shaped skirt.

Move markers up as work progresses. Markers mark last stitch of fronts and first and last stitch of back with the sleeve stitches between the markers.

Work V-stitch in chain-1 space of indicated V-stitch unless otherwise stated.

Stitch Guide

V-stitch (V-st): (Dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated st.

Shell (sh): 5 dc in indicated st.

Join with double crochet (dc-join):

Make slipknot and place lp on hook, yo, insert hook in indicated st or sp, yo, pull up a lp, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 2 times.

Join with single crochet (sc-join): Insert hook in indicated ch-sp, yo, pull up a lp, yo, draw through 2 lps.

Main patt (multiple of 3 sts + 3)

For swatch, ch 27.





ch count as foundation ch and first dc) and in each rem ch across, turn—24 dc.

Row 1: (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc throughout), dc across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, *sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc; rep from * across to last 4 sts, sk next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in last dc, turn.

Rows 3–6: Rep Rows 1–2 two times.

Rows 7–10: Ch 3, dc across, turn.

Rep Rows 1–2 for upper body patt.

Rep Rows 1–10 for skirt patt.

Pattern

DRESS

Right shoulder

Ch 19 (22, 22, 25, 25).

Sizes 33 (42, 45)" only:

Set-up row: (WS) Dc in 7th ch from hook (skipped ch count as beg ch-6 sp), *ch 1, sk next ch, dc in next ch; rep from * across, turn—6 (9, 9) ch-1 sps, 7 (10, 10) dc.

Sizes 36 (39)" only:

Set-up row: (WS) Dc in 7th ch from hook (skipped ch count as beg ch-6 sp), *ch 1, sk next ch, dc in next ch; rep from * across to last ch, dc in last ch, turn—7 ch-1 sps, 9 dc.

All sizes:

Row 1: (RS) Ch 3 (counts as dc throughout), *dc in each ch and st across to last dc, dc in last dc, 11 dc in beg ch-6 sp, place marker (pm) in 2nd and 10th dc of dc-group just made, rotate piece to work across opposite edge of foundation ch in rem lps and skipped ch, dc in first dc and each rem ch-1 sp and dc across, turn—15 (18, 18, 21, 21) front and back sts, 7 sleeve sts bet m.

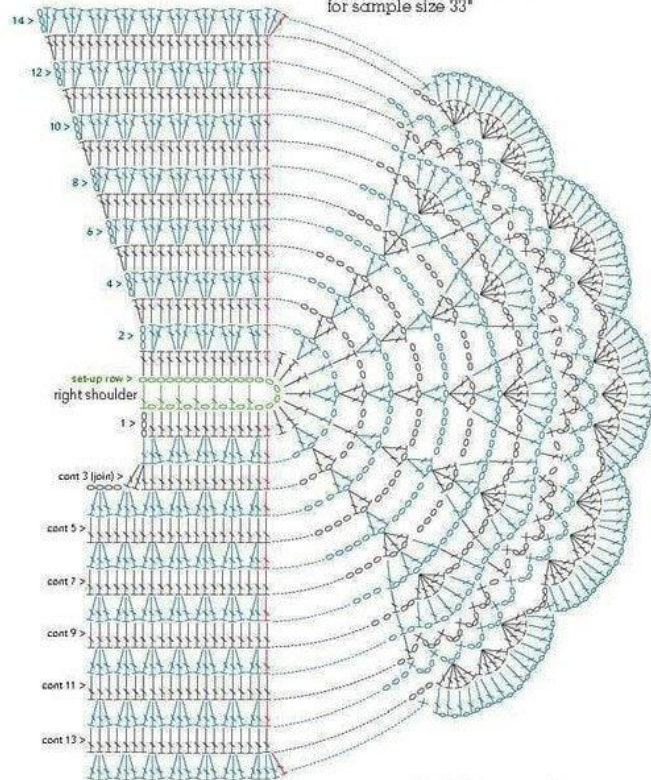
Row 2: (WS) Work Row 2 of main patt (see Stitch Guide) to m, placing last dc in marked dc, ch 1, sk next dc, V-st (see Stitch Guide) in next dc, [ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1, V-st in next dc] 2 times, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in marked dc, 2 dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, cont in Row 2 of main patt across.

Fasten off.

Left shoulder

Work as for right shoulder but do not fasten off at end of Row 2, turn.

