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Aunt Lydia's
Crochet Thread™

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What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA'S® Fashion Crochet size 3: 10 (11, 13, 14) balls 226 Natural

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 3.75mm [US F-5]

4 stitch marker, thread needle.

GAUGE: 3 stitch pattern repeats = 4" [10 cm]; 8 rows = 4" [10 cm] in yoke pattern, unstretched. 7 stitch pattern repeats = 9" [23 cm]; 8 rows = 4" [10 cm] in body pattern, unstretched. 22 sts = 4" [10 cm] in single crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

AUNT LYDIA'S® Fashion Crochet size 3, Art. 182 available 100% Mercerized Cotton, 150 yd (147m) balls

Natural Beauty Crochet Dress

Lacy pattern stitches are deliciously combined for a fabulous dress that is versatile enough to wear for a wedding and free-spirited enough to wear to the beach. We've included a range of sizes for this flattering beauty.

Directions are for size Small/Medium. Changes for sizes Large, X-Large, 2X-Large/3X-Large are in parentheses.

To Fit Bust: 34-38 (39-43, 44-48, 49-53)" [86.5-96.5 (99-109, 112-122, 124.5-134.5) cm]
Finished Bust: 36 (41, 46½, 51½)" [91.5 (104, 118, 131) cm], unstretched
Finished Length: 33 (33¼, 33½, 33¾)" [84 (84.5, 85, 85.5) cm]

Notes

1. Dress is worked in one piece, from the neck downwards, in four sections: Neckband, Yoke, Body, and Skirt.
2. Sleeve and neck edgings are worked directly onto piece after dress is complete.
3. Garment will lengthen when worn.

Special Stitches

beg-dc Cl (beginning 2 double crochet cluster) = Ch 3, dc in indicated stitch or space.

2-dc Cl (2 double crochet cluster) = Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch or space and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remain on hook); yarn over, insert hook in same stitch or space and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

beg-tr Cl (beginning 3 treble crochet cluster) = Ch 4 (counts as tr), [yarn over] twice, insert hook in indicated stitch or space and pull up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (2 loops remain on hook); [yarn over] twice, insert hook in indicated stitch or space and pull up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

3-tr Cl (3 treble crochet cluster) = [Yarn over] twice, insert hook in indicated stitch and pull up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (2 loops remain on hook); *[Yarn over] twice, insert hook in same stitch and pull up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from * once more, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

sc2-spaces-tog (single crochet 2 chain-spaces together) = [Insert hook in next ch-space and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
Note: Skip any stitches between the ch-spaces.

beg-tr shell (beginning treble crochet shell) = Ch 4 (counts as tr), (2 tr, ch 4, 3 tr) in indicated stitch or space.

tr shell (treble crochet shell) = (3 tr, ch 4, 3 tr) in indicated stitch or space.

beg-sm-tr shell (beginning small treble crochet shell) = Ch 4 (counts as tr), (2 tr, ch 2, 3 tr) in indicated stitch or space.

sm-tr shell (small treble crochet shell) = (3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr) in indicated stitch or space.

V-st (V-stitch) = (Dc, ch 2, dc) in indicated stitch or space.

tall V-st (tall V-stitch) = (Tr, ch 2, tr) in indicated stitch or space.

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Ch 156 (162, 172, 182); join with slip st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist ch.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining and in each ch around; join with slip st in first st—156 (162, 172, 182) sc.

Size Large Only:

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in first 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, [sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st] 5 times, sc in each st to end of round; join with slip st in first sc—168 sc.

Size X-Large Only:

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st, [dc in next 11 sts, 2 dc in next st] 13 times, dc in each st to end of round; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—186 dc.

Size 2X-Large/3X-Large Only:

Round 2: Ch 4 (counts as first tr here and throughout), tr in next 5 sts, 2 tr in next st, [tr in next 10 sts, 2 tr in next st] 15 times, tr in each st to end of round; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-4—198 tr.

