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AFTER-DARK DRESS

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SIZES: Directions for size 10. Changes for sizes 12, 14 and 16 in parentheses.

Body Bust: 32½" (34"-36"-38").

Blocked Bust: 32½" (34"-37"-39").

For body measurements, see page 26.

MATERIALS: Reynolds Feu d'Artifice, 22 (24-26-28) 20-gram balls. Steel crochet hook No. 0. (Or English size 12.) Taffeta lining material for skirt. Zipper for back opening.

GAUGE: 13 dc = 2"; 3 dc rows = 1". 6 pat rows = 1½" on skirt. See page 22.

To Inc 1 Dc: *At beg of row*, ch 3, dc in first dc (inc); *at end of row*, 2 dc in last dc, dc in top of turning-ch.

Note 1: To Dec 2 Dc: *At beg of a row*, ch 3 (not counted as 1 dc), sk first dc (first dec made), yo hook, pull up a lp in each of next 2 dc, yo and through 2 lps, yo and through 3 lps (2nd dec); *at end of a row*, work to within last 4 dc, (yo hook, pull up a lp in each of next 2 dc, yo and through 3 lps, yo and through 2 lps) twice (2 decs).

BODICE: RIGHT BACK: Beg at lower edge, ch loosely 38 (42-46-50).

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook (counts as 2 dc), dc in each ch across—36 (40-44-48) dc. Check gauge; piece should be 5½" (6"-6½"-7½") wide.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), sk first dc, dc in each of 16 (18-20-22) dc, inc 1 dc in next dc (mark inc sts), dc across and work 2 dc in last dc, dc in top of turning-ch (mark this side edge)—38 (42-46-50) dc. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, sk first dc, dc in each dc across, dc in top of turning-ch.

Row 4: Inc 1 dc at marker and inc 1 dc at side edge.

Rows 5-20: Repeat last 2 rows 6 times, then inc 1 dc at side edge every other row twice—54 (58-62-66) dc. Work even for 2 rows, ending at side edge. Ch 1, turn.

Note: Bodice to top of shoulder will measure 15" (15"-15½"-15½"). Make any adjustment before armhole.

Shape Armhole: Row 1: Sl-st loosely across 5 dc, work 2 decs (see Note 1), dc in each dc, end dc in top of turning-ch (center back). Turn each row.

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Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc at center back). sk 1 dc, dc to within 4 dc of arm side, work 2 decs (see Note 1).

Row 3: Make 2 decs, dc in each dc. end dc in top of turning-ch.

Rows 4 and 5: Repeat rows 2 and 3. end center back—39 (43-47-51) dc. Ch 1, turn.

Shape Neck: Row 6: Sl st loosely across first 10 (10-10-14) dc (neck), work 2 decs, dc to within 4 dc of arm side, work 2 decs. Turn. Continue to make 2 decs at each side of each row until 2 dc remain. End off.

LEFT BACK: Work as for right back: pat is reversible.

FRONT: Ch loosely 94 (102-110-118).

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each ch across—92 (100-108-116) dc. Check gauge: piece should be 14" (15¼"-16½"-17½") wide. Mark 26th (28th-30th-33rd) dc from each side for darts. Work in dc. inc 1 dc at each side edge every other row 5 times; *at same time*, * inc 1 dc at each dart marker every row 3 times, work 1 row even; repeat from * twice, then repeat dart inc every row 3 times more—126 (134-142-150) dc. Check gauge: piece should be 19½" (20½"-21½"-23") wide. Work even until same number of rows as back to armhole. Keep markers on work.

Shape Armholes and Neck: Row 1: Sl st loosely across 5 dc, work 2 decs, dc in 51 (55-59-63) dc. dec 1 dc twice, drop yarn; join another ball of yarn and dec 1 dc twice, dc in 50 (54-58-62) dc. dec 1 dc twice, turn, leaving 5 dc unworked—54 (58-62-66) dc each side of neck. Working on both sides at once, dec 1 dc twice at arm and neck edge of each side every row 11 (12-13-14) times; *at same time*, dec 1 dc at each marker every row 8 times—2 dc remain each side. Turn. Make 1 dec on each strap. Sl each remaining lp on a safety pin.

Weave side seams. With crochet hook, sl lp from one safety pin of front, ch 53 loosely, join with sl st to last dc at tip of back armhole, with care not to twist chain. End off. Secure ends. Work the same for other shoulder.

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Neckband and Shoulder Strap: Make 1p on hook. from right side, beg at left back opening, work 32 (34-36-38) dc across back neck. 53 dc across strap chain, 33 (35-37-39) dc on left front neck, 1 dc at point of V: work 33 (35-37-39) dc up right front neck, 53 dc across strap chain and 32 (34-36-38) dc across right back neck—237 (245-253-261) dc. Turn each row.

