



Little Black Dress

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Skill Level



Finished Sizes

Instructions given fit woman's size small; changes for medium, large, X-large, 2X-large, 3X-large, 4X-large and 5X-large are in [].

Finished Measurements

Bust: 36½ inches (*small*) [39 inches (*medium*), 42 inches (*large*), 45 inches (*X-large*), 50½ inches (*2X-large*), 53¼ inches (*3X-large*), 59 inches (*4X-large*), 61½ inches (*5X-large*)]

Length: 32½ inches (*small*) [32½ inches (*medium*), 33 inches (*large*), 33 inches (*X-large*), 33 inches (*2X-large*), 33¾ inches (*3X-large*), 34½ inches (*4X-large*), 34½ inches (*5X-large*)]

Materials

- Premier Yarns New York medium (worsted) weight acrylic/ polyamide/metallic yarn (3½ oz/328 yds/100g per skein): 5 [5, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 9] skeins #1040-01 black
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- ¾-inch or ½-inch shank button: 1
- Matching sewing thread and needle
- Tapestry needle



Gauge

Working in pattern: 10 shells = 7 inches; 12 rows = 4 inches

Take time to check gauge.

Pattern Notes

Weave in loose ends as work progresses.

Chain-3 at beginning of row counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join with slip stitch as indicated unless otherwise stated.

Special Stitch

Shell: 3 sc in indicated st or sp. Usually, shells are worked into middle sc of shells on previous rows.

Dress

Right Back

Ch 29 [29, 32, 32, 35, 35, 38, 38].

Row 1 (RS): Shell (*see Special Stitch*) in second ch from hook, *sk next 2 chs, shell in next ch, rep from * across, turn. (10 [10, 11, 11, 12, 12, 13, 13] shells)

Row 2: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, leave last sc unworked, turn.

Rows 3–12: [Rep Row 2] 10 times. Fasten off.

Left Back

Rep instructions for Right Back, turn, do not fasten off.

Back

Row 1: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, leave last sc unworked, sk first sc on RS of Right Back, rep from * across, turn. (20 [20, 22, 22, 24, 24, 26, 26] shells)

Size Large Only

Row 2: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, leave last sc unworked, turn.

Row 3: Rep row 2.

All Sizes

Shape Armhole

Row 1: Ch 3 (*see Pattern Notes*), sc in first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, (sc, dc) in last sc, turn. (20 [20, 22, 22, 24, 24, 26, 26] shells, 2 sc, 2 dc)

Row 2: Ch 1, shell in first dc, *sk next 2 sc**, shell in next sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, shell in beg ch-3, turn. (22 [22, 24, 24, 26, 26, 28, 28] shells)

Rows 3 & 4 [3–6, 3–6, 3–8, 3–10, 3–12, 3–14, 3–16]: [Rep rows 1 and 2 alternately] 1 [2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7] time(s). (24 [26, 28, 30, 34, 36, 40, 42] shells)

Row 5 [7, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17]: Rep row 1. Fasten off. (24 [26, 28, 30, 34, 36, 40, 42] shells, 2 sc, 2 dc)

Left Shoulder

Row 1: Working on opposite side of foundation ch on WS of Left Back, **join** (*see Pattern Notes*) in first st, ch 1, [shell in next ch, sk next 2 ch] 5 [5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8] times, sc in next ch, turn. (5 [5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8] shells, 1 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sk first 2 sc, sc in next sc, *sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, rep from * across, leave last sc unworked, turn. (4 [4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7] shells, 1 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, sk next sc, sc in last sc, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, *sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, rep from * across, leave last sc unworked, turn. (4 [4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7] shells)

Row 5: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, leave last sc unworked, turn.

Rows 6–9: [Rep row 5] 4 times.

Row 10: Ch 3, sc in first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, leave last sc unworked. (4 [4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7] shells, 1 sc, 1 dc)

Row 11: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, shell in beg ch-3. Fasten off. (5 [5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8] shells)

Right Shoulder

Row 1: Working on opposite side of foundation ch on WS of Right Back, sk 10 ch, join in next ch, ch 1, *sk next 2 ch, shell in next ch, rep from * across, turn. (5 [5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8] shells)

Row 2: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, sc in next sc, leave last sc unworked, turn. (4 [4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7] shells, 1 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, *sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, rep from * across, leave last sc unworked, turn. (4 [4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7] shells)

Row 4: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, leave last sc unworked, turn.

