Easter Grace



A Crochet Dress Pattern
from the
Crochet Cradle

For Easter, or any other special occasion
Size: 3-6 months





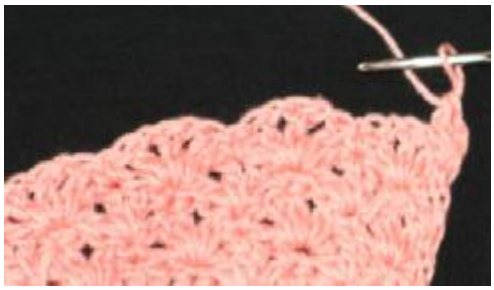


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Supplies:
DMC Senso: 3-4 balls white, 1 pale pink, 1 nile green *OR*
Red Heart Lustersheen 1-2 skeins white, 1 peach, 1 sage green
Substitutes include most #3 thread (ex: Aunt Lydia's #3)
Size 3.50 mm / E Hook
2 yards pink ribbon
2 buttons
Gauge: 6 sc per inch
Designer's Note: There are differences in preference, regarding where to place the hook at the beginning of the rows. For the purposes of this pattern, I suggest you put your hook in the first available space. This is will help the shells look more uniform. (Some call this putting the hook at the base of the dc). See photo:

Photo: Ch 2, dc in first stitch



Abbreviations:

ch = chain	sl st = slip stitch	hk = hook
sc = single crochet	st = stitch	ea = each
dc = double crochet	sp = space	rep = repeat
hdc = half double crochet	yo = yarn over	cont = continue
trc = triple crochet	lp = loop	sk = skip
beg = beginning		

Note: Turning chains of ch 1 count as a sc; Turning chains of ch 2 count as dc
Pattern begins at neckline: Chain 60

Row 1:
Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across ((60 sc))
Ch 2, turn *(counts as dc now and throughout)*

Row 2:
dc in 14 sc
(2 dc in next sc, dc in 14 sc) Rep pattern to end. ((63 dc)) Ch 2, turn

Row 3:
dc in 1st dc; sc in next dc;
(2 dc in next dc; sc in next dc)
Rep pattern to end, working last sc in last dc / turning ch of prev. row
((93 stitches including turning ch)) Ch 2 turn

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Row 4:
dc in first sc; sc in next dc; sk next dc.
(2 dc in next sc, 1 sc in next dc, skip next dc)
Rep pattern to end working last sc in last dc / turning ch
((93 st including turning ch & 31, 2-dc groups)) Ch 2, turn



Photo: Row 4 completed

Row 5:
1 dc in first sc; sc in next dc;
(sk next dc; 3 dc in next sc; sc in next dc;)
Rep pattern to end, working last sc in last dc / turning ch.
Ch 2, turn

Row 6:
1 dc in first sc; sc in "middle dc"of 3-dc group by:
skipping first dc, sc in next dc, sk next dc
(3 dc in sc, sc in middle dc)
Rep pattern to end working last sc in last dc / turning ch
((31 dc groups including the turning ch; 31 sc)) Ch 2, turn

Row 7:
Note: *Partial Cluster* = 2 dc, ch1, dc in same sc
1 dc in first sc
*(sc in middle dc; 2dc, ch 1, dc in next sc--*partial cluster* made)*
Rep pattern working last sc in last dc / turning ch. Ch 2, turn

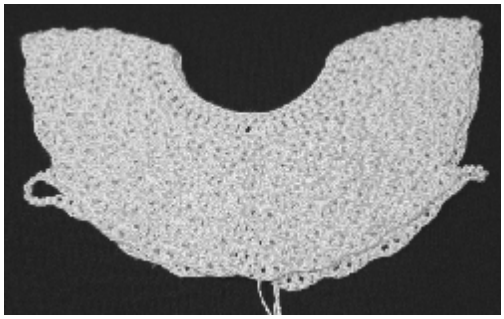
Row 8:
1 dc in first sc; sc in middle dc of *partial cluster* by:
sk first dc, ch 1, sc in next dc, sk next dc
*(2 dc, ch 1, 1 dc in sc; sc in middle dc of *partial cluster*)*
Rep pattern working last sc in last dc / turning ch. Ch 2, turn