YOKE

All Sizes:

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, *ch 6, skip next 4 sts, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * to last 4 sts, ch 3, skip last 4 sts; join with dc in first st (last ch-3 and joining dc count as ch-6 space)—26 (28, 31, 33) 2-sc groups and 26 (28, 31, 33) ch-6 spaces.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in joining ch-6 space (formed by last ch-3 and joining dc), *ch 6, 2 sc in next ch-6 space; repeat from * around, ch 6; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, beginning in same st as joining, sc2tog, ch 3, V-st in next ch-6 space, *ch 3, sc2tog over next 2 sc, ch 3, V-st in next ch-6 space; repeat from * around, ch 3; join with slip st in first sc—26 (28, 31, 33) V-sts.

Round 4: Slip st in next 3 ch, slip st in next dc, (slip st, beg-tr shell) in ch-2 space of first V-st, *ch 1, skip next 2 ch-3 spaces, tr shell in ch-2 space of next V-st; repeat from * around, ch 1; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-4—26 (28, 31, 33) tr shells.

Round 5: Slip st in next 2 tr, slip st in ch-4 space of beg-tr shell, ch 3 (counts as dc), 10 dc in same ch-4 space, 3 dc in next ch-1 space, *11 dc in ch-4 space of next tr shell, 3 dc in next ch-1 space; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—26 (28, 31, 33) 11-dc groups and 26 (28, 31, 33) 3-dc groups.

Round 6: Slip st in next 4 dc, ch 1, sc in next dc (center dc of first 11-dc group), ch 5, 3-tr Cl in center dc of next 3-dc group, *ch 5, sc in center dc of next 11-dc group, ch 5, 3-tr Cl in center dc of next 3-dc group; repeat from * around, ch 5; join with slip st in first sc—26 (28, 31, 33) 3-tr Cl and 26 (28, 31, 33) sc.

Round 7: Beg-tr Cl in first sc, ch 5, dc in next ch-5 space, ch 2, dc in next ch-5 space (first V-st made), *ch 5, 3-tr Cl in next sc, ch 5, dc in next ch-5 space, ch 2, dc in next ch-5 space (V-st made); repeat from * around, ch 5; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-4—26 (28, 31, 33) 3-tr Cl, 26 (28, 31, 33) V-sts and 52 (56, 62, 66) ch-5 spaces.

Round 8: Turn, slip st in last ch-5 space of previous round, turn, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in next ch-5 space (first V-st made), ch 6, 3-tr Cl in ch-2 space of next V-st, *ch 6, dc in next ch-5 space, ch 2, dc in next ch-5 space (V-st made), ch 6, 3-tr Cl in ch-2 space of next V-st; repeat from * around, ch 6; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5—26 (28, 31, 33) 3-tr Cl and 26 (28, 31, 33) V-sts.

Round 9: (Slip st, beg-tr Cl) in next ch-2 space, ch 6, dc in next ch-6 space, ch 2, dc in next ch-6 space (V-st made), *ch 6, 3-tr Cl in ch-2 space of next V-st, ch 6, dc in next ch-6 space, ch 2, dc in next ch-6 space (V-st made); repeat from * around, ch 6; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-4.

Round 10: Turn, slip st in last ch-6 space of previous round, turn, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in next ch-6 space (first V-st made), ch 6, V-st in ch-2 space of next V-st, *ch 6, dc in next ch-6 space, ch 2, dc in next ch-6 space (V-st made), ch 6, V-st in ch-2 space of next V-st; repeat from * around, ch 6; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5—52 (56, 62, 66) V-sts.

Round 11: (Slip st, ch 5, dc) in ch-2 space of first V-st (first V-st made), *ch 7, V-st in ch-2 space of next V-st; repeat from * around, ch 7; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5.

Round 12: (Slip st, beg-sm-tr shell) in ch-2 space of first V-st, *ch 2, sm-tr shell in ch-2 space of next V-st; repeat from * around, ch 2; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-4—52 (56, 62, 66) sm-tr shells.

Round 13: Slip st in next 2 tr, (slip st, ch 3, 4 dc) in ch-2 of beg-sm-tr shell, ch 2, (sc, ch 7, sc) in next ch-2 space (between shells), *ch 2, 5 dc in ch-2 space of next sm-tr shell ch 2, (sc, ch 7, sc) in next ch-2 space (between shells); repeat from * around, ch 2; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—52 (56, 62, 66) 5-dc groups and 52 (56, 62, 66) (sc, ch 7, sc) groups.

