CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) balls 495 Wood Violet

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 4mm [US G-6]

Stitch markers, thread needle.

GAUGE: 6 repeats = 4" (10 cm); 8 rows = 4" (10 cm) in pattern. Note: One pattern repeat consists of a ch-2 space and the following dc (or one V). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, Art. 154 available in white & ecru 400 yd; solid color 250 yd; shaded color 300 yd balls

SHOP KIT

Dress with Flare

An airy v-stitch mesh allows this dress to drape gently and beautifully. Crochet it in your favorite Classic Crochet Thread color and dress it up or down to fit each day of your travels (it won't take much room in your suitcase).

Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, X-Large, and XX-Large are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 32 (36, 40, 44, 48)" (81.5 (91.5, 101.5, 112, 122) cm)
Finished Waist: 26½ (30½, 34½, 38½, 42½)" (67.5 (77.5, 87.5, 98, 108) cm)
Finished Length: 38½ (39½, 39½, 40½, 40½)" (98 (100.5, 100.5, 103, 103) cm)

Special Stitches

Fsc (foundation single crochet – This technique creates a foundation ch and a row of single crochet stitches in one) =
   First st: Ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through 1 loop on hook (the "ch"), yarn over and draw through both loops on hook (the "single crochet").
   Remaining sts: *Insert hook in "ch" of previous stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over, draw through 1 loop on hook (the "ch"), yarn over and draw through both loops on hook; repeat from * for desired number of stitches.
Dbl-V (double V) = (Dc, [ch 2, dc] twice) in indicated space.
Inc-V (increase V) = (Dc, [ch 2, dc] 3 times) in indicated space.
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.
V = (Dc, ch 2, dc) in indicated stitch or space.

Notes

1. Dress is worked in one piece from the neck downwards. Sleeve and neck edgings are worked directly onto piece after dress is complete.

2. Crochet loosely and take care to keep the first loop of each double crochet stitch loose. An oversized gauge is used to give drape to the garment.
3. Foundation single crochet (Fsc) is used at the neck and underarms. The designer recommends using Fsc instead of a traditional foundation ch because Fsc provides more elasticity.
4. Garment will lengthen significantly when blocked.

DRESS
Yoke

Fsc 39 (43, 43, 47, 47).
Row 1 (right side): Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2 here and throughout), V in first sc, place marker in ch-space just made, [skip next sc, V in next sc] 4 times, place marker in last ch-space made, [skip next sc, V in next sc] 11 (13, 13, 15, 15) times, place marker in last ch-space made, [skip next sc, V in next sc] 4 times, place marker in last ch-space made, ch 2, dc in last sc again, turn—22 (24, 24, 26, 26) ch-spaces, 4 markers placed.

Notes:
1. The 10 (12, 12, 14, 14) Vs at center between marked Vs form the back neck.
2. The markers indicate corners in which stitches will be increased.

Row 2 (increase at corners): Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), V in first ch-space, Inc-V in next marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 3 times, V in last ch-5 space, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5, turn—30 (32, 32, 34, 34) ch-spaces.

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Rows 3 and 4 (increase at corners): Ch 3, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, dc in top of turning ch, turn—46 (48, 48, 50, 50) ch-spaces at the end of Row 4.

Size Small Only:
Row 5 (increase at front neck): Ch 5, dc in first dc, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space and move marker to the ch-space of the V just made] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, V in top of turning ch, turn—48 ch-spaces.
Row 6 (increase at corners): Ch 3, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space including last ch-5 space, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5, turn—56 ch-spaces.
Rows 7 and 8: Repeat last 2 rows—66 ch-spaces at the end of Row 8.

Size Medium Only:
Row 5 (increase at corners and front neck): Ch 5, dc in first dc, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, V in top of turning ch, turn—58 ch-spaces.
Row 6 (increase at corners): Ch 3, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space including last ch-5 space, dc in 3rd ch of ch-5, turn—66 ch-spaces.

Row 7 (increase at front neck): Ch 5, dc in first dc, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space and move marker to the ch-space of the V just made] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, V in top of turning ch, turn—68 ch-spaces.
Rows 8 and 9: Repeat last 2 rows—78 ch-spaces.
Row 10: Ch 3, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space and move marker to the ch-space of the V just made] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space including last ch-5 space, dc in 3rd ch of ch-5, turn—78 ch-spaces.

Size Large and X-Large Only:
Row 5 (increase at corners and front neck): Ch 5, dc in first dc, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, V in top of turning ch, turn—58 (60) ch-spaces.
Row 6 (increase at corners): Ch 3, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space including last ch-5 space, dc in 3rd ch of ch-5, turn—66 (68) ch-spaces.
Row 7 (increase at front neck): Ch 5, dc in first dc, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space and move marker to the ch-space of the V just made] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, V in top of turning ch, turn—68 (70) ch-spaces.
Rows 8–9 (11): Repeat last 2 rows 1 (2) times—78 (90) ch-spaces at the end of Row 9 (11).
Row 10 (12): Repeat Row 6—86 (98) ch-spaces.

