



Crocheted Sleeveless Dress

MEASUREMENTS:

Bust;	32	34	36	ins	
Length;	29	30	31	ins	(length is adjustable to mini or midi length).

MATERIALS: *Shepherd* Juliette 4 ply Crepe

12 13 14 ounces

3.00 mm hook (No. 11)

3.50 mm hook (No. 9)

1 buckle

TENSION:

1dc 1 shell 1dc on 3.00 mm hook = 1 inch

In this pattern the tension at the shoulders is important. The pattern here is worked on a 3.00 mm hook and, if the correct measurement is achieved, the rest of the work should meet the required size as the size of the shells are increased. If your work is too loose, change to smaller size hooks, if too tight, use larger hooks.

ABBREVIATIONS:

ch=chain, dc=double crochet, tr=treble, sp=space, V=*2tr into 1 stitch * (varied in skirt), shell=3tr 1ch 3tr into 1 sp, rep=repeat.

NOTE: Pattern commences at shoulders.

Make 2 lengths of ch 31-37-43 ch for neckline.

BACK: Right Shoulder

Make 16 ch on 3.00 mm hook.

1st row: 1tr in 4th ch from hook, *2ch miss 2ch, 1dc in next ch, 2ch miss 2ch, 2tr in next ch * (a V is formed) rep from * to * once, 1ch turn.

2nd row: (Right side of work) 1dc in first st * crochet 3tr 1ch 3tr in next dc, (shell is formed) 1dc in V * rep from * to * once, 3ch turn.

3rd row: 1tr in first dc, *3ch 1dc in ch sp, (centre of shell) 3ch, 1 V in dc, * rep from * to * once, 1 ch turn.

4th row: 1dc in first st * 1 shell in next dc, 1dc in V * rep from * to * once, 3ch turn.

5th row: 1tr in first dc, * 3ch 1dc in ch sp, (centre of shell) 3ch 1 V in dc, * rep from * to * once, 3ch turn.

6th row:

(Armhole end) 2tr in first tr, 1dc in second tr, * 1 shell in next dc, 1dc in V, * rep from * to * once, 3ch turn.

7th row:

1tr in first dc, * 3ch 1dc in centre of shell, 3 ch 1 V in dc * rep from * to * once, 3ch 1dc in last st, 1ch turn.

8th row:

(A variation in pattern to increase number of shells) 1dc in first st, * 1 shell in V, 1dc in next dc, * rep from * to * once. Now pick up one length of ch and place first ch stitch at back of the 2tr V at end of row and work a complete shell (putting the hook through the centre of V and the first ch st). Crochet 4-5-6 shells (missing 2ch with 1dc in between), do not cut wool.

Put this piece of work aside until **left shoulder** is worked.

BACK: Left Shoulder

Work as for right shoulder until end of 4th row.

- 5th row:** 1tr in first dc * 3ch 1dc in sp, (centre of shell) 3ch 1 V in dc, * rep from * to * once, 1ch turn.
- 6th row:** 1dc in first st, 1 shell in next dc, 1dc in V, 1 shell in next dc, 1dc 3tr in last V, 1ch turn.
- 7th row:** 1dc in first st * 3ch 1 V in next dc, 3ch, 1dc in centre of shell * rep from * to * 3ch 1 V in last dc. Fasten off.

Pick up right shoulder piece and place last ch behind first V of left shoulder piece.

- 8th row:** (continued) Crochet a complete shell through the V and last ch and finish row in pattern ending with 1 dc in last st, 3ch turn. (10-11-12 shells)

Work in pattern on these stitches without increase for 11 rows. (If necessary use rows 3 and 4 as a guide.)

- 20th row:** (Front and back alike) 1tr 1dc in first st, crochet 10-11-12 shells in pattern, 1dc 2tr in last st, 1ch turn.
- 21st row:** 1dc in first st, 1ch, 1dc in second st, * 1 V in dc, 3ch 1dc in centre of shell, 3ch * rep from * to * 9-10-11 times.
- 22nd row:** 3tr, 1dc in V, crochet 10-11-12 shells, 1dc, 4tr in last V, 1ch turn.
- 23rd row:** 1dc in first st * 3ch 1 V in dc, 3ch 1dc in centre of shell * rep from * to * 10-11-12 times 3ch 1dc in 3rd tr, 1ch 1dc in last st, 3ch turn.