Round 14: Slip st in next dc, (slip st, beg-dc Cl) in next dc (center dc of first 5-dc group), ch 5, (2-dc Cl, ch 2, 2-dc Cl) in next ch-7 space, *ch 5, 2-dc Cl in center dc of next 5-dc group, ch 5, (2-dc Cl, ch 2, 2-dc Cl) in next ch-7 space; repeat from * around, ch 5; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—52 (56, 62, 66) (2-dc Cl, ch 2, 2-dc Cl) groups and 52 (56, 62, 66) single 2-dc Cl.

Round 15: Turn, slip st in last ch-5 space of previous round, turn, ch 1, beginning in same ch-5 space, sc2-spaces-tog, ch 2, sm-tr shell in next ch-2 space, *ch 2, sc2-spaces-tog, ch 2, sm-tr shell in next ch-2 space; repeat from * around; ch 2; join with slip st in first sc2-spaces-tog—52 (56, 62, 66) sm-tr shells and 52 (56, 62, 66) sc.

Round 16: Ch 1, sc in same sc as joining, sc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 5 dc in ch-2 space of next sm-tr shell, *ch 2, sc in next ch-2 space, sc in next sc, sc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 5 dc in ch-2 space of next sm-tr shell; repeat from * to last ch-2 space, ch 2, sc in last ch-2 space; join with slip st in first sc—52 (56, 62, 66) 5-dc groups and 52 (56, 62, 66) 3-sc groups. Do not fasten off.

BODY

Divide for Sleeves and Body

Round 1 (dividing round): Place marker in same st as joining, beg-tr Cl in sc just marked, ch 6, sc in center dc of next 5-dc group, [ch 6, 3-tr Cl in center sc of next 3-sc group, ch 6, sc in center dc of next 5-dc group] 13 (15, 17, 19) times, ch 6, place marker in center sc of next 3-sc group, skip next 12 (12, 13, 13) 5-dc groups for armhole, place marker in center sc of next 3-sc group, 3-tr Cl in sc just marked, ch 6, sc in center dc of next 5-dc group, [ch 6, 3-tr Cl in center sc of next 3-sc group, ch 6, sc in center dc of next 5-dc group] 13 (15, 17, 19) times, ch 6, place marker in center sc of next 3-sc group, skip next 12 (12, 13, 13) 5-dc groups for armhole; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-4—28 (32, 36, 40) 3-tr Cl and 28 (32, 36, 40) sc.

Round 2: Turn, slip st in last ch-6 space of previous round, turn, ch 1, beginning in same ch-6 space, sc2-spaces-tog, ch 5, 2-dc Cl in next sc, *ch 5, sc2-spaces-tog, ch 5, 2-dc Cl in next sc; repeat from * around, ch 5; join with slip st in first sc—28 (32, 36, 40) 2-dc Cl and 28 (32, 36, 40) sc.

Round 3: Beg-dc Cl in same st as joining, ch 5, sc2-spaces-tog, *ch 5, 2-dc Cl in next sc, ch 5, sc2-spaces-tog; repeat from * around, ch 5; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3.

Rounds 4 and 5: Repeat Rounds 2 and 3.

Round 6: Repeat Round 2.

Do not fasten off.

SKIRT

Round 1: Ch 6 (counts as tr, ch 2), tr in same st as joining (first tall V-st made), sm-tr shell in next Cl, *tall V-st in next sc, sm-tr shell in next Cl; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 4th ch of beginning ch-6—28 (32, 36, 40) sm-tr shells and 28 (32, 36, 40) tall V-sts.

Round 2: (Slip st, ch 6, tr) in first ch-2 space (first tall V-st made), sm-tr shell in ch-2 space of next sm-tr shell, *tall V-st in ch-2 space of next tall V-st, sm-tr shell in ch-2 space of next sm-tr shell; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 4th ch of beginning ch-6.

Repeat Round 2 until piece measures about 24½" [62 cm] from Round 1 (dividing round) of Body.