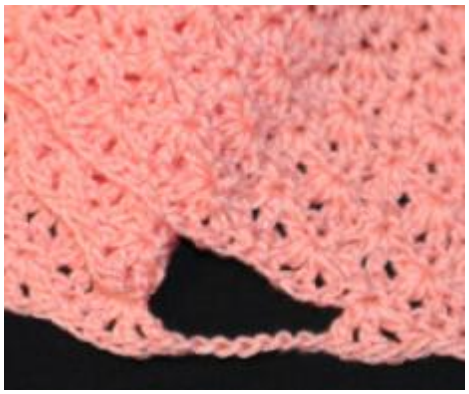
Row 9:
Note: Cluster = dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc all in same sp indicated
1/2 Cluster = Ch 2 (turning ch), 1 dc in sc, found only at beginning of rows
1 dc, in 1st sc (along with turning ch, is a 1/2 cluster)
sc in middle dc of *partial cluster*; sk next dc
*(Cluster in next sc; sc in middle dc of *partial cluster*)*
Rep pattern working last sc in last dc / turning ch ((31 1/2 clusters)) Ch 2, turn

Row 10:
dc in sc; sc in middle cluster of previous row;
(cluster in next sc; sc in middle of cluster of previous row)
Rep pattern, working last sc in last dc / turning ch; Ch 2, turn

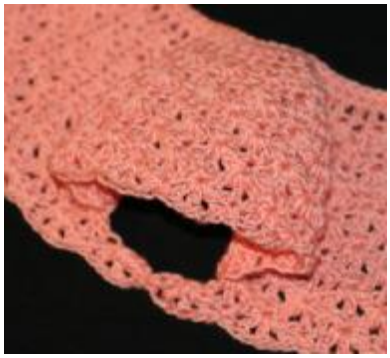
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Row 11:
dc in 1st sc (counts as 1/2 cluster)
(sc in middle of next cluster; cluster in next sc) Rep pattern until 4 1/2 clusters are made. Ending with cluster, chain 7 to create armhole
Sk 7 clusters; cluster in the sc following the 7th cluster skipped
(sc in next cluster; cluster in next sc) 9 times. After 9th cluster, ch 7 for armhole.
Sk 7 clusters; cluster in the sc following the 7th cluster skipped
(sc in next cluster; cluster in next sc) 3 times; end with sc in last dc
((18 1/2 clusters)) Ch 2, turn





Row 12: *Mark as right side*
(cluster in next sc; sc in center of next cluster) Rep to armhole chain
Cont. pattern to armhole chain:
(cluster in 1st ch, sk 2 ch, sc, sk 2 ch, cluster) *see photo*
Resume pattern *(sc in next cluster, cluster in next sc)* to next armhole chain:
(cluster in 1st ch, sk 2 ch, sc, sk 2 ch, cluster)
Resume pattern *(sc in next cluster; cluster in next sc)* to end ((20 1/2 clusters))
Ch **3**, turn (counts as 1st trc of next row)



Row 13:
Starting with first cluster, trc in each stitch (and in each ch 1 space of clusters) across (each cluster will have 5 trc, each sc will have 1 trc. The two dc on the end will have 1 trc each). Overlap 2 trc, and secure by slip stitching through both layers. If using a different color for skirt, cut & weave in ends. Reattach yarn at any trc in back near opening. If cont. with same color, sl st to convenient trc near back opening. Ch 2. (counts as first dc of next row) Do not turn remainder of skirt

Skirt:
Rnd 1:
2 dc in same space as ch 2; (counts as 3 dc in same st); sk next trc
(3 dc in next trc; sk next trc; sc in next trc; sk next trc;) repeat around
Note You may need to adjust this round so you will end with a sc prior to connecting the round to the dc/turning ch. To do this do not skip a trc as needed, in

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an inconspicuous place such as at the back. This will not adversely affect the pattern.   End with sl st to the first dc at beg of rnd.

Rnd 2:
Sl st to middle dc of the 3 dc group; ch 1, sc in same sp; sk next dc; 3 dc in next sc.
(1 sc in middle dc; 3 dc in next sc) Rep
End by working sl st between ch 1 & sc at beg of rnd.

Rnd 3:
(Staying in same sp between ch 1 & sc), ch 3 (counts as dc + ch 1); dc, ch 1, dc in same sp; sc in middle dc of 3-dc group. *(cluster in next sc; sc in middle dc;)* Rep
End with sl st to 1st dc (ch 3) at beg of rnd.

Rnd 4:
Sl st over to middle of cluster. ch 1, sc in same sp; cluster in next sc;
(sc in middle dc of next cluster; 3 dc in next sc) Rep
End with sl st between ch 1 / sc at beg of rnd

Repeat Rnds 3 & 4 to desired length

<u>Edging</u>
Round 1:
previous round ended with sl st between ch 1 / sc at beg of rnd. Cont. as follows:
ch 1, sc in same space.   (Ch 5; sc in center of cluster; ch 5, sc in sc)* Rep
Join with sl st to first sc / ch 1

Rounds 2 - 7:
<u>Instructions for Bobble:</u>
The loop that is always on your hook--I counted as 1 loop
Yarn over (2nd loop), then put your hook under the chain & grab the yarn (3rd loop)
Yarn over (4th loop), then put your hook under the chain & grab the yarn (5th loop)
Yarn over (6th loop), then put your hook under the chain & grab the yarn (7th loop)
Draw through all 7 loops--Bobble made *easier if made loosely*
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Sl st to center of ch 5. Ch 1; make bobble; ch 5
(Bobble in next ch 5 sp; ch 5) repeat to end of round.
With last ch 5, sl st to first bobble.
Repeat for a total of 6 rounds, or to desired length.

