



Little Sweetie Dress & Headband

From the ruffled flower headband to the pretty scalloped hemline, this sweet crocheted outfit is perfect for a sugar and spice baby girl. She'll wear it for dress or every day since it's crocheted with easy-care yarn.

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Directions are for size 6 months. Changes for sizes 12 months, 18 months, and 24 months are in parentheses.

To Fit Chest: 17 (18, 19, 20)"

Finished Chest: 17½ (18½, 20½, 21½)"

Finished Length: 11 (13½, 14½, 16)"

RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®: 1 (2, 2, 3) balls 9702 Strawberry

Crochet Hooks: One each 5mm [US H-8], and 6.5mm [US K-10.5] (or 3 sizes larger than smaller hook, for large flower only).

One small shank button, sewing needle and thread, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 16 dc = 4"; 8 yoke dc rows = 4" using smaller hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

Special Stitches

V-st (V-stitch) = (Dc, ch 1, dc) in indicated stitch.

lg-V-st (Large V-stitch) = (Dc, ch 2, dc) in indicated stitch.

shell = (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in indicated stitch.

picot = Ch 2, slip st in last stitch made.

3-dc Cl (3 double crochet cluster) = Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remain on hook), [yarn over, insert hook in same stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 2 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

5-dc Cl (5 double crochet cluster) = Yarn over, insert hook in indicated stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remain on hook), [yarn over, insert hook in same stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 4 times, yarn over and draw through all 6 loops on hook.

NOTES

1. Dress is worked from the top down.
2. Yoke is worked back and forth in rows, from neck down to underarm. Stitches are then skipped to form armholes, and the skirt is then worked in rounds down to the lower edge.

DRESS

Yoke

With smaller hook, ch 50 (50, 58, 58).

Row 1 (Right Side): 2 dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning chains count as dc), *dc in next ch, 2 dc in next ch; repeat from * across, turn—72 (72, 84, 84) dc.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in first st (increase made), [dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st] 11 (11, 13, 13) times, dc in next 4 sts, dc in last dc (top of turning ch), turn—84 (84, 98, 98) dc.

Sizes 6 (12) months Only

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in first st, [dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st] 9 times, dc in last 2 sts, turn—94 (94) sts.



Row 4: Ch 3, dc in first st, [dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st] 7 times, dc in last 2 sts, turn—102 (102) sts.

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in first st, [dc in next 20 sts, 2 dc in next st] 4 times, dc in next 16 sts, 2 dc in last st, turn—108 (108) sts.

Row 6: Ch 3, dc in first st, [dc in next 20 sts, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, dc in last 2 sts, turn—114 (114) sts.

Size 12 months Only

Row 7: Ch 3, dc in first st, dc in next 12 sts, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 12 sts] 7 times, dc in last 10 sts, turn—122 sts.

Sizes 18 (24) months Only

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in first st, [dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st] 10 times, dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in last st, turn—110 (110) sts.

Row 4: Ch 3, [dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st] 8 times, dc in last 5 sts, turn—118 (118) sts.

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in first st, [dc in next 20 sts, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, dc in last 12 sts, turn—124 (124) sts.

Row 6: Ch 3, dc in first st, [dc in next 20 sts, 2 dc in next st] 5 times, dc in last 18 sts, turn—130 (130) sts.

Row 7: Ch 3, dc in first st, [dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st] 9 times, dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in last 2 sts, turn—142 (142) sts.

Size 24 months Only

Row 8: Ch 3, [dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st] 10 times, dc in last 11 sts, turn—152 sts.

Shape Armholes

All Sizes

Round 1: Ch 3, dc in next 18 (14, 17, 24) sts, skip next 22 (24, 30, 33) sts for first armhole, dc in next 37 (39, 40, 42) sts, skip next 22 (24, 30, 33) sts for next armhole, dc in last 14 (20, 24, 19) sts; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3—70 (74, 82, 86) sts remain for skirt.

Note: The beginning and ending section of this round are different sizes, to allow for overlap at back for buttoning.

Sizes 6 (24) months Only

Turn, before beginning skirt.

Sizes 12 (18) months Only

Do not turn, before beginning skirt.

Skirt

Round 2 (Right Side): Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1 here and throughout), dc in first st (beginning V-st made), skip next dc, *V-st in next dc, skip next dc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—35 (37, 41, 43) V-sts.

Round 3: Slip st in first ch-space, ch 4, dc in same ch-space (beginning V-st made), V-st in each ch-space

around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Repeat last round until skirt measures 3 (4, 5, 6)".

Increase Round: Slip st in first ch-space, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2 here and throughout), dc in same ch-space (beginning lg-V-st made), lg-V-st in each ch-space around; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Repeat last round until skirt measures 7 (9, 10, 11)". If additional flare is desired, switch to a hook one size larger for the last few rounds. Do not fasten off and do not turn.

Edging Round 1: Slip st in each st to first ch-space, (slip st, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc, hdc) in same ch-space, (hdc, 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc, hdc) in each ch-space around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-2.

Edging Round 2: Skip next 2 dc, (4 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-space, *skip next 2 dc, slip st in next 2 hdc, (4 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-space; repeat from * around to last hdc, slip st in last hdc; join with slip st in joining slip st. Fasten off.

Neck Edging

With Right Side facing and smaller hook, join yarn with slip st at beginning of neck edge (at back neck), work sc evenly spaced across neck edge, down back opening, and up other side of back opening, working a picot after every 3rd sc; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Armhole Edging

With Right Side facing and smaller hook, join yarn with slip st anywhere in armhole edge, sc evenly spaced around armhole opening and work a picot after every 3rd sc; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat around other armhole.

HEADBAND

With smaller hook, work a chain long enough to go around the baby's head comfortably. Ensure that the chain is a multiple of 6 chains. **Note:** A multiple of 6 chains is a number that is evenly divisible by 6, for example 48, 54, 60, and 66 are all multiples of 6.

Taking care not to twist ch; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in same ch as join, picot, skip next 2 ch, shell in next ch, skip next 2 ch, *sc in next ch, picot, skip next 2 ch, shell in next ch, skip next 2 ch; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 2: Turn piece over to work in the free loops across the bottom of the foundation chain, join yarn with sc in ch at base of first sc, picot, skip next 2 ch, shell in next ch (at base of shell), skip next 2 ch, *sc in next ch, skip next ch, shell in next ch, skip next 2 ch; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.



Small Flower (Make 2)

With smaller hook and leaving long beginning tail for sewing, ch 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, [3 dc in ring, ch 2] 5 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—Six 3-dc groups and 6 ch-2 spaces.

Round 2: Slip st in next dc (center dc of first 3-dc group), *ch 2, 5-dc Cl in next ch-2 space, picot, ch 2, slip st in center dc of next 3-dc group; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first slip st—6 clusters.
Fasten off.

Large Flower

With larger hook, ch 6; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Work same as Round 1 of small flower—Six 3-dc groups and 6 ch-2 spaces.

Round 2: Slip st in next dc (center dc of first 3-dc group), *ch 2, 3-dc Cl in next ch-2 space, picot, ch 2, slip st in center dc of next 3-dc group; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first slip st—6 clusters.
Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Sew button to top left corner of back yoke. Use spaces between stitches on overlap for buttonhole. Sew small flower to front of yoke, near lower edge of yoke and to the right of center.

Place remaining small flower on top of larger flower. Thread beginning tail of small flower onto yarn needle, sewing through all three layers (small flower, large flower and headband), sew flowers to headband. Mist lightly and block, if desired.



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