Size XX–Large Only:
Row 5 (increase at corners and front neck): Ch 5, dc in first dc, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, V in top of turning ch, turn—60 ch-spaces.
Row 6 (increase at corners): Ch 3, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space including last ch-5 space, dc in 3rd ch of ch-5, turn—68 ch-spaces.
Rows 7 and 8: Repeat last 2 rows—86 ch-spaces at the end of Row 8.
Row 9 (increase at front neck): Ch 5, dc in first dc, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space and move marker to the ch-space of the V just made] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, V in top of turning ch, turn—88 ch-spaces.
Row 10 (increase at corners): Ch 3, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Inc-V in marked ch-space and move marker to the center ch-space of the Inc-V] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space including last ch-5 space, dc in 3rd ch of beginning ch-5, turn—96 ch-spaces.
Rows 11 and 12: Repeat last 2 rows—106 ch-spaces.

All Sizes:
Row 9 (11, 11, 13, 13) (increase at front neck): Ch 5, dc in first dc, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space and move marker to the ch-space of the V just made] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, V in top of turning ch, turn—68 (80, 88, 100, 108) ch-spaces.

Row 10 (12, 12, 14, 14): Ch 3, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space and move marker to the ch-space of the V just made] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space including last ch-5 space, dc in 3rd ch of ch-5, turn—68 (80, 88, 100, 108) ch-spaces.

Join Neck
Row 11 (13, 13, 15, 15) (right side): Ch 5, dc in first dc, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space and move marker to the ch-space of the V just made] 4 times, V in each remaining ch-space, V in top of turning ch, slip st in 3rd ch of ch-5 at the beginning of this row to join into a round, do NOT turn—70 (82, 90, 102, 110) ch-spaces.
Fasten off.

Rejoin Yarn
With right side still facing, skip ch-spaces to next marked ch-space (front left corner), skip marked ch-space, skip ch-spaces to next marked ch-space (back left corner), turn (wrong side now facing), join yarn in marked ch-space (back left corner).
Round 12 (14, 14, 16, 16) (wrong side): Ch 3, skip first ch-space, [V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space, place marker in ch-space just made] 3 times, V in each remaining ch-space to beginning, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch to complete beginning V (joining hdc counts as ch-space), place marker in beginning ch-space just made, turn—70 (82, 90, 102, 110) ch-spaces.

Join Underarms

Round 13 (15, 15, 17, 17) (right side): Ch 3, skip first ch-space, *V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, V in marked ch-space, ch 1, insert hook under 2 strands in the side of the dc just completed near the top of the dc, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops (beginning Fsc made), Fsc 5 (2, 5, 2, 5) more times (underarm foundation complete), skip the next 13 (15, 17, 19, 21) ch-spaces to next marked ch-space **, V in marked ch-space; repeat from * to ** once, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, remove markers, turn—44 (52, 56, 64, 68) ch-spaces.

Bodice

Round 1 (wrong side): Ch 3, skip first ch-space, *skip first sc of underarm foundation, V in next sc, [skip next 2 sc, V in next sc] 1 (0, 1, 0, 1) time(s), skip remaining sc of underarm foundation **, V in each ch-space to next underarm foundation; repeat from * to ** once, V in each ch-space around, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn—48 (54, 60, 66, 72) ch-2 spaces.

Rounds 2-10: Ch 3, skip first ch-space, V in each ch-space around, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn.

Fit Tip: The waist shaping should begin under the breasts. Work fewer rows to shorten or more rows to lengthen the bodice if needed before working the waist shaping to position it correctly for a good fit. Keep in mind that bodice will lengthen with blocking.

Shape Waist

Round 11 (decrease): Ch 3, skip first ch-space, V in next 7 (7, 9, 9, 10) ch-spaces, *dc in ch-space of next V, V in next space between V sts, dc in ch-space of next V **, V in next 8 (10, 10, 12, 14) ch-spaces; repeat from * to ** once, V in next 12 (13, 16, 17, 18) ch-spaces; repeat from * to ** once, V in next 8 (10, 10, 12, 14) ch-spaces; repeat from * to ** once, V in next 4 (5, 6, 7, 7) ch-spaces, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn—44 (50, 56, 62, 68) ch-2 spaces.

Round 12: Ch 3, skip first ch-space, V in each ch-space around, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn—44 (50, 56, 62, 68) ch-2 spaces.

Round 13 (decrease): Ch 3, skip first ch-space, V in next 7 (7, 9, 9, 10) ch-spaces, *dc in next ch-space, V in next 8 (10, 10, 12, 14) ch-spaces, dc in next ch-space **, V in next 12 (13, 16, 17, 18) ch-spaces; repeat from * to ** once, V in next 4 (5, 6, 7, 7) ch-spaces, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn—40 (46, 52, 58, 64) ch-2 spaces.

Rounds 14-16: Repeat Round 12 three more times—40 (46, 52, 58, 64) ch-2 spaces.

