

Whipped Cream Dress

An allover pattern of shells and cluster stitches creates the look of tiny pineapples on the skirt of this sweet dress. The yoke and shoulders also have lacy highlights. The outfit is crocheted using baby fingering weight yarn and size D and E hooks.

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Children's Size: 12 to 18 months

General Instructions

ABBREVIATIONS

ch(s)	chain(s)
sc	single crochet(s)
dc	double crochet(s)
sp(s)	space(s)
hdc	half double crochet(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
mm	millimeters
YO	yarn over
Rnd(s)	Round(s)

★ – work instructions following ★ as many **more** times as indicated in addition to the first time.

† to † – work all instructions from first † to second † **as many** times as specified.

() or [] – work enclosed instructions **as many** times as specified by the number immediately following **or** work all enclosed instructions in the stitch or space indicated **or** contains explanatory remarks.

GAUGE

Correct gauge is essential for proper fit. Hook sizes given in instructions are merely guides and should never be used without first making a sample swatch approximately 2" square in the stitch, yarn, and hook specified. Then measure it, counting your stitches and rows carefully. If you have more stitches per inch than specified, try again with a larger size hook; if fewer, try again with a smaller size. Keep trying until you find

the size that will give you the specified gauge. DO NOT HESITATE TO CHANGE HOOK SIZE TO OBTAIN CORRECT GAUGE.

YARN

Any Baby Fingering Weight Yarn that lists gauge on the label as 7 sts = 1" in Stockinette Stitch may be used. It is best to use the yardage to determine how many balls or skeins to purchase when substituting. Remember, to arrive at the finished size, it is not the brand of yarn that matters, but the GAUGE that is important.

HINTS

As in all crocheted pieces, good finishing techniques make a big difference in the quality of the piece. Make a habit of taking care of loose ends as you work. To keep loose ends from showing, always weave them back through several stitches or work over them. When ends are secure, clip them off close to work.

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Size: 12 to 18 Months

MATERIALS:

Baby Fingering Weight Yarn, approximately:

4 1/2 ounces, (130 grams, 680 yards)

Crochet hooks, sizes D (3.00 mm) **and** E (3.50 mm)

or sizes needed for gauge

Yarn needle

7/16" Buttons - 3

1/4" Ribbon - 2 1/2 yards

Sewing needle and thread

GAUGE: With smaller size hook, 12 dc and 7 rows = 2"

PATTERN STITCHES

BEGINNING SHELL

Ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same space.

SHELL

(2 Dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in space indicated.

CLUSTER

YO, insert hook in **same** dc, YO and pull up a loop, YO and draw through 2 loops on hook, YO, insert hook in **next** dc, YO and pull up a loop, YO and draw through 2 loops on hook, YO and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

YOKE

With smaller size hook, ch 91 **loosely**.

Row 1: Dc in fourth ch from hook and in next 13 chs, ch 2, (dc in next 21 chs, ch 2) 3 times, dc in last 11 chs.

Row 2 (Right side): Ch 3 (**counts as first dc, now and throughout**), turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across to first ch-2 sp, work Shell in ch-2 sp, ★ dc in next 8 dc, ch 1, skip next 2 dc, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc, ch 1, skip next 2 dc, dc in next 8 dc, work Shell in next ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, dc in each dc across: 96 dc.

Note: Loop a short piece of yarn around any stitch to mark last row as **right** side.

Row 3: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across to first ch-2 sp, work Shell in ch-2 sp, ★ dc in next 8 dc, ch 2, skip next 2 dc, dc in next dc, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 2, skip next 2 dc, dc in next 8 dc, work Shell in next ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times more, dc in each dc across: 109 dc.

Row 4: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across to first ch-2 sp, work Shell in ch-2 sp, ★ dc in next 9 dc, ch 2, skip next dc, dc in next dc, (ch 1, dc in next dc) 4 times, ch 2, skip next dc, dc in next 9 dc, work Shell in next ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, dc in each dc across: 119 dc.

Row 5: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across to first ch-2 sp, work Shell in ch-2 sp, ★ dc in next 11 dc, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp, (ch 3, sc in

next ch-1 sp) 3 times, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 11 dc, work Shell in next ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, dc in each dc across: 126 dc.

