

Vintage 60s

Irish Crochet Trimmed Crochet Shift Dress Pattern

Size 10-20



STYLE NO.

**1921-135**

*Shown on center spread*

**These directions**

**are for size 12.**

**Changes for**

**sizes 14, 16 and 18**

**are in parentheses.**



**MATERIALS**

BERNAT MEADOWSPUN (1 oz. pull-skeins)

— 11(12-13)

1 BERNAT-Aero crochet hook No. 1

**OR ANY SIZE HOOK WHICH WILL GIVE  
THE STITCH GAUGE GIVEN BELOW**

**GAUGE:** 24 spaces = 9 inches      5 rows = 1 inch

**NOTE:** This dress has been planned for 38(38½-39) inch finished length to shoulder. If you wish your dress to be longer or shorter, work more or less inches before first decrease row.

**BACK:** Ch 192(204-216) sts to measure 17½(18½-19½) inches. Row 1: 1 s c in 4th ch from hook, \* ch 4, skip 3 ch sts, 1 s c in next ch st, repeat from \* across ch, ch 4, turn — 48(51-54) spaces. Row 2: Work 1 s c in first space, \* ch 4, 1 s c in next space, repeat from \*, ending ch 4, turn. Repeat Row 2 for pattern st. Work even in pattern st until piece measures 15 inches. **DECREASE ROWS 1 and 2:** Work in pattern st to last space (do not work in last space), ch 4, turn — 2 spaces decreased. Work even in pattern st on 46(49-52) spaces for 5 rows.



Continue in this manner to dec 2 spaces every 6th and 7th row 5 times more. Work even on 36(39-42) spaces until entire piece measures 24 inches. **INCREASE ROWS 1 and 2:** Work in pattern st, ending (ch 4, 1 s c in last loop) twice, ch 4, turn — 2 spaces increased. Work even in pattern st on 38(41-44) spaces for 3 rows. Continue to inc 2 spaces in this manner every 4th and 5th row 5 times more. Work even on 48(51-54) spaces until entire piece measures 32 inches. **SHAPE ARMHOLES:** Rows 1 and 2: Work in pattern st to last 3 spaces, ch 4, turn. Then dec 2 spaces in same manner as before every 3rd row twice. Work even in pattern st on 38(41-44) spaces until armholes measure  $5\frac{1}{4}$  ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $5\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches, ch 4, turn. **SHAPE NECK: LEFT BACK:** Row 1: Work across 13(14-15) spaces, ch 4, turn. Row 2 and all even rows: Work even in pattern st to end of row. Row 3: Work in pattern st across 12(13-14) spaces, ch 4, turn. Row 5: Work in pattern st across 11(12-13) spaces, ch 4, turn. Rows 7 and 9: Work in pattern st across row, **DO NOT** work in last space. Row 10: Work even in pattern st on 9(10-11) spaces. Armhole should measure approximately  $7\frac{1}{4}$  ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{3}{4}$ ) inches. Fasten off. **RIGHT BACK:** Row 1: Join yarn at start of neck shaping, sl st loosely across 12(13-14) centre spaces, sl st to centre of next space, ch 4, 1 s c in next space, work in pattern as established to end of row. Finish to correspond to left back, reversing all shaping.

**FRONT:** Work to correspond to back, shaping neck when armholes measure 3 inches — 38(41-44)spaces. Work even on remaining 9(10-11)spaces of each side until armholes measure  $7\frac{1}{4}$ ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $7\frac{3}{4}$ )inches. Fasten off.