SKIRT

Size Small Only:

Round 17 (increase): Ch 3, sk first ch-space, *V in next 2 ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, V in next 2 ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, V in next 3 ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, V in next 2 ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, V in next 3 ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, V in next 2 ch-spaces **, Dbl-V in next ch-space; repeat from * to ** once, V in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch to complete beginning Dbl-V, turn—52 ch-2 spaces.

Sizes Medium (Large, X-Large, XX-Large) Only:

Round 17 (increase): Ch 3, skip first ch-space, V in next 2 (3, 2, 3) ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, *V in next 3 (3, 4, 4) ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, V in next 3 (3, 4, 5) ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, V in next 2 (4, 4, 4) ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, V in next 3 (3, 4, 5) ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space, V in next 3 (3, 4, 4) ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space**, V in next 3 (4, 3, 4) ch-spaces, Dbl-V in next ch-space; repeat from * to ** once, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn—58 (64, 70, 76) ch-2 spaces.

All Sizes:

Round 18: Ch 3, skip first ch-space, V in next 7 (9, 9, 11, 11) ch-spaces, place marker in last ch-space just made, *V in next 9 (9, 11, 11, 13) ch-spaces, place marker in last ch-space just made, V in next 8 (10, 10, 12, 12) ch-spaces, place marker in last ch-space just made **, V in next 9 (10, 11, 12, 13) ch-spaces, place marker in last ch-space just made; repeat from * to ** once, V in next 1 (0, 1, 0, 1) ch-space(s), dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn.

Round 19 (increase): Ch 3, skip first ch-space, *V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Dbl-V in marked ch-space; repeat * 5 times, V in each ch-space to beginning, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn—58 (64, 70, 76, 82) ch-2 spaces.

Note: The markers are moved in the next round so that the increases are evenly spread over the skirt.

Round 20 (even): Ch 3, skip first ch-space, V in each ch-space around, dc in beginning ch-space, hdc in top of turning ch; move each marker over by 2 ch-spaces to the left and up 2 rounds to ch-space of round just completed (hdc counts as ch-space), turn.

Work Round 21 as follows, ONLY if there is a marker in the beginning ch-space:

Round 21 (increase): Ch 3, skip first ch-space, *V in each ch-space to next marked ch-space, Dbl-V in marked ch-space; repeat from * 4 times, V in each ch-space to beginning, V in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch to complete Dbl-V, turn

Work Round 21 as follows, ONLY if there is NO marker in the beginning ch-space:

Round 21 (increase): Repeat Round 19.

Rounds 22-57: Repeat Rounds 20 and 21 eighteen more times—172 (178, 184, 190,196) ch-2 spaces at the end of Round 57.

Round 58: Repeat Round 20.

Fasten off.

SLEEVES (work 2):

With right side facing, join yarn in 2nd ch of one underarm foundation.

Round 1: Ch 3, [skip next 2 ch of foundation, V in next ch] 1 (0, 1, 0, 1) time(s), V in next space formed by the dc row edge of V that is connected to underarm foundation, V in each of the 13 (15, 17, 19, 21) skipped ch-spaces, V in space formed by next dc row edge, skip first ch of foundation, dc in same ch as joining; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn—17 (18, 21, 22, 25) ch-2 spaces.

Rounds 2–6: Ch 3, skip first ch-space, V in each ch-space around, dc in beginning ch-space; join with hdc in top of turning ch, turn.

Fasten off.

FINISHING
Neck Edging

With right side facing, join yarn in 20th (22nd, 22nd, 24th, 24th) foundation ch at center back of neck.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch of foundation, *working in ends of rows, work 3 sc in each beginning ch and 2 sc in edge of each dc ** of left side of V-neck; repeat from * to ** for right side of V-neck placing marker in first sc made (at center front neck), sc in each remaining ch of foundation at back of neck; join with slip st in beginning sc, turn—94 (108, 108, 122, 122) sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc to marked sc, sc2tog, sc in each remaining sc; join with slip st in first sc, turn—93 (107, 107, 121, 121) sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc around including in sc2tog; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends. Hand wash and lay flat to dry.

ABBREVIATIONS: ch = ch; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

3" (7.5 cm)

6½ (8, 8, 9½, 9½)" (16.5 (20.5, 20.5, 24, 24) cm)

5½ (6½, 6½, 7½, 7½)" (14 (16.5, 16.5, 19, 19) cm)

11½ (12, 14, 14½, 16½)" (29 (30.5, 35.5, 37, 42) cm)

14½ (15½, 15½, 16½, 16½)" (37 (39.5, 39.5, 42, 42) cm)

32 (36, 40, 44, 48)" (81.5 (91.5, 101.5, 112, 122) cm)

38½ (39½, 39½, 40½, 40½)" (98 (100.5, 100.5, 103, 103) cm)

26½ (30½, 34½, 38½, 42½)" (67.5 (77.5, 87.5, 98, 108) cm)

21" (53.5 cm)

114½ (118½, 122½, 126½, 130½)" (291 (301, 311, 321.5, 331.5) cm)