Edging Round: (Slip st, ch 1, sc) in ch-2 space of first tall V-st, sc in first 3 tr of next sm-tr shell, (sc, ch 2, sc) in ch-2 space of same sm-tr shell, sc in last 3 tr of same sm-tr shell, *sc in ch-2 space of next tall V-st; sc in first 3 tr of next sm-tr shell, (sc, ch 2, sc) in

ch-2 space of same sm-tr shell, sc in last 3 tr of same sm-tr shell; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc.
Fasten off.

SLEEVES (work 2)

Round 1: With right side facing, inserting hook into both of the marked underarm sts join thread with slip st, remove markers, beg-tr Cl in same sts, ch 6, sc in center dc of next 5-dc group, *ch 6, 3-tr Cl in center sc of next 3-sc group, ch 6, sc in center dc of next 5-dc group; repeat from * around, ch 6; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-4—12 (12, 13, 13) 3-tr Cl and 12 (12, 13, 13) sc.

Round 2: Turn, slip st in last ch-6 space of previous round, turn, ch 1, beginning in same ch-6 space, sc2-spaces-tog, ch 5, 2-dc Cl in next sc, *ch 5, sc2-spaces-tog, ch 5, 2-dc Cl in next sc; repeat from * around, ch 5; join with slip st in first sc—12 (12, 13, 13) 2-dc Cl and 12 (12, 13, 13) sc.

Round 3: Beg-dc Cl in same st as joining, ch 5, sc2-spaces-tog, *ch 5, 2-dc Cl in next sc, ch 5, sc2-spaces-tog; repeat from * around, ch 5; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3.

Round 4: Repeat Round 2.

Round 5: Ch 6 (counts as tr, ch 2), tr in same st as joining (first tall V-st made), sm-tr shell in next Cl, *tall V-st in next sc, sm-tr shell in next Cl; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 4th ch of beginning ch-6—12 (12, 13, 13) sm-tr shells and 12 (12, 13, 13) tall V-sts.

Round 6: (Slip st, ch 6, tr) in first ch-2 space (first tall V-st made), sm-tr shell in ch-2 space of next sm-tr shell, *tall V-st in ch-2 space of next tall V-st, sm-tr shell in ch-2 space of next sm-tr shell; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 4th ch of beginning ch-6.

