## CARON'



Rows o' Ruffles Dress
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DESCRIPTION SIZING

Ruffles and bright colours make for a fun summer dress, perfect for girls aged 3 to 10 .

## Abbreviations

Ch(s) = Chain(s)
Dc = double crochet

Dc2tog = (Yoh. Draw up a loop in next st. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.
Picot $=$ Ch 3, sl st in top of sc just made.

RS = right side
sc = single crochet

Sl st = Slip stitch
V-st $=$ V-stitch - (dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated stitch or space.

## Details \& Instructions

## MEASUREMENTS

Finished Chest:
$3-4$ yrs 24 " $[61 \mathrm{~cm}$ ]
$6 \mathrm{yrs} \quad 26.5^{\prime \prime}$ [67.5
8-10 29" [73.5
yrs cm]
Finished Length
(including ruffles):
3-4 yrs
21" [53.5
cm]
6 yrs $\quad \begin{aligned} & 23 " \\ & \mathrm{~cm}]\end{aligned}$
25" 63.5
$8-10 \mathrm{yrs} \mathrm{cm}$ ]
MATERIALS

## Version A

Simply Soft (170 g/6. oz;288 m/315 yds)

| Sizes | $3-4$ <br> yrs | 6 yrs | $8-10$ <br> yrs |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Contrast A <br> Watermelon <br> (9604) | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Contrast B <br> Mango (9605) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Simply Soft (170 g/6. oz;288 m/315 yds) |  |  |  |$\quad$| Contrast C |
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| Lemonade <br> (9776) |
| Contrast D <br> White (9701) |

One size US H-8 (5mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge. Yarn needle.

## Version B

Simply Soft (170 g/6. oz;288 m/315 yds)


## GAUGE

In V-st pattern, 13 V-sts and 16 rows $=8$ " $/ 20.5 \mathrm{~cm}$

## INSTRUCTIONS

## NOTE

Dress is made in two pieces, front and back. After the front and back are seamed, ruffles are worked around the skirt.

## FRONT

Beginning at lower edge, with $C$, ch $73(79,85)$.
Row 1 (RS): Dc in 5th ch from hook (beginning ch and first dc count as first V-st here and throughout), *sk next 2 ch, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch (V-st made); repeat from * across to last $2 \mathrm{ch}, \mathrm{ch} 1$, sk next ch, dc in last ch, turn-23 $(25,27) \mathrm{V}$-sts.

Rows 2-4: Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1, here and throughout), dc in first dc (V-st made), *sk next dc, sk next ch, V -st in next dc (2nd dc of V -st); repeat from * across to last $V$-st, sk next dc, sk next ch, dc in last dc (3rd ch of turning ch), turn; change to B in last st of Row 4.

Rows 5 and 6: With B, repeat Row 2 twice.

Rows 7 and 8 (decrease rows): Ch 3 (does not count as a st here and throughout), sk first 2 dc , sk next ch (decrease made), V-st in next dc, *sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc; repeat from * across to last V-st, sk next dc, sk next ch, dc in last dc, turn; change to $A$ in last st of Row $8-21(23,25) V$-sts at the end of Row 8.

Rows 9-12: With A, Ch 4, dc in first dc, *sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc; repeat from * across to last V-st, sk next dc, sk next ch, dc in last dc, turn.

Rows 13-18: With A, repeat Rows 7-12 (do not change color)-19 (21, 23) V-sts.
Rows 19-25 (28, 31): With A, repeat Row 2, $7(\mathbf{1 0}, 13)$ times (do not change color).

## Shape Armholes

Row 1: Sk first dc, sl st in each st across to $2 n d$ dc of $2 n d V-s t$, ch 4, dc in same dc, *sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc; repeat from * across to last 3 V -sts, sk next dc, sk next ch, dc in next dc, turn; leave last 2 V -sts unworked-15 $(\mathbf{1 7}, 19)$ V-sts.

Row 2: Ch 4, dc in first dc, *sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc; repeat from * across to last V-st, sk next dc, sk next ch, dc in last dc, turn.

Row 3 (decrease row): Ch 3, turn, sk first 2 dc, sk next ch (decrease made), V-st in next dc, *sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc; repeat from * across to last 2 V -sts, dc2tog over 2nd dc of last 2 V -sts (skipping the dc and ch-1 sp between)-13 $(15,17) V$-sts.

Sizes 6 (8-10) Only: Repeat Rows 2 and 3-13 (15) V-sts.
All Sizes: Repeat Row 2, $1(\mathbf{1}, 2)$ more times.

## Shape Neck and First Shoulder

Row 1: Ch 4, dc in first dc, [sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc] 3 times, sk next dc, sk next ch, dc in next dc, turn; leave remaining sts unworked (for neck and $2 n d$ shoulder) - 4 V -sts.

Row 2 (decrease row): Ch 3, sk first 2 dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc, *sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc; repeat from * across to last $V$-st, sk next dc, sk next ch, dc in last dc, turn-3 V-sts.

Rows 3-5: Ch 4, dc in first dc, *sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc; repeat from * across to last V-st. sk next dc , sk next ch, dc in last dc, turn.

Fasten off.

## Second Shoulder

With RS facing, sk next $4(4,6)$ unworked $V$-sts following first shoulder, join A with sl st in 2nd dc of next V-st.
Row 1: Ch 4, dc in same dc, [sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc] 3 times, sk next dc, sk next ch, dc in last dc, turn-4 V -sts.

Row 2 (decrease row): Ch 4, dc in first dc, [sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc] twice, sk next dc, sk next ch, dc2tog over next dc and turning ch-sp, turn-3 V-sts.

Rows 3-5: Ch 4, dc in first dc, *sk next dc, sk next ch, V-st in next dc; repeat from * across to last V-st. sk next dc, sk next ch, dc in last dc, turn.

Fasten off.

## BACK

Work same as front.

## ASSEMBLY

With RS together, sew side and shoulder seams.

## RUFFLES

Hold dress with lower edge at top and RS facing, working across opposite side of foundation chains (around lower edge of dress), join D with sl st in any ch-sp at back.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in same ch-sp, ch 3, sl st in top of sc (picot made), *ch 5, sc in next ch-sp, ch 3, picot; repeat from * around; join with ch 2 , dc in first sc (joining ch 2 and dc count as ch-sp).

Rounds 2-5: Ch 1, sc in first ch-sp (formed by join), picot, *ch 5, sc in next ch-sp, ch 3, picot; repeat from * around; join with ch 2, dc in first sc.

Round 6: Ch 7, sl st in 4th ch from hook (picot made), dc in first ch-sp, [picot, dc in same ch-sp] twice, *dc in next ch-sp, [picot, dc in same ch-sp] 3 times; repeat from * around; join with sl st in base of first picot.

Fasten off.
Working in ch-sps of Row 4 (last row of C-colored V-st), join C with sl st in any ch-sp at back. Repeat Rounds 1-6. Fasten off.

Working in ch-sps of Row 8 (last row of B-colored V-st), join B with sl st in any ch-sp at back. Repeat Rounds 1-6. Fasten off.

Working in ch-sps of Row 12 (4th row of A-colored V-st), join A with sl st in any ch-sp at back. Repeat Rounds 1-6. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Armhole Edging: With RS facing, join A with sc in underarm, work sc evenly spaced around armhole; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat around other armhole.

Neck Edging: With RS facing, join A with sc in back neck, work sc evenly spaced around neck; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.