Reduced right shoulder and sleeve for sample size 33"



Stitch Key

- = chain (ch)
- x = single crochet (sc)
- ↑ = double crochet (dc)
- ↑ = marked st

Measurements:

A hem circumference

39 (42, 45, 48, 51)"
99 (106.5, 114.5, 122, 129.5) cm

B bust circumference

33 (36, 39, 42, 45)"
84 (91.5, 99, 106.5, 114.5) cm

C hem to underarm

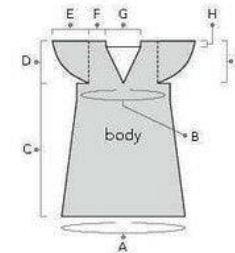
24 3/4"
63 cm

D armhole height

7 1/4 (7 1/4, 7 1/4, 7 1/4, 8 1/4)"
18.5 (18.5, 18.5, 18.5, 21) cm

E sleeve length

7 1/2"
19 cm



F shoulder width

3 1/4 (4 1/2, 4 1/2, 5 1/4, 5 1/4)"
9.5 (11.5, 11.5, 13.5, 13.5) cm

G back neck width

6 1/2"
16.5 cm

H back neck depth

1 1/2"
3.8 cm

I front neck depth

6 1/2"
16.5 cm

SHAPE FRONT NECK AND JOIN SHOULDERS FOR BACK:

Note: Cont alternating Rows 1 and 2 of main patt for upper body.

Row 3: (join) (RS) Ch 3, dc in first dc, dc across to m, dc in marked dc, * [ch 2, V-st in next V-st (see Notes), ch 2, sk 2nd dc of last V-st, dc in next dc] 3 times, working last dc in marked dc*, dc across to last st, 3 dc in last st, ch 20 for back neck, holding right shoulder with RS facing, 3 dc in first st, dc across to m, dc in marked dc, rep from * to *, dc across to last st, 2 dc in last st, turn—16 (19, 19, 22, 22) front sts, 54 (60, 60, 66, 66) back sts.

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in first dc, sk next dc, 3 dc in next dc, cont in Row 2 of main patt to m, dc in marked dc, * [ch 3, V-st in next V-st, ch 3, sk 2nd dc of last V-st, V-st in next dc] 2 times, ch 3, V-st in next V-st, ch 3, dc in marked dc, 2 dc in next dc, cont in Row 2 of patt main to m, placing last dc in marked dc, rep from * to *, cont in Row 2 of patt across to last 2 sts, sk next dc, 2 dc in tch, turn—1 st inc'd at each front neck edge.

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in first dc, work in patt as est (Row 1 of main patt) to m, dc in marked dc, * [ch 4, V-st in next V-st] 5 times, ch 4, dc in marked dc*, cont in patt as est to m, dc in marked dc, rep from * to *, work in patt across to last st, 2 dc in tch, turn—1 st inc'd at each front neck edge.

Row 6: Ch 3, dc in first dc, 2 dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, cont in patt as est (Row 2 of main patt) to m, working last dc in marked dc, * [ch 5, V-st in next V-st] 5 times, ch 5, dc in marked dc*, work in patt as est to m, working last dc in marked dc, rep from * to *, work in patt as est across to last 4 sts, sk next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, 2 dc in tch, turn—1 st inc'd at each front neck edge.

Row 7: Ch 3, dc in first dc, work in patt to m, dc in marked dc, * [ch 4, ((dc, ch 1) 2 times, dc) in next V-st] 5 times, ch 4, dc in marked dc*, work in patt to m, dc in marked dc, rep from * to *, work in patt across to last st, 2 dc in tch, turn—1 st inc'd at each front neck edge.

Row 8: Ch 3, 2 dc in first dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, cont in patt to m, working last dc in marked dc, * [ch 3, dc in next dc, ch 2, V-st in next dc, ch 2, dc in next dc] 5 times, ch 3, dc in marked dc*, work in patt to m, dc in marked dc, rep from * to *, work in patt across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in tch, turn—1 st inc'd at each front neck edge.

Row 9: Ch 3, dc in first dc, work in patt to m, dc in marked dc, * [ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 2, 5 dc in next V-st, ch 2, sk 2nd dc of last V-st, dc in next dc] 5 times, ch 2, dc in marked dc*, work in patt to m, dc in marked dc, rep from *

to *, work in patt across to last st, 2 dc in tch, turn—1 st inc'd at each front neck edge.

