



CROCHET  
SKILL LEVEL  
INTERMEDIATE

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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®:**  
1 (1, 2, 2) balls 9600 White A.

**RED HEART® Boutique Sassy Fabric™:** 2 hanks 9936 Pink Dot B.

**Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:** 5.5mm  
[US I-9]

Yarn needle, stitch marker, 4 (5, 5, 5)  
– 3/8" (9mm) shank buttons

**GAUGE:** 12 sts = 4" (10 cm); 15  
rows = 4" (10 cm) in sc and sassy-  
sc skirt pattern. 12½ sts = 4" (10  
cm); 10½ rows = 4" (10 cm) in  
cross-sc bodice pattern. **CHECK  
YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to  
obtain the gauge.



# Baby's Best Party Dress

*A baby girl in ruffles....what could be cuter?  
And she'll love feeling pretty in this delightful  
dress. Crochet it in sizes from 6 months to  
24 months.*



**RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®**, Art. E746  
available in solid color 5  
oz (141 g), 256 yd  
(234 m); prints 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd  
(187 m) balls



**RED HEART® Boutique Sassy Fabric™**, Art. E818, available in  
multicolor 3.5 oz (100g),  
30 yd (27m) balls

**SHOP KIT**

**Directions are for size 6 months; changes for sizes 12 months, 18 months, and 24 months are in parentheses**

**Finished Chest:** 18 (19, 20½, 22)" (45.5 (48.5, 52, 56) cm)

**Finished Length:** 14¾ (16, 17¾, 18)" (37.5 (40.5, 45, 45.5) cm), including 1¾" (4.5 cm) of **B** that hangs below lower edge of dress

### Special Stitches

**cross-sc** (crossed single crochet) = Skip next stitch, sc in next stitch, working over stitch just made, sc in skipped stitch.

**sassy-sc** (sassy single crochet) = With loop of **A** on hook, hold **B** in front of work with holes along top, insert hook from back to front through next hole, insert hook from front to back through next stitch, yarn over with **A** and draw through stitch and back through hole (2 loops of **A** remain on hook), yarn over with **A** and draw through both loops on hook.

**sc2tog** = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

### Notes

1. Dress is worked from the lower edge of the skirt upwards. Skirt is worked in rounds of single crochet and sassy-single crochet. Bodice is worked in rows of a cross-sc pattern. When work reaches armholes, the piece is divided and the Left Back, Front, and Right Back are worked separately to the shoulders.
2. All crochet stitches in this design are worked with **A**. There are holes running along one side of **B**. You will be crocheting with **A** through the holes in **B**.
3. When starting a hank of **B**, trim **B** close to first hole, fold **B** so that first hole is aligned behind second hole, and work first sassy-sc by inserting hook through both holes.

4. When ending a hank of **B**, trim **B** close to last hole, fold **B** so that last hole is behind next to last hole, and work last sassy-sc by inserting hook through both holes.
5. When you end one hank of **B** and need to begin another, fold last hole of ending hank as in Note #4, fold first hole of new hank as in Note #3, align the 2 new hank holes behind the 2 ending hank holes, and work next sassy-sc by inserting hook through all 4 holes.
6. When working sassy-sc, inserting hook from back to front through hole gives **B** a little twist allowing it to flair out.
7. Drop **B** to front of work when not being used.

### SKIRT

Beginning at lower edge with **A**, ch 71 (80, 88, 98); being careful not to twist ch, join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1 (right side):** Ch 1, sc in same ch as joining and in each ch around; do not join, work in a continuous spiral—71 (80, 88, 98) sc. Place a marker in last stitch made to indicate end of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

**Round 2:** Fold **B** (see Note #3), hold **B** in front of work, insert hook through aligned holes then insert hook in next st, yarn over with **A** and draw through st and aligned holes, yarn over with **A** and draw through both remaining loops on hook, work sassy-sc in each st around.

**Rounds 3 and 4:** With **A** only, sc in each st around.

**Round 5 (decrease round):** With **A** only, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [sc in next 21 (18, 20, 17) sts, sc2tog] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 2) sts—68 (76, 84, 93) sc.

**Round 6:** Work sassy-sc in each st around.

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**Rounds 7 and 8:** With **A** only, sc in each st around.

**Round 9 (decrease round):** With **A** only, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [sc in next 20 (17, 19, 16) sts, sc2tog] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 2) sts—65 (72, 80, 88) sc.

