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RED HEART

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Baby TLC™: 1 (1, 1, 2) balls 7624 Lime **A**; 1 ball each of 5011 White **B** and 5942 Girlie Girl **C**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks: 5mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle, two ¾" (2 cm) buttons

GAUGE: 18 dc = 4" (10 cm); 6 rows = 3" (7.5 cm) in Bodice pattern. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.

[3 LIGHT] **RED HEART® Baby TLC™,** Art 258 available in solid color 5 oz (141g), 358 yd (328m) and Multicolor 4 oz (113g), 242 yd (222m) balls

Peapod Baby Sundress

This sweet little crocheted sundress is perfect every season! Layer it over a t-shirt or turtleneck and wear tights or leggings in cooler weather. New mommies will appreciate that it can be easily washed.

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

To Fit Chest: 17 (18, 19½, 20½)" (43 [45.5, 49.5, 52] cm)
Length: 13½ (16, 19, 22)" (34.5 [40.5, 48.5, 56] cm) adjustable

Special Abbreviations
beginning double crochet (beginning dc): Ch 2, draw up loop in 2nd ch from hook, draw up a loop in same st as ch 2 (3 loops on hook), [yarn over, draw yarn through 2 loops] twice.
cluster: [Yarn over, insert hook in designated st or space, draw up a loop, yarn over, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook] twice in same st, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.
V-st: (Tr, ch 1, tr) in same st or space.
fan: [(dc, ch 1) 3 times, dc] in same space.

SUNDRESS
BODICE
Starting at neck edge, with **A**, ch 76 (80, 88, 92) loosely, and without twisting ch, join with a slip st in first ch.

Round 1 (right side): Work beginning dc in first ch, dc in each ch around; join with a slip st in top of beginning dc—76 (80, 88, 92) dc.

Rounds 2-6 (7, 8, 10): Working in back loop only, work beginning dc in first st, dc in each dc around; join with a slip st in top of beginning dc. Do not fasten off.

SKIRT
Round 1: Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 3, skip next st, *sc in next st, ch 3, skip next st; repeat from * around; join with a slip st in first sc, turn—38 (40, 44, 46) ch-3 loop.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in first ch-3 loop, ch 3, (sc, ch 3) in each ch-3 loop around; join with a slip st in first sc, turn.

Round 3: Ch 1, slip st in first ch-3 loop, ch 5 (counts as tr, ch 1), tr in same ch-3 loop (counts as first V-st), V-st in each ch-3 loop around; join with sl st in 4th ch of beginning ch-5—38 (40, 44, 46) V-sts.

Round 4: Ch 1, *sc in next V-st, ch 3; repeat from * around; join with a slip st in first sc, turn—38 (40, 44, 46) ch-3 loops.

Round 5: Repeat Round 2.

Round 6: Ch 1, slip st in first ch-3 loop, ch 2 (counts as first leg of first cluster), (dc, ch 1, cluster) in same ch-3 loop, (cluster, ch 1, cluster) in each ch-3 loop around; join with sl st in top of first dc—76 (80, 88, 92) clusters.

Round 7: Ch 1, (sc, ch 3) in each ch-1 space around; join with a slip st in first sc.

Round 8: Repeat Round 2.

Rounds 9-12: Repeat Rounds 3-6. Size 6 months only, fasten off **A**.

Sizes 12 (18, 24) Months Only
Rounds 13-15: Repeat Rounds 7-8 once; then repeat Round 3. Size 12 months only, fasten off **A**.

Sizes 18 (24) Months Only
Rounds 16-18: Repeat Rounds 4-6. Size 18 months only, fasten off **A**.

Size 24 Months Only
Rounds 19-21: Repeat Rounds 7-8 once; then repeat Round 3. Fasten off **A**.

EDGING

Round 1: With right side facing, join **B** in any ch-1 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 3) in each ch-1 space around; join with a slip st in first sc.

Rounds 2-3: Repeat Rounds 5-6 of Skirt. Fasten off **B**.

Round 4: With right side facing, join **C** in any ch-1 space, ch 1, sc in same space, *fan in next ch-1 space**, sc in next space; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with a slip st in first sc—19 (20, 22, 23) fans. Fasten off **C**.

LEFT BACK STRAP

Using joining of rounds as right side "seam", side facing will be the back of dress.
Row 1: Working across opposite side of foundation ch on top edge of Bodice, join **A** with a slip st in 7th (8th, 9th, 10th) ch from left side, ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in next ch, ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next 2 ch—4 dc, 1 ch-1 space.

Rows 2-10 (12, 14, 16): Ch 3, dc in next dc, ch 1, skip next ch-1 space, dc in next 2 sts; turn.

Last Row: Ch 1, sc in each st and space across—5 sc. Fasten off.

RIGHT BACK STRAP

With right side of back facing, skip 16 (16, 18, 18) ch sts to the left of Left Back Strap, join **A** with a slip st in next ch. Repeat Left Front Strap.

RIGHT FRONT STRAP

Row 1: Skip 12 (14, 16, 18) ch sts to the left of last strap, join **A** with a slip st in next ch, ch 3, dc in each of next 4 ch sts; turn—5 dc.

Row 2: Ch 3, working in front loops only, dc in each dc across; turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each dc across; turn.
Rep Rows 2-3 for pattern.

Work in pattern for 1 (1, 2, 4) more rows. Fasten off.

LEFT FRONT STRAP

With right side of front facing, skip 16 (16, 18, 18) ch sts to the left of Right Front Strap, join **A** with a slip st in next ch. Rep Right Front Strap.

LARGE FLOWER

With **B**, ch 5, join with sl st to form ring.
Round 1: [Ch 3, 2 tr, ch 3, slip st] 5 times in ring—5 petals.

Round 2: *Slip st in next 3 ch sts, sc in next tr, ch 1, sc in next tr, sl st in next 3 ch sts; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first slip st.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with a slip st in first sc—40 sc. Fasten off.

SMALL FLOWER

With **C**, repeat Rounds 1-2 of Large Flower. Fasten off, leaving long sewing length. 5 petals

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Sew buttons to top end of Front Straps. Use any ch-1 space on Back Straps for buttonholes. Stack Small Flower on top of Large Flower. With yarn needle and sewing length, sew stacked flowers to left side of waist line and work French knots in center if desired. Mist dress with water and pin to dry. To put on the baby, unbutton straps and slip over legs to underarms; button straps.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, **B**, **C** = colors A, B, C; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble crochet; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

3½ (3½, 4, 4)" 1"
9 (9, 10, 10) cm 2.5 cm

3½ (4, 5, 6)"
9 (10, 12.5, 15) cm

3 (3½, 4, 5)"
7.5 (9, 10, 12.5) cm

BODICE

SKIRT

7 (8½, 10, 11)"
18 (21.5, 25.5, 28) cm

17 (18, 19½, 20½)"
43 (45.5, 49.5, 52) cm

28 1/2 (30, 33, 34½)"
43 (45.5, 49.5, 52) cm