Row 10: Ch 3, dc in first dc, sk next dc, 3 dc in next dc, cont in patt to m, working last dc in marked dc, * [ch 1, dc in next dc] across to last dc of sleeve, ch 1, dc in marked dc*, work in patt to m, dc in marked dc, rep from * to *, work in patt across to last 2 sts, sk next dc, 2 dc in tch, turn—1 st inc'd at each front neck edge.

Row 11: Ch 3, dc in first dc, work in patt to m, dc in marked dc, * ch 1, dc in next dc, [ch 1, [sc in next dc, ch 3] 4 times, sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp] 4 times, ch 1, [sc in next dc, ch 3] 4 times, sc in next dc, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in marked dc*, work in patt to m, dc in marked dc, rep from * to *, work in patt across to last st, 2 dc in tch, turn—1 st inc'd at each front neck edge.

Row 12: Ch 3, dc in first dc, 2 dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, cont in patt to m, working last dc in marked dc, * [ch 3, sc in next dc, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 4 times] 5 times, ch 3, sc in next dc, ch 3, dc in marked dc*, work in patt to m, working last dc in marked dc, rep from * to *, work in patt across to last 4 sts, sk next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, 2 dc in tch, turn—25 (28, 28, 31, 31) front sts, 54 (60, 60, 66, 66) back sts.

Shape armhole

Row 13: Ch 3, dc in first dc, work in patt to m, 1 (1, 4, 4, 1) dc in marked dc, move m to last st made, * ch 3, sk next 2 ch-3 sps, [5 dc in next 3 ch-3 sps, ch 5, sk next 2 ch-3 sps] 4 times, 5 dc in next 3 ch-3 sps, ch 3, sk next 2 ch-3 sps, 1 (1, 4, 4, 1) dc in marked dc, move m to first st made*, work in patt to m, 1 (1, 4, 4, 1) dc in marked dc, move m to last st made, rep from * to *, work in patt across to last st, 2 dc in tch, turn—26 (29, 32, 35, 32) front sts, 54 (60, 66, 72, 66) back sts. **Sizes 33 (36, 39, 42)" only:**

Row 14: Ch 3, 2 dc in first dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, work in patt to m, 3 dc in marked dc move m to last st made, * [sc in next ch-3 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 1] 14 times, dc in next dc] 5 times, sc in last ch-3 sp, 3 dc in marked dc, move m to first st made*, work in patt to m, 3 dc in marked dc move m to last st made, rep from * to *, work in patt across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in tch, sl st in beg tch of row to connect neck—58 (64, 70, 76) front and back sts each. Fasten off.

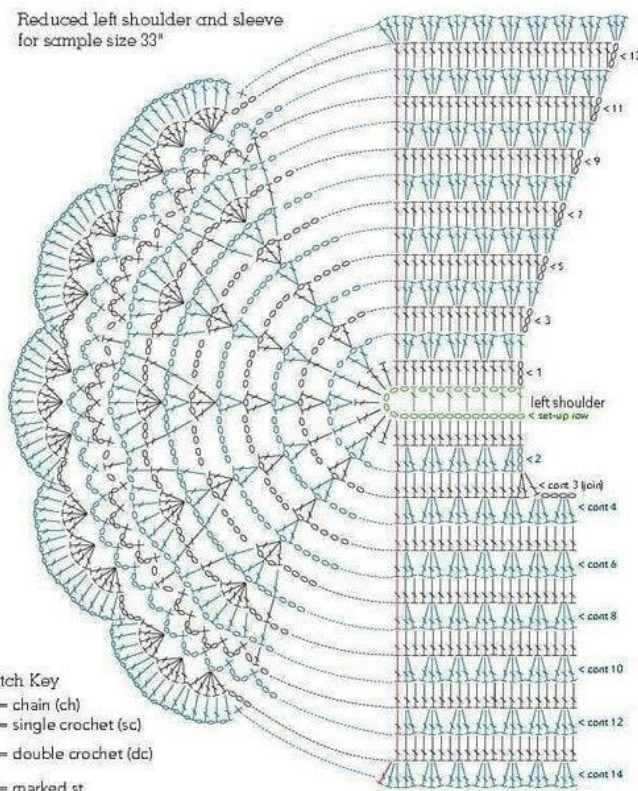
Size 45" only:

Row 14: Ch 3, 2 dc in first dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, work in patt to m, 4 dc in marked dc, move m to last st made, * [sc in next ch-3 sp, [dc in next dc, ch 1] 14 times, dc in next dc] 5 times, sc in last ch-3 sp, 4 dc in marked dc, move m to first st made*, work in patt to m, 4 dc in marked dc, move m to last st made, rep from * to *, work in patt across to last 3 sts, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in tch, sl st in beg tch of row to connect neck—72 front and back sts each. Fasten off.