Rows 5–9: [Rep row 4] 5 times.

Row 10: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, (sc, dc) in last sc, turn. (4 [4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7] shells, 1 sc, 1 dc)

Row 11: Ch 1, shell in first dc, *sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, rep from * across, leave last sc unworked, turn. Do not fasten off. (5 [5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8] shells)

Front

Row 1: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at ** ◊, (sc, dc) in next sc, ch 26, (dc, sc) in first sc on RS of Left Shoulder, rep from * across, ending last rep at ◊, leave last sc unworked, turn. (10 [10, 12, 12, 14, 14, 16, 16] shells, 2 sc, 2 dc)

Row 2: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across to next dc, shell in next dc, **sk next 2 ch, shell in next ch, rep from ** to last ch, shell in next dc, ***sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, rep from *** across, leave last sc unworked, turn. (20 [20, 22, 22, 24, 24, 26, 26] shells)

Row 3: Ch 1, sk first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, leave last sc unworked, turn.

Rows 4–7 [4–7, 4–9, 4–7, 4–7, 4–7, 4–7, 4–7]: [Rep row 3] 4 [4, 6, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4] times.

Shape Armholes

Rep instructions for Back Armhole.





Join Front and Back

Now working in rounds.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, rep from * across, shell in beg ch-3**, shell in first dc on RS of Back, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, 2 sc in first dc, join in first sc, turn. (52 [56, 60, 64, 72, 76, 84, 88] shells)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, rep from * around, 2 sc in first sc, join in first sc, turn.

Rnds 3 & 4: [Rep rnd 2] 2 times.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 25 [27, 29, 31, 35, 37, 41, 43] times, sk next 2 sc**, sc in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in first sc, turn. (50 [54, 58, 62, 70, 74, 82, 86] shells, 2 sc)

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sl st in first 2 sc, ch 1, sc in next sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 25 [27, 29, 31, 35, 37, 41, 43] times**, sk next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 3 sc, 2 sc in first sc, join in first sc, turn. (50 [54, 58, 62, 70, 74, 82, 86] shells)

Rnds 7 & 8: [Rep rnd 2] 2 times.

Rnd 9: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 24 [26, 28, 30, 34, 36, 40, 42] times, sk next 2 sc**, sc in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in first sc, turn. (48 [52, 56, 60, 68, 72, 80, 84] shells, 2 sc)

Rnd 10: Ch 1, sl st in first 2 sc, ch 1, sc in next sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 24 [26, 28, 30, 34, 36, 40, 42] times**, sk next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 3 sc, 2 sc in first sc, join in first sc, turn. (48 [52, 56, 60, 68, 72, 80, 84] shells)

Rnds 11 & 12: [Rep rnd 2] 2 times.

Rnd 13: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 23 [25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 39, 41] times, sk next 2 sc**, sc in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in first sc, turn. (46 [50, 54, 58, 66, 70, 78, 82] shells, 2 sc)

Rnd 14: Ch 1, sl st in first 2 sc, ch 1, sc in next sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 23 [25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 39, 41] times**, sk next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 3 sc, 2 sc in first sc, join in first sc, turn. (46 [50, 54, 58, 66, 70, 78, 82] shells)

Rnds 15 & 16: [Rep rnd 2] 2 times.

Rnd 17: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 22 [24, 26, 28, 32, 34, 38, 40] times, sk next 2 sc**, sc in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in first sc, turn. (44 [48, 52, 56, 64, 68, 76, 80] shells, 2 sc)

Rnd 18: Ch 1, sl st in first 2 sc, ch 1, sc in next sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 22 [24, 26, 28, 32, 34, 38, 40] times**, sk next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 3 sc, 2 sc in first sc, join in first sc, turn. (44 [48, 52, 56, 64, 68, 76, 80] shells)

Rnds 19–28 [19–26, 19–26, 19–26, 19–24, 19–24, 19–24, 19–22]: [Rep rnd 2] 10 [8, 8, 8, 6, 6, 6, 4] times.

Shape A-line

Rnd 1: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 21 [23, 25, 27, 31, 33, 37, 39] times**, sk next 2 sc, 2 shells in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 2 sc, 2 sc in same st as first 4-sc, join in first sc, turn. (46 [50, 54, 58, 66, 70, 78, 82] shells, 6 sc)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, rep from * around, 2 sc in first sc, join in first sc, turn.