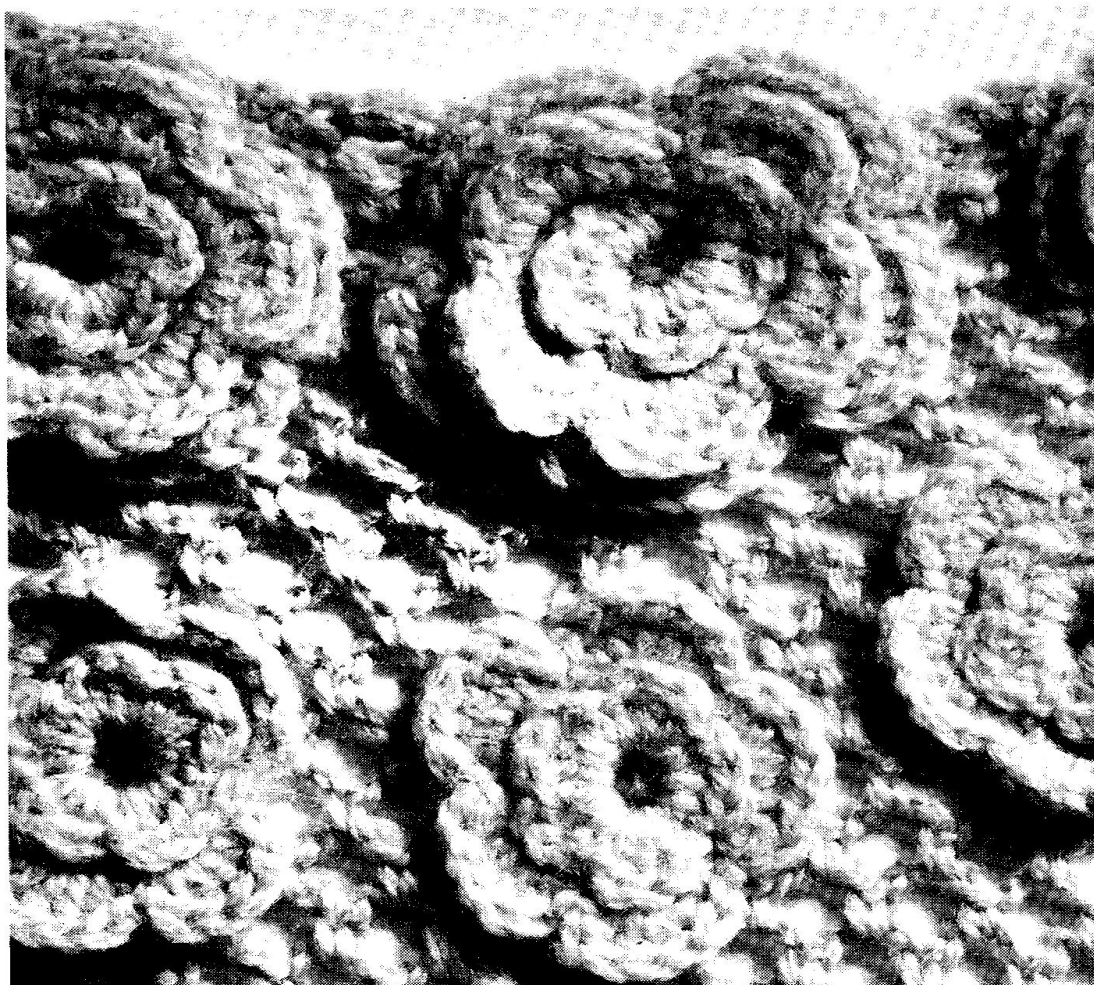
**LARGE FLOWER:** Make 40(42-44). Round 1: Starting at centre, ch 5, sl st in 5th st from hook, ch 1, \* 1 s c into ring, 3 d c into ring, repeat from \* 4 times more, sl st in first ch 1 — 5 petals. Round 2: Holding petals forward and working over starting ch, ch 6, \* skip next petal, work 1 d c between next 2 s c on Round 1, ch 4, repeat from \* around, join with sl st in 2nd st of starting ch — 5 ch spaces. Round 3: Ch 1, \* 1 s c, 5 d c and 1 s c in next ch 4 space, repeat from \* around, sl st in first ch 1. Round 4: Holding petals forward, \* ch 5, working into sts of Round 2, 1 s c in top of next d c between petals, repeat from \* around, ch 5, sl st in first ch st. Round 5: Ch 1, \* 1 s c, 7 d c and 1 s c in next ch space, repeat from \* around, sl st in first ch 1. Fasten off.

**SMALL FLOWER:** Make 54(56-58). Work in same manner as large flower for 3 rounds. Fasten off.

**BELT:** Cut 12 strands of yarn each 4 times as long as desired finished length. Using 6 strands of yarn make a slip knot at one end. This is piece No. 1. Do the same with piece No. 2. Take loop of piece No. 2 and slip through loop of piece No. 1 onto one forefinger pull

piece No. 1 tight. With other forefinger, pull piece No. 1 through loop No. 2 making a new loop on finger and pull piece No. 2 tight. Continue in this manner to alternate piece No. 1 and 2 until desired length.

**FINISHING:** Sew underarm and shoulder seams. With wrong side facing you, work 1 round of s c around neck and armhole edges. Turn up 1 inch at lower edge and hem in place. Steam dress, stretching out at lower edge. **DO NOT STEAM FLOWERS.** Sew large flowers around lower edge of dress. Sew a row of small flowers above. Sew a row of large flowers around neckline, then a row of small flowers below. Sew one flower to each end of belt.





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