Round 8:
Ch 1; 4 sc in ea ch 5 space
Join with sl st
Chain 2; do not turn

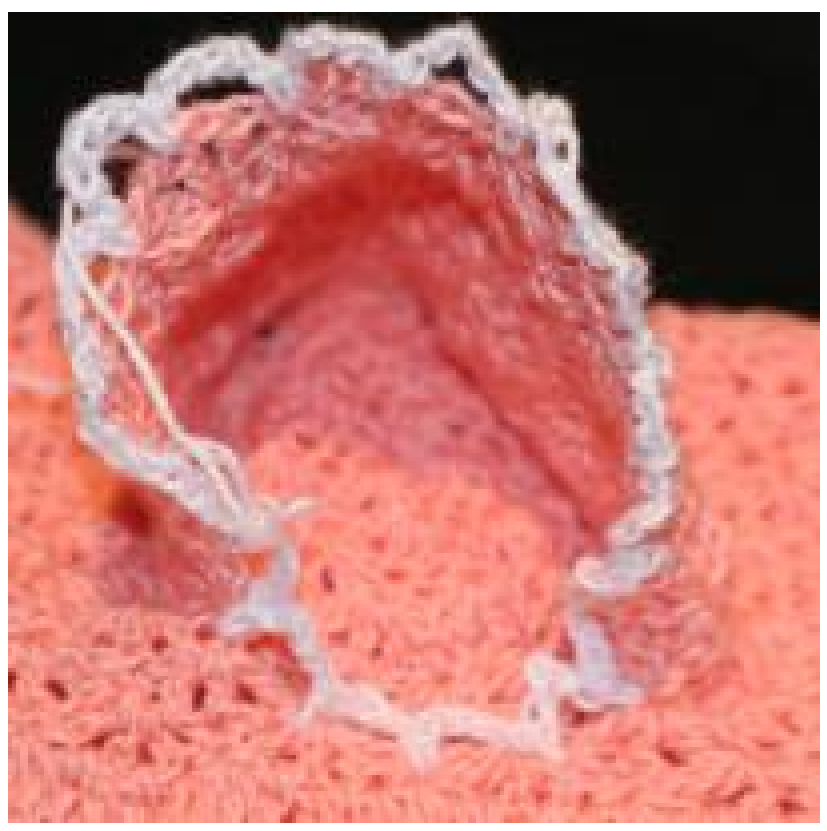
Round 9: dc in ea sc. Join with sl st

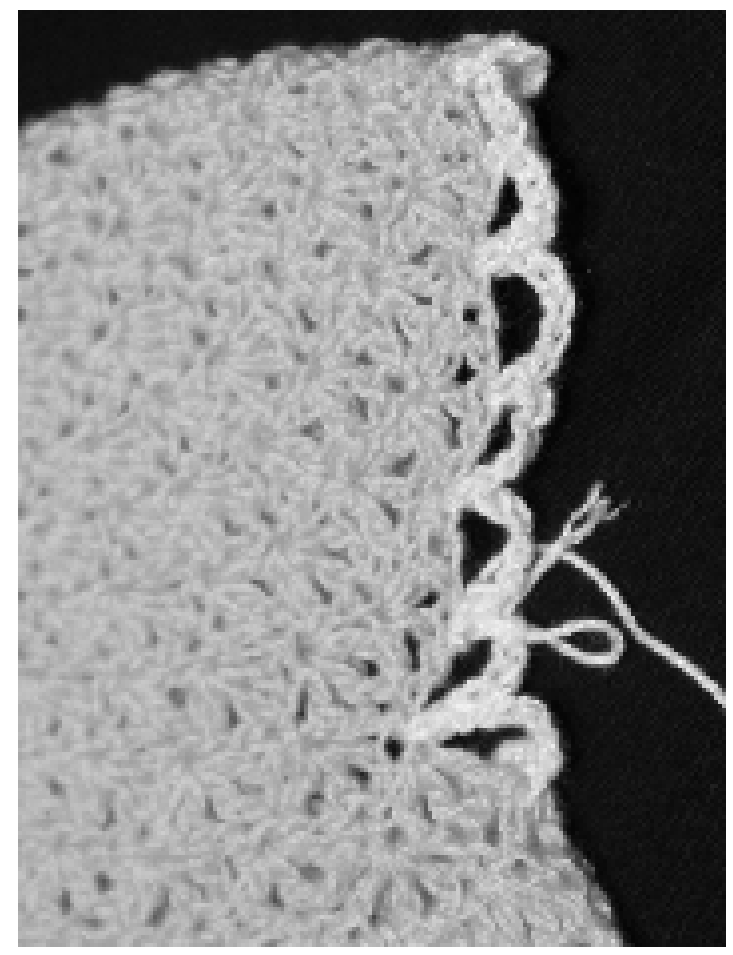
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Round 10:
Ch 1, sc in same sp; ch 5; skip 1 dc;
(skip 1 dc, sc in next dc, ch 5) repeat, *adjusting as necessary at the end by skipping an extra dc to join the round without having 2 sc side by side.*
Join with sl st to first chain of ch 5