Edging Round: (Slip st, ch 1, sc) in first ch-2 space, sc in first 3 tr of next sm-tr shell, (sc, ch 2, sc) in ch-2 space of same sm-tr shell, sc in last 3 tr of same sm-tr shell, *sc in ch-2 space of next tall V-st; sc in first 3 tr of next sm-tr shell, (sc, ch 2, sc) in ch-2 space of same sm-tr shell, sc in last 3 tr of same sm-tr shell; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc.
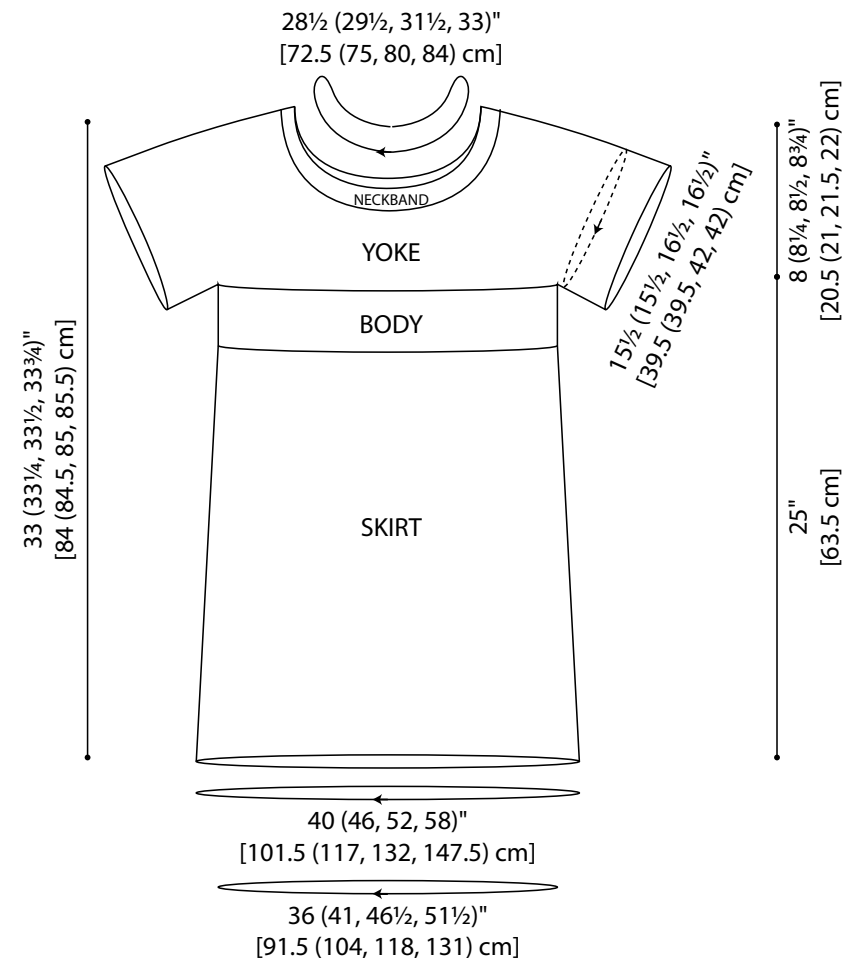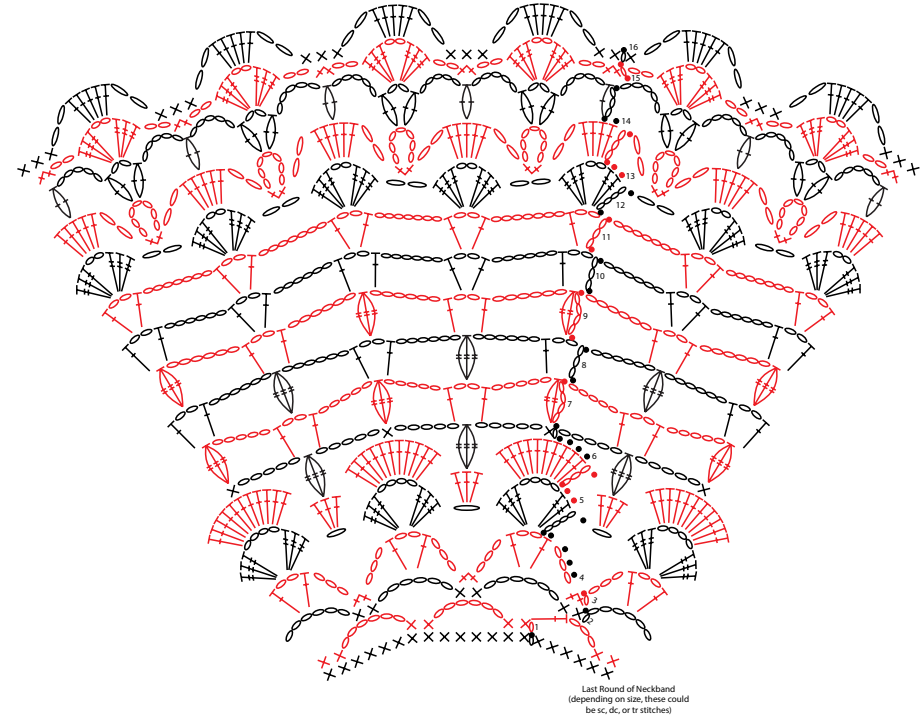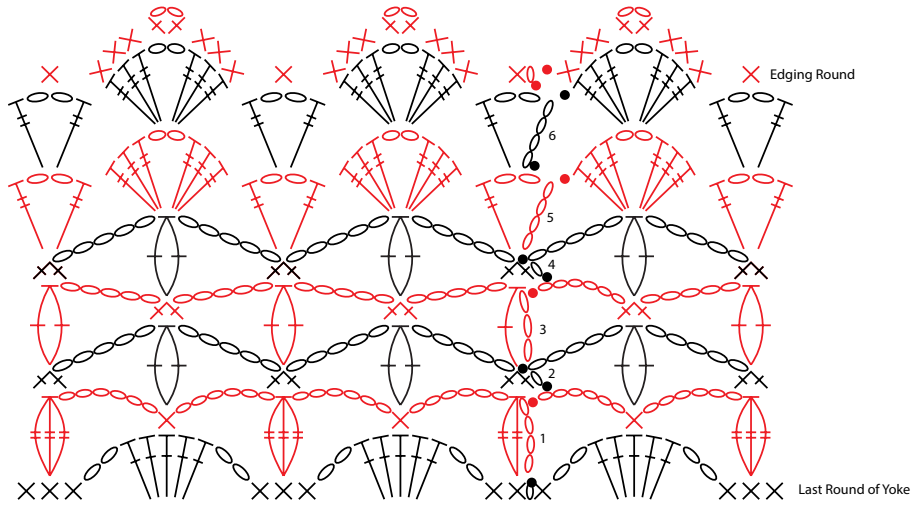Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble (triple) crochet; **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