Loop Stitch Band: Row 1: Ch 1, sc in first dc, * ch 5 loosely, sk 3 dc, sc in next dc: repeat from * across—59 (61-63-65) lps.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc; in each lp make (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc): sc in end sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first sc, * ch 3 loosely, sc in ch-2 sp; repeat from * across, end ch 3, sc in last sc.

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in first sc, 2 dc in first lp, * dc in next sc, 3 dc in next lp; repeat from * across, dec if necessary to desired fit, end 2 dc in last lp, dc in last dc. End off.

SKIRT: From right side, beg in starting ch of right back, make 1p on hook, work dc in each dc of right back, front and left back—165 (181-197-213) dc. Ch 1, turn.

Loop Stitch Band: Rows 1-3: Work as for pat rows 1-3 of neckband—42 (46-50-54) ch-3 lps on row 3; 1 lp less on row 1.

Row 4 (first inc row): Ch 3, 2 (2-2-3) dc in each of 1 (2-2-4) lps, * (dc in next sc, 4 dc in next lp) twice, dc in next sc, 3 dc in next lp; repeat from * 12 (13-14-14) times more, end dc in next sc, 3 dc in next lp, dc in next sc, 2 (2-2-3) dc in each of last 1 (1-2-4) lps, dc in last sc—193 (209-225-241) dc.

Rows 5 and 6: Ch 3, sk 1 dc, dc in each dc across, end dc in top of turning-ch.

Rows 7-9: Repeat pat rows 1-3 of neckband—49 (53-57-61) ch-3 lps on row 3.

Row 10 (2nd inc row): Beg as for row 4 and work from first * to 2nd * 14 (15-16-16) times: dc in next sc, 3 dc in next lp) 3 times. 2 dc in next lp; then end as for row 4—221 (237-253-269) dc.

Rows 11 and 12: Repeat rows 5 and 6.

Rows 13-15: Repeat rows 1-3 of neckband—56 (60-64-68) ch-3 lps on row 3.

Row 16 (3rd inc row): Ch 3, * 3 dc in lp, dc in next sc; repeat from * across, inc 7 dc evenly spaced on front and 3 dc on each back section—237 (253-269-285) dc.

Rows 17 and 18: Repeat rows 5 and 6.

Rows 19-21: Repeat rows 1-3 of neckband—60 (64-68-72) ch-3 lps on row 3.

Row 22 (4th inc row): Repeat row 16—253 (269-285-301) dc.

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Rows 23 and 24: Repeat rows 5 and 6.
Rows 25-27: Repeat rows 1-3 of neck-band—64 (68-72-76) ch-3 lps on row 3.

Row 28 (5th inc row): Repeat row 16—269 (285-301-317) dc; ch 3 at end of row and join with sl st in first dc of 2nd half of back with right side up, to close back opening. 5 loop st bands are completed.

Rnd 1: Ch 3, dc in each dc around and in each ch of joining-ch—272 (288-304-320) dc. Join in top of ch-3.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in each dc around. Join.

Rnd 3: * Ch 5, sk 3 dc, sc in next sc; repeat from * around, end ch 5, sk 3 dc, join in first sc—68 (72-76-80) ch-5 lps.

Rnd 4: In each ch-5 lp make (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) around. Sl st in each of next 2 sc in first lp.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, * sc in ch-2 sp, ch 3 loosely; repeat from * around, end ch 3, sl st in first sc—68 (72-76-80) ch-3 lps.

Rnd 6 (first inc rnd): Ch 3, * 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next sc; repeat from * around, inc 12 dc evenly spaced around—284 (300-316-332) dc. Join in top of ch-3.

Rnds 7 and 8: Repeat rnd 2—284 (300-316-332) dc.

Rnds 9-11: Repeat rnds 3-5, having 71 (75-79-83) lps.

Rnd 12 (2nd inc rnd): Repeat rnd 6—296 (312-328-344) dc.

**Repeat rnds 7 through 12, having 12 dc more after each repeat rnd on pat rnds 7, 8 and 12: 3 more lps after each repeat rnd on pat rows 9 and 11 **. There are 3 loop st and 3 dc bands completed from back opening. Repeat from first ** to ** until there are 19 loop st bands completed from back opening. Omit incs on rnd 12 and work as established until 1" less than desired length, end pat row 8. Join, end off.

FINISHING: From right side, work 1 row sc around back opening. Work 1 row sc around armholes and neck, dec if necessary to desired fit. Run in yarn ends on wrong side. Block with steam iron and pressing cloth on wrong side to desired size and length. Line skirt loosely, tacking to waist and back opening. Hem lining 1" shorter than skirt. Sew in back zipper.

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