Row 6: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across to first ch-2 sp, work Shell in ch-2 sp, ★ dc in next 14 dc, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, (ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp) twice, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 14 dc, work Shell in next ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, dc in each dc across: 148 dc.

Row 7: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across to first ch-2 sp, work Shell in ch-2 sp, ★ dc in next 17 dc, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 17 dc, work Shell in next ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, dc in each dc across: 170 dc.

Row 8: Ch 3, turn; dc in next dc and in each dc across to first ch-2 sp, work Shell in ch-2 sp, ★ dc in next 20 dc, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 20 dc, work Shell in next ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, dc in each dc across: 192 dc.

Row 9 (Dividing row): Ch 3, turn; † dc in next dc and in each dc across to next ch-2 sp, 2 dc in ch-2 sp, ch 7 **loosely**, skip next 46 dc (Sleeve), 2 dc in next ch-2 sp †, dc in next 23 dc, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-2 sp, repeat from † to † once, dc in each dc across: 110 dc.

SKIRT

Change to larger size hook.

Rnd 1 (Eyelet rnd): Ch 4, turn; skip next dc, dc in next dc, working in dc and in chs, (ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st) across to last 6 dc, ch 1, leave remaining dc unworked (Placket); join with slip st to third ch of beginning ch-4: 60 ch-1 sps.

Rnd 2: Slip st in first ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, (ch 3, skip next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp) twice, ★ ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp, (ch 3, skip next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp) twice; repeat from ★ around, ch 1, hdc in first sc to form last loop: 36 loops.

Rnd 3: Slip st in same loop, work beginning Shell, ch 3, skip next loop, dc in next sc, ch 3, skip next loop, ★ work Shell in next loop, ch 3, skip next loop, dc in next sc, ch 3, skip next loop; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first dc: 12 Shells.

Rnd 4: Slip st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, work beginning Shell, ch 2, skip next ch-3 sp, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc, ch 2, ★ work Shell in next Shell (ch-2 sp), ch 2, skip next ch-3 sp, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc, ch 2; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 5: Slip st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, work beginning Shell, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, ★ work Shell in next Shell, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 6: Slip st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, work beginning Shell, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, 5 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next dc, ch 2, ★ work Shell in next Shell, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, 5 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next dc, ch 2; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 7: Slip st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, work beginning Shell, ch 1, skip next ch-2 sp, (dc in next dc, ch 1) 7 times, ★ work Shell in next Shell, ch 1, skip next ch-2 sp, (dc in next dc, ch 1) 7 times; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 8: Slip st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, work beginning Shell, ★ † ch 2, skip next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp, (ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times, ch 2 †, work Shell in next Shell; repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, then repeat from † to † once; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 9: Slip st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, work beginning Shell, ch 3, skip next ch-2 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) 5 times, ★ work Shell in next Shell, ch 3, skip next ch-2 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) 5 times; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 10: Slip st in next dc, slip st in next ch-2 sp and in next dc, ch 3, dc in next dc, ★ †ch 3, skip next ch-3 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) 4 times, dc in next 2 dc, ch 2, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2 †, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, then repeat from † to † once; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 11: Ch 3, dc in next dc, ★ † ch 3, skip next ch-3 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) 3 times, dc in next 2 dc, ch 2, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next dc, ch 2 †, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, then repeat from † to † once; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 12: Ch 3, dc in next dc, ★ † ch 3, skip next ch-3 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) twice, dc in next 2 dc, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp †, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, then repeat from † to † once; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 13: Ch 3, dc in next dc, ★ † ch 3, skip next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, ch 3, dc in next dc, 5 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next dc, ch 3 †, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, then repeat from † to † once; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 14: Ch 3, dc in next 3 dc, ch 1, (dc in next dc, ch 1) 7 times, ★ dc in next 4 dc, ch 1, (dc in next dc, ch 1) 7 times; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 15: Slip st in next dc, ch 3, dc in same st, ch 2, 2 dc in next dc, ch 2, skip next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp, (ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times, ch 2, ★ skip next 2 dc, (2 dc in next dc, ch 2) twice, skip next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch-1 sp, (ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp) 5 times, ch 2; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 16: Slip st in next dc and in next ch-2 sp, work beginning Shell, ch 3, skip next ch-2 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) 5 times, skip next ch-2 sp, ★ work Shell in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, skip next ch-2 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) 5 times, skip next ch-2 sp; repeat from ★ around; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnds 17-30: Repeat Rnds 10-16, twice.