**Rounds 10–12:** Repeat Rounds 6–8.

**Round 13 (decrease round):** With **A** only, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [sc in next 19 (16, 18, 15) sts, sc2tog] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 2) sts—62 (68, 76, 83) sc.

**Rounds 14–16:** Repeat Rounds 6–8.

**Round 17 (decrease round):** With **A** only, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [sc in next 18 (15, 17, 14) sts, sc2tog] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 2) sts—59 (64, 72, 78) sc.

**Rounds 18–20:** Repeat Rounds 6–8.

**Round 21 (decrease round):** With **A** only, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [sc in next 17 (14, 16, 13) sts, sc2tog] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 2) sts—56 (60, 68, 73) sc.

**Rounds 22–24:** Repeat Rounds 6–8.

**Round 25 (decrease round):** With **A** only, sc in first 56 (60, 0, 1) sts, [sc in next 0 (0, 15, 12) sts, sc2tog] 0 (0, 4, 5) times, sc in last 0 (0, 0, 2) sts—56 (60, 64, 68) sc.

**Round 26:** Repeat Round 6.

**Rounds 27–29:** With **A** only, sc in each st around.

Repeat last Rounds 26–29, 0 (0, 1, 1) more times.

**Last Round:** Work sassy-sc in each st around to last st, cut **B** so that 2 holes remain, fold **B** (see Note #4), sassy-sc in last st; join with slip st in first st.

Do not fasten off **A**. Work remainder of Dress with **A** only.

## BODICE

**Row 1 (right side):** Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, cross-sc across to last st, sc in last st, TURN – 56 (60, 64, 68) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, cross-sc across, turn.

**Rows 3–4 (6, 8, 8):** Repeat last 2 rows 1 (2, 3, 3) more times.

## Left Back

**Row 1 (right side):** Ch 1, sc in first st, [cross-sc] 6 (6, 6, 7) times, sc in last 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, turn; leave remaining sts unworked for Front and Right Back—13 (14, 14, 15) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, [cross-sc] 6 (6, 6, 7) times, turn—12 (13, 13, 14) sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [cross-sc] 5 (6, 6, 6) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 5 (6, 6, 6) times, turn—11 (12, 12, 13) sts.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [cross-sc] 5 (5, 5, 6) times, sc in last 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, turn.

**Row 6:** Ch 1, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 5 (6, 6, 6) times, turn.

**Rows 7–8 (8, 8, 10):** Repeat last 2 rows 1 (1, 1, 2) more times.

Repeat Row 5, 0 (1, 1, 0) more times.

## Shape Left Back Shoulder

**Size 6 months only:**

**Row 1:** Slip st in first 7 sts, ch 1, sc same st as last sl st, [cross-sc] twice, turn—5 sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [cross-sc] twice.

**Sizes 12 (18) months only:**

**Row 1:** Ch 1, [cross-sc] 3 (2) times, sc in next 0 (1) sts, turn; leave remaining sts unworked—6 (5) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first 1 (0) sts, [cross-sc] twice, sc in last st.

**Size 24 months only:**

**Row 1:** Slip st in first 8 sts, ch 1, beginning in same st as last sl st, [cross-sc] 3 times, turn—6 sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [cross-sc] twice, sc in last st.

**All sizes:** Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## Front

**Row 1 (right side):** With right side facing, skip next 2 (2, 4, 4) unworked sts of last row of Bodice, join **A** in next st, ch 1, beginning in same st as joining, sc in 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, [cross-sc] 13 (13, 13, 15) times, sc in next 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, turn; leave remaining sts unworked for Right Back—26 (28, 28, 30) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, [cross-sc] 12 (12, 12, 14) times, sc in next 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, turn; leave last st unworked—24 (26, 26, 28) sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 11 (13, 13, 13) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 10 (12, 12, 12) times, sc in next 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, turn; leave last st unworked—22 (24, 24, 26) sts.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc in first 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, [cross-sc] 11 (11, 11, 13) times, sc in last 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, turn.

**Row 6:** Ch 1, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 10 (12, 12, 12) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, turn.

**Row 7:** Repeat Row 5.

## Shape Right Front Shoulder

**Row 1 (wrong side):** Ch 1, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 3 (4, 3, 3) times, sc in next 0 (0, 1, 1) sts, turn; leave remaining sts unworked for front neck and Left Shoulder—7 (8, 7, 8) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 0 (0, 1, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 3 (3, 2, 3) times, sc in last 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, turn—6 (7, 6, 7) sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 2 (3, 2, 2) times, sc in next 0 (0, 1, 1) sts, turn; leave last st unworked—5 (6, 5, 6) sts.