Rnds 3–5: [Rep rnd 2] 3 times.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 22 [24, 26, 28, 32, 34, 38, 40] times**, sk next 2 sc, 2 shells in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 2 sc, 2 sc in first sc, join in first sc, turn. (48 [52, 56, 60, 68, 72, 80, 84] shells)

Rnds 7–10: [Rep rnd 2] 4 times.

Rnd 11: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 23 [25, 27, 29, 33, 35, 39, 41] times**, sk next 2 sc, 2 shells in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 2 sc, 2 sc in same sc as first 4-sc, join in first sc, turn. (50 [54, 58, 62, 70, 74, 82, 86] shells)

Rnds 12–15: [Rep rnd 2] 4 times.

Rnd 16: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 24 [26, 28, 30, 34, 36, 40, 42] times**, sk next 2 sc, 2 shells in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 2 sc, 2 sc in same sc as first 4-sc, join in first sc, turn. (52 [56, 60, 64, 72, 76, 84, 88] shells)

Rnds 17–20: [Rep rnd 2] 4 times.

Rnd 21: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 25 [27, 29, 31, 35, 37, 41, 43] times**, sk next 2 sc, 2 shells in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 2 sc, 2 sc in same sc as first 4-sc, join in first sc, turn. (54 [58, 62, 66, 74, 78, 86, 90] shells)

Rnds 22–27: [Rep rnd 2] 6 times.

Rnd 28: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 26 [28, 30, 32, 36, 38, 42, 44] times**, sk next 2 sc, 2 shells in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 2 sc, 2 sc in same sc as first 4-sc, join in first sc, turn. (56 [60, 64, 68, 76, 80, 88, 92] shells)

Rnds 29–34: [Rep rnd 2] 6 times.

Rnd 35: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 27 [29, 31, 33, 37, 39, 43, 45] times**, sk next 2 sc, 2 shells in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 2 sc, 2 sc in first sc, join in first sc, turn. (58 [62, 66, 70, 78, 82, 90, 94] shells)

Rnds 36–41: [Rep rnd 2] 6 times.

Rnd 42: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *[sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc] 28 [30, 32, 34, 38, 40, 44, 46] times**, sk next 2 sc, 2 shells in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, sk next 2 sc, 2 sc in same sc as first 4-sc, join in first sc, turn. (60 [64, 68, 72, 80, 84, 92, 96] shells)

Rnds 43–48: [Rep rnd 2] 6 times.

Rnd 49: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *sk next 2 sc**, 4 sc in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in first sc. Fasten off.

Sleeve

Make 2.

Shape Cap

Ch 8 [11, 11, 14, 14, 17, 20, 23].

Row 1 (WS): Shell in second ch from hook, *sk next 2 ch, shell in next ch, rep from * across, turn. (3 [4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7, 8] shells)

Row 2 (RS): Ch 3, sc in first sc, *shell in next sc**, sk next 2 sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, (sc, dc) in last sc, turn. (3 [4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7, 8] shells, 2 sc, 2 dc)

Row 3: Ch 1, shell in first dc, *sk next 2 sc**, shell in next sc, rep from * across, ending last rep at **, shell in beg ch-3, turn. (5 [6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 10] shells)

Rows 4–15 [4–15, 4–17, 4–17, 4–19, 4–19, 4–21, 4–21]: [Rep rows 2 and 3 alternately] 6 [6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9] times. (17 [18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28] shells)

Row 16 [16, 18, 18, 20, 20, 22, 22]: Rep row 2. (17 [18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28] shells, 2 sc, 2 dc)

Shape Underarm

Now working in rnds.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *sk next 2 sc, shell in next sc, rep from * across, shell in beg ch-3, 2 sc in same dc as first sc, join in first sc, turn. (19 [20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29, 30] shells)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *sk next 2 sc**, shell in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, 2 sc in first sc, join in first sc, turn.

Rnds 3–7: [Rep rnd 2] 5 times.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *sk next 2 sc**, shell in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in first sc, sl st in each of next 2 sc, turn. (18 [19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29] shells, 1 sc)

Rnd 9: Ch 1, sc in first sc, sk next 3 sc, *shell in next sc, sk next 2 sc, rep from * around, 2 sc in same sc as first sc, join in first sc, turn. (18 [19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29] shells)

Rnds 10–16: [Rep rnds 3–9 consecutively]. (17 [18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28] shells)

Rnds 17–21: [Rep rnd 2] 5 times.