Work 2 more rows for front and back separately without working across sleeve sts as foll:

Row 15: With RS facing, join yarn with sl st in marked dc of right front, ch 3, move m to ch-3 just made, 3 dc in same st as join, cont in Row 1 of main patt across whole

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front to next m, 4 dc in marked dc, move m to last st made, turn—78 front sts.

Row 16: Ch 3, move m to ch-3 just made, 2 dc in first dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, cont in Row 2 of main patt across front to next m, 3 dc in marked dc, move m to last st made—82 front sts. Fasten off.
Rep Rows 15 and 16 for back with RS of back facing—82 back sts. Fasten off.

All sizes:

Bridge underarm:

Attach a new length of yarn to marked dc of back, ch 8, sl st in marked dc of front to bridge underarm. Fasten off. Rep for other underarm. 66 (72, 78, 84, 90) front and back sts each.

Lower body:

Work in joined, turned rnds.

Row 1: With RS facing, dc-join (see Stitch Guide) in 4th ch of right underarm from front m, dc in next 3 ch, dc in each dc across front, dc in next 8 ch, dc in each dc across back, dc in last 4 ch, sl st in top of beg dc to join, turn—132 (144, 156, 168, 180) sts.

Remove m and mark side seams only.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, cont in Row 2 of main patt around to last 3 sts, sk next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, sl st in tch to join, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc around, sl st in tch to join, turn.

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, sk 2 dc, 3 dc in next dc, work in Row 2 of main patt around to last 3 sts, sk next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, sl st in tch to join, turn.

Rows 5–6: Rep Rows 3–4 once.

Shape skirt:

Mark center front and back in addition to side seams.

Rows 7–12: Rep Rows 3–4 three times.

Row 13 (inc): (RS) Ch 3, *dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc across to center m, 2 dc in next dc, dc across to 5 sts before side m, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 4 dc, rep from * once, sl st in tch to join, turn—6 sts inc'd.

Rows 14–16: Ch 3, dc around, sl st in tch to join, turn.

Rows 17–46: Rep Rows 7–16 three times—156 (168, 180, 192, 204) sts.

Skirt edging

Row 1: (RS) Ch 3, dc around, sl st in tch to join, turn.

Row 2: Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), dc in first dc, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc, *ch 1, sk next dc, V-st in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, dc in next dc; rep from * around, ch 1, sl st in beg ch-4 sp to join, turn.

Row 3: Ch 4, dc in same sp, ch 1, dc in next dc, *ch 1, V-st in next V-st, ch 1, sk 2nd dc of last V-st, dc in next dc; rep from * around, ch 1, sl st in beg ch-4 sp to join, turn.

Row 4: Rep Row 3.

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in next dc, *sh (see Stitch Guide) in next V-st, sk 2nd dc of last V-st, dc in next dc; rep from * around, sk tch, sl st in next 2 dc, turn.

Row 6: Ch 3, *sk dc bet shs, [dc in next dc, ch 1] 4 times*, dc in next dc; rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sl st in tch to join. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Neck trim

With RS facing, dc-join yarn at left shoulder in dc-sp formed by set-up row, 4 dc in same sp as join, *sc in next row-sp, 5 dc in next row-sp; rep from * across to last 2 rows before center front, sc in next row-sp, dc4tog in [next row-sp, 2 sps at base, and next row-sp], sc in next row-sp, **sh in next row-sp, sc in next row-sp; rep from ** around, sl st in top of beg dc. Fasten off.

Armhole trim

Sc-join (see Stitch Guide) yarn at bottom of armhole, sc in each st across to sleeve, ch 3, sc in first dc of sleeve, *ch 3, sc in next dc; rep from * to last dc of sleeve, ch 3, sc in each st at bottom of armhole until 2 sts rem, sc2tog, sl st in beg sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Block. ☞

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