28½ (29½, 31½, 33)"
[72.5 (75, 80, 84) cm]

NECKBAND

YOKE

BODY

SKIRT

8 (8¼, 8½, 8¾)"
[20.5 (21, 21.5, 22) cm]

15½ (15½, 16½, 16½)"
[39.5 (39.5, 42, 42) cm]

33 (33¼, 33½, 33¾)"
[84 (84.5, 85, 85.5) cm]

25"
[63.5 cm]

40 (46, 52, 58)"
[101.5 (117, 132, 147.5) cm]

36 (41, 46½, 51½)"
[91.5 (104, 118, 131) cm]

SLEEVE
reduced sample (repeat all the way around)

Edging Round

Last Round of Yoke

Last Round of Neckband
(depending on size, these could
be sc, dc, or tr stitches)

BODY
reduced sample

skipped 12 (12, 13, 13)
5-dc groups for armhole

repeat this pattern for a total
of 14 (16, 18, 20) pattern repeats

skipped 12 (12, 13, 13)
5-dc groups for armhole

repeat this pattern for a total
of 14 (16, 18, 20) pattern repeats

Last Round of Yoke
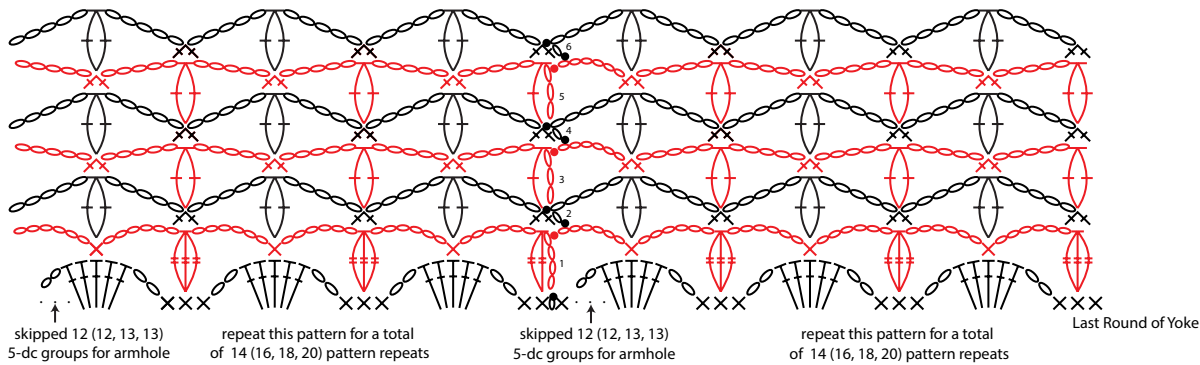
KEY

● = slip stitch (sl st)

◯ = chain (ch)

✕ = single crochet (sc)

= double crochet (dc)

= treble crochet (tr)

= 2-double crochet cluster (2-dc Cl)

= 3-treble crochet cluster (3-tr Cl)

= V-stitch (V-st)

= tall V-stitch (tall V-st)

= treble crochet shell (tr shell)

= small treble crochet shell (sm-tr shell)

✕✕ = single crochet 2 stitches or spaces together (sc2tog or sc2-spaces-tog)