- 24th row:** 5tr in first st, 1dc in V, crochet 10-11-12 shells in pattern, 3tr 1ch 3tr, in last st, 3ch turn. (12-13-14 shells)

- 25th row:** 3tr in first st, 3ch 1dc in centre of shell, crochet in V pattern (12-13-14 V's), 1dc in centre of last shell, 3ch 3tr in last st, 3ch turn.
- 26th row:** 2tr in first st, 1dc in third st, crochet 12-13-14 shells, 1dc in first tr, 3tr in last st, Fasten off.

FRONT: Right Shoulder

As for **BACK Right Shoulder** until end of 7th row.

- 8th row:** (Variation of pattern) 1dc in first st, * 1 shell in first V, 1dc in next dc, * rep from * to * twice, 1dc in last st, 3ch turn.
- 9th row:** 1tr in first st, * 3ch 1dc in centre of shell, 3ch 1 V in dc * rep from * to * three times, 1ch turn.
- 10th row:** * 1dc in V, 1 shell in next dc, * rep from * to * twice, 3ch turn.
- 11th row:** Same as **9th row**. Repeat last 2 rows once.
- 14th row:** Crochet in shell pattern to last V, join second chain piece as directed for back neckline. Crochet 4-5-6 shells and put this piece aside until Left Shoulder piece is finished.

FRONT: Left Shoulder

Work as for **BACK Left Shoulder** until end of 7th row.

- 8th row:** (Variation of pattern) 1dc in first st, * 1 shell in V, 1dc in dc * rep from * to * once, 1 shell in next V, 3ch turn.
- 9th row:** 1tr 3ch * 1dc in centre of shell, 3ch 1 V in dc 3ch * rep from * to * once, 3ch

1dc in centre of last shell
3ch 2tr in end st, 1ch turn.
10th row: 1dc in first st, * 1 shell in
next dc, 1dc in V * rep
from * to * twice.

11th row: 3ch 1tr in first st, * 3ch
1dc in centre of shell, 3ch
1 V in dc * rep from * to *
3 times 1ch turn.

Rep rows 10 and 11 once.

14th row: Pick up Right Shoulder
piece and join as directed
for Front. (Row 8 contd.)

Work in pattern on these sts for 5 rows.
Then work rows 20-26 inclusive as for
Back.

CHANGE to 3.50 mm hook and join
Front and Back pieces at armholes with
a sl st. Make sure that the right side of
work is on the outside — a complete shell
should form at base of armhole. Now each
row is joined under one armhole and
worked in rounds.

Round 1: * 3ch 1 V in next dc, 3ch
1dc in centre of next shell,
* rep from * to * until
other armhole is reached.
Crochet 1dc in centre and
cont in pattern to end of
round. Crochet 1dc in
centre 3ch 26-28-30 shells.

Round 2: (Do not turn work). Cro-
chet 2tr beside the 3ch
in shell just formed. 1dc in
next V, 1 shell in next dc,
complete the round in patt-
ern finishing with 3tr 1ch,
join with a **double cro-
chet stitch** in the 3ch
(at beginning of row) —
always join shell rounds in
this manner.

Round 3: 3ch, work a V row, joining
with a sl st in centre of
shell.

Round 4: 3ch 2tr in dc, 1dc in V,
crochet 25-27-29 shells, 3tr
in centre, 1ch, join with a
dc to complete round.

Rep Rounds 3 and 4 until work measures
8 inches below armhole. Change to 3.00
mm hook and cont in pattern for 4 inches
(this is for waistline shaping and can be
altered to suit individual measurements).

Change to 3.50 mm hook and crochet 6
rows in pattern.

Now make shells thus:

* 1dc in V 1ch, 3tr 1ch 3tr in V, 1ch
* rep to end of row.

Make each V thus:

* 1tr 1ch 1tr *

Crochet 6 more Rounds in this pattern.

Now make each shell as above, putting
2ch in centre of each shell and 2ch in
centre of each V. Crochet 6 more Rounds.

Lastly make each shell thus:

* 1ch 4tr 1ch 4tr 1ch *

and each V thus:

* 1tr 3ch 1tr *

Continue in this pattern for length re-
quired.

On last shell row, work 1dc into each tr
for border.

BELT:

Make 11 ch, turn with 1 ch and work 10
dc for length required (stretched). Mitre
one end and sew buckle on other end.

TO MAKE UP:

Sew shoulder seams. Using a 3.00 mm
hook for size 32" and 3.50 mm hook
for 34" — 36", crochet 3 or 4 rows dc
around armholes. Crochet 1 row dc at
neckline, then work 1 row 6 treble shells
evenly spaced. A row of dc can be worked
on these shells to match the hem if
desired. Press lightly.

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