Rnd 22: Ch 4, sc in first sc, *sk next 2 sc**, shell in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, 2 sc in same st as first sc, join in first sc, turn. (18 [19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28, 29] shells)

Rnds 23–25: [Rep rnd 2] 3 times.

Rnds 26–41: [Rep rnds 22–25 consecutively] 4 times. (22 [23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 32, 33] shells)

Rnd 42: Ch 1, 4 sc in first sc, *sk next 2 sc**, 4 sc in next sc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in first sc. Fasten off.

Finishing

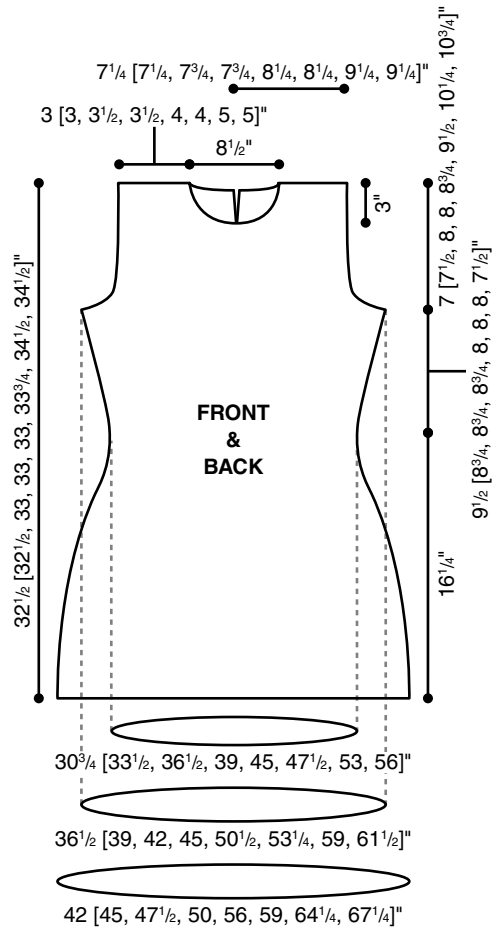
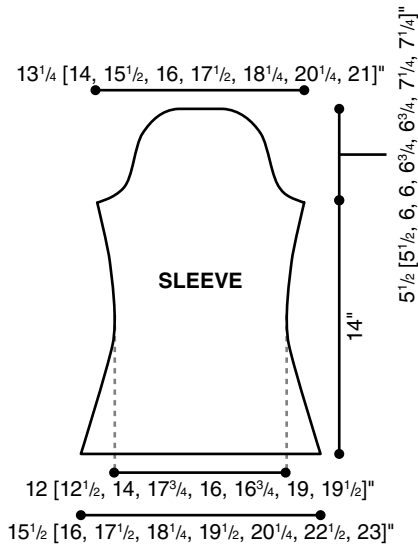
Neckline Edging

Working in row ends and on opposite side of foundation ch, join in first ch on RS of Left Back, ch 1, *4 sc in next ch, sk next 2 ch*, rep from * to * to Shoulder edge, **4 sc in next row end, sk next row**, rep from ** to ** to Front Neck edge, rep from * to * to next Shoulder edge, sk next row, rep from ** to **, join in last st. Fasten off.

Sew Sleeves into Armholes.

Sew button on RS of Left Back below Edging using natural opening in fabric for buttonhole. ●





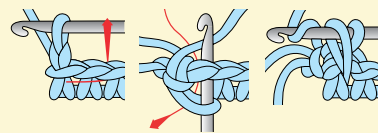
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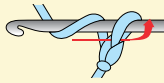
STITCH ABBREVIATIONS