Round 11:
In each ch 5 space: *(sc, dc. trc, trc, dc, sc)* to end. Sl st to join.
Cut thread & weave ends

<u>Sleeves:</u>





Rnd 1: (*Photos)*
Attach thread at the top of the middle dc of any cluster near underarm. With right side out: ch 1, sc in same space.
(ch 5, sc in next sc; ch 5, sc in middle dc of next cluster) rep; also sc (then chain 5) in "corners" of under arms, evenly spacing 4 chain-5's under the arm.
Total of 18 ch 5's   Join with sl st to first ch 1

Rnds 2 - 8:
<u>Instructions for Bobble:</u>
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Yarn over (2nd loop), then put your hook under the chain & grab the yarn (3rd loop)
Yarn over (4th loop), then put your hook under the chain & grab the yarn (5th loop)
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Sl st to center of ch 5. Ch 1; make bobble; ch 5
(Bobble in next ch 5 sp; ch 5) repeat to end of round.
Rep. for a total of 7 rounds. With <u>last ch 5</u> <u>of last rnd</u>, sl st to first bobble.

Round 9 - 16:
Ch 1, 1 sc in same sp; 2 sc in ea ch 5 space and top of ea bobble
Join with sl st to ch 1 / sc. If continuing Rnd 9-16, sl st to middle of ch 5 & repeat.
After 16th round, sl st to ch 1 / sc, Ch 2, do not turn

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Hint: *The sleeves will look big at this point. There will be some gathering later, but most of the gathering occurs with tying the ribbon.*

Round 17:
dc in each sc; sl st to join (for Peach Dress, change thread to Peach after joining)

Round 18:
Ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5;
(sk 1 dc, sc in next dc, ch 5) Rep
Adjust as necessary to end with 18 ch-5's, 4 of which will be evenly spaced under the arm. To adjust, you may skip more or less spaces. The important thing is to evenly space 18 ch 5's. Join with sl st to first chain of ch 5

Rnd 19:
In each ch 5 space: *(sc, dc. trc, trc, dc, sc)* to end. Sl st to join. Cut & weave ends

Neckline finishing & Button Holes
Attach yarn to bottom of opening on button hole side
Working in ends of rows: Ch 1; evenly make 10 sc along side
Button hole: ch 3, skip equal to ch 3,
Cont. sc evenly stopping just before row of dc's near neckline. ch 3 for buttonhole.
3 sc in corner to prevent curling. Cont. sc in each stitch across neckline.
Place 3 sc in next corner to prevent curling. Cont sc evenly along button side to end.
Cut thread, weave ends.

Flowers



Picot = ch 3, sl st to top of first ch
With Peach: Ch 4, join to form ring
Rnd 1: (foundation for petals)
Ch 1, sc in ring *(ch 3, sc in ring)*
Rep for total of 5 ch 3 spaces. sl st to ch 1 / sc to join

Rnd 2: (petals)
In each chain 5 space: *(sl st, ch 1, dc, trc, trc, dc, ch 1, sl st)*
Rep in each ch 3 sp for total of 5 petals; Join with sl st to bottom of first petal.
Cut thread, weave ends

Rnd 3: (foundation for leaves)
With Green: Attach w/ sl st behind one of the petals.
Work with right side of flower facing you. ~You may need to push the petal forward so you can work behind it.
Insert hook through the ch 3 space from Round 1 & back out through the foundation ring. Yo, draw up a loop & pull through, creating a sc.
ch 4; *(sc into ring through ch 3 sp of next petal. Ch 4)*
Rep for total of 5 ch 4 spaces. Join with sl st to first sc.

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Rnd 4: (leaves)
(sc, hdc, dc, trc