**Sizes 12 (18, 24) months only:** Ch 1, sc in next 1 (0, 0) sts, [cross-sc] 2 (2, 3) times, sc in last 1 (1, 0) sts, turn.

**Size 24 months only:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [cross-sc] twice, sc in last st.

**All sizes:** Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## Shape Left Front Shoulder

**Row 1 (wrong side):** With wrong side facing, skip next 8 (8, 10, 10) sts of last row of Front, join **A** in next st, ch 1, beginning in same st as joining, sc in 0 (0, 1, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 3 (4, 3, 3) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, turn—7 (8, 7, 8) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, [cross-sc] 3 (3, 2, 3) times, sc in next 0 (0, 1, 1) sts, turn; leave last st unworked—6 (7, 6, 7) sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 0 (0, 1, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 2 (3, 2, 2) times, sc in next 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, turn—5 (6, 5, 6) sts.

**Sizes 12 (18, 24) months only:** Ch 1, sc in next 1 (1, 0) sts, [cross-sc] 2 (2, 3) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0) sts, turn.

**Size 24 months only:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [cross-sc] twice, sc in last st.

**All sizes:** Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## Right Back

**Row 1 (right side):** With right side facing, skip next 2 (2, 4, 4) unworked sts of last row of Bodice, join **A** in next st, ch 1, beginning in same st as joining, sc in 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, [cross-sc] 6 (6, 6, 7) times, sc in last st, turn—13 (14, 14, 15) sts.

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**Row 2:** Ch 1, [cross-sc] 6 (6, 6, 7) times, sc in next 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, turn; leave last st unworked—12 (13, 13, 14) sts.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, [cross-sc] 5 (6, 6, 6) times, sc in last st, turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, [cross-sc] 5 (6, 6, 6) times, sc in next 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, turn; leave last st unworked—11 (12, 12, 13) sts.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc in first 0 (1, 1, 0) sts, [cross-sc] 5 (5, 5, 6) times, sc in last st, turn.

**Row 6:** Ch 1, [cross-sc] 5 (6, 6, 6) times, sc in last 1 (0, 0, 1) sts, turn.

**Rows 7–8 (8, 8, 10):** Repeat last 2 rows 1 (1, 1, 2) more times.

Repeat Row 5, 0 (1, 1, 0) more times.

### Shape Right Back Shoulder

**Size 6 months only:**

**Row 1:** Ch 1, [cross-sc] twice, sc in next st, turn; leave remaining sts unworked—5 sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, [cross-sc] twice, sc in last st.

**Sizes 12 (18) months only:**

**Row 1:** Slip st in first 7 (8) sts, ch 1, sc in same st as last slip st 0 (1) times, [cross-sc] 3 (2) times, turn—6 (5) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [cross-sc] twice, sc in last 1 (0) sts.

**Size 24 months only:**

**Row 1:** Ch 1, [cross-sc] 3 times, turn; leave remaining sts unworked—6 sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [cross-sc] twice, sc in last st.

**All sizes:** Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## FINISHING

With right side facing, sew shoulder seams.

Buttonhole Band

**Row 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **A** at top of right neck opening (on Back), ch 1, working in ends of rows down right back opening, work 13 (16, 18, 19) sc evenly spaced across, turn—13 (16, 18, 19) sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first 3 (2, 4, 5) sts, [ch 1, skip next st (buttonhole), sc in next 3 sts] 2 (3, 3, 3) times, ch 1, skip next st (buttonhole), sc in last st, turn—3 (4, 4, 4) buttonholes made.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in each sc and ch across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Weave in ends.

### Button Band and Neck Edging

**Row 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **A** at bottom of left back opening, ch 1, working in ends of rows up left back opening, work 13 (16, 18, 19) sc evenly spaced across (for Button Band); working across neck edge, ch 1, sc evenly spaced across neck edge, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, skip next st (buttonhole), sc in each st across neck edge only (to the ch-1 sp), turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, slip st in each st and ch across. Fasten off.

Sew bottom of Buttonhole Band over first st of Button Band and first 2 sts of Bodice. Sew buttons across Button Band, opposite buttonholes.

## Armhole Edging

**Round 1 (right side):** With right side facing, join **A** in armhole edge at underarm, ch 1, sc evenly spaced all the way around armhole edge; do not join, work in a continuous spiral.

**Round 2:** Slip st in each st around.

Fasten off. Repeat edging around second armhole.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**A** and **B** = Yarn A, and Yarn B; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