Rnd 31: Ch 3, dc in next dc, ★ † ch 1, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, dc in next 2 dc, ch 3, skip next ch-3 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) 4 times †, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, then repeat from † to † once; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 32: Ch 3, dc in next dc, ★ † ch 2, skip next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next 2 dc, ch 3, skip next ch-3 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) 3 times †, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, then repeat from † to † once; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 33: Ch 3, dc in next dc, ★ † ch 2, dc in next dc, (ch 1, dc in next dc) 4 times, ch 2, dc in next 2 dc, ch 3, skip next ch-3 sp, (sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3) twice †, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, then repeat from † to † once; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 34: Ch 3, dc in next dc, ★ † ch 2, (dc in next dc, ch 2) 5 times, dc in next 2 dc, ch 3, skip next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3 †, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from ★ 10 times **more**, then repeat from † to † once; join with slip st to first dc.

Rnd 35: Ch 3, dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 3, (work Cluster, ch. 3) 4 times, dc in same st, ch 2, ★ dc in next 4 dc, ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 3, (work Cluster, ch 3) 4 times, dc in same st, ch 2; repeat from ★ around to last 2 dc, dc in last 2 dc; join with slip st to first dc, finish off.

SLEEVE

Rnd 1: With **right** side facing and larger size hook, join yarn with slip st in second ch-1 sp on Eyelet rnd; ch 1, working in each ch-1 sp and in each dc across Yoke, work 60 sc evenly spaced around; join with slip st to first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, (ch 4, skip next sc, sc in next sc) around to last sc, ch 2, hdc in first sc to form last loop: 30 loops.

Rnds 3-13: Ch 1, sc in same loop, (ch 4, sc in next loop) around, ch 2, hdc in first sc to form last loop.

Rnd 14: Ch 1, 2 sc in same loop, sc in next 2 loops, (2 sc in next loop, sc in next 2 loops) 9 times; join with slip st to first sc: 40 sc.

Rnd 15 (Eyelet rnd): Ch 4, skip next sc, (dc in next sc, ch 1, skip next sc) around; join with slip st to third ch of beginning ch-4: 20 ch-1 sps.

Rnd 16: Ch 1, 2 sc in each ch-1 sp around; join with slip st to first sc: 40 Sc.

Rnd 17: Ch 1, sc in first sc, ch 3, skip next sc, (sc in next sc, ch 3, skip next sc) around; join with slip st to first sc, finish off: 20 ch-3 sps.

Repeat for second Sleeve.

FINISHING

NECK EDGING

Rnd 1: With **right** side facing, using smaller size hook and working in sp between each dc of beginning ch, join yarn with slip st in first sp; ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 3, (sc in next 2 sps, ch 3) 6 times, sc in next 3 sps, ch 3, ★ (sc in next 2 sps, ch 3) 9 times, sc in next 3 sps, ch 3; repeat from ★ 2 times **more**, (sc in next 2 sps, ch 3) 4 times, sc in last sp; finish off: 42 loops.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

Row 1: With **wrong** side facing and smaller size hook, join yarn with slip st at bottom of right back Yoke opening; ch 1, work 22 sc evenly spaced across end of rows.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn; sc in first 2 sc, ch 3, (skip next 3 sc, sc in next 4 sc, ch 3) twice, skip next 3 sc, sc in last 3 sc; finish off.

Sew bottom of Placket to inside of Buttonhole Band.

Add Buttons.

Weave 46" of Ribbon through Eyelet rnd of Skirt and tie in a bow at center front.

Weave 22" of Ribbon through Eyelet rnd of each Sleeve and tie in a bow at top.

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