beg	begin/begins/beginning
bpdc	back post double crochet
bpssc	back post single crochet
bptr	back post treble crochet
CC	contrasting color
ch(s)	chain(s)
ch-	refers to chain or space previously made (i.e., ch-1 space)
ch sp(s)	chain space(s)
cl(s)	cluster(s)
cm	centimeter(s)
dc	double crochet (singular/plural)
dc dec	double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
dec	decrease/decreases/decreasing
dtr	double treble crochet
ext	extended
fpdc	front post double crochet
fpssc	front post single crochet
fptr	front post treble crochet
g	gram(s)
hdc	half double crochet
hdc dec	half double crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
inc	increase/increases/increasing
lp(s)	loop(s)
MC	main color
mm	millimeter(s)
oz	ounce(s)
pc	popcorn(s)
rem	remain/remains/remaining
rep(s)	repeat(s)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet (singular/plural)
sc dec	single crochet 2 or more stitches together, as indicated
sk	skip/skipped/skipping
sl st(s)	slip stitch(es)
sp(s)	space(s)/spaced
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
tr	treble crochet
trtr	triple treble
WS	wrong side
yd(s)	yard(s)
yo	yarn over

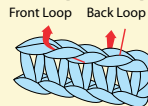
Reverse single crochet (reverse sc): Ch 1, sk first st, working from left to right, insert hook in next st from front to back, draw up lp on hook, yo and draw through both lps on hook.



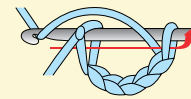
Chain (ch): Yo, pull through lp on hook.



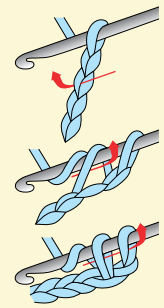
Front loop (front lp) Back loop (back lp)



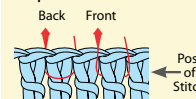
Slip stitch (sl st): Insert hook in st, pull through both lps on hook.



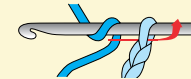
Single crochet (sc): Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.



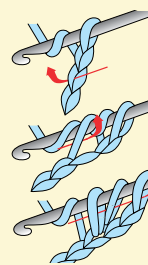
Front post stitch (fp): Back post stitch (bp): When working post st, insert hook from right to left around post of st on previous row.



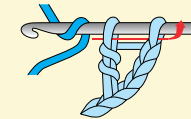
Chain color change (ch color change) Yo with new color, draw through last lp on hook.



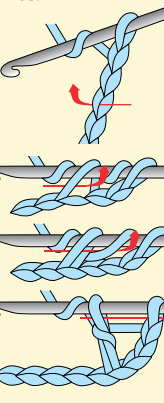
Half double crochet (hdc): Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.



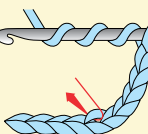
Double crochet color change (dc color change) Drop first color, yo with new color, draw through last 2 lps of st.



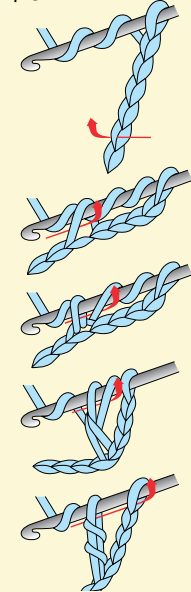
Double crochet (dc): Yo, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] twice.



Double treble crochet (dtr): Yo 3 times, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 4 times.



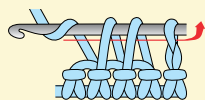
Treble crochet (tr): Yo twice, insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, [yo, pull through 2 lps] 3 times.



YARN CONVERSION	
OUNCES TO GRAMS	GRAMS TO OUNCES
1.....28.4	25.....7/8
2.....56.7	40.....1 1/2
3.....85.0	50.....1 3/4
4.....113.4	100.....3 1/2

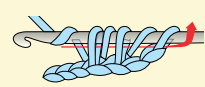
UNITED STATES	UNITED KINGDOM
sl st (slip stitch)	= sc (single crochet)
sc (single crochet)	= dc (double crochet)
hdc (half double crochet)	= htr (half treble crochet)
dc (double crochet)	= tr (treble crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	= dtr (double treble crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	= ttr (triple treble crochet)
skip	= miss

Single crochet decrease (sc dec): (Insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



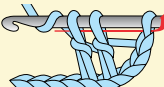
Example of 2-sc dec

Half double crochet decrease (hdc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



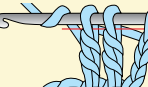
Example of 2-hdc dec

Double crochet decrease (dc dec): (Yo, insert hook, yo, draw lp through, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook) in each of the sts indicated, yo, draw through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-dc dec

Treble crochet decrease (tr dec): Holding back last lp of each st, tr in each of the sts indicated, yo, pull through all lps on hook.



Example of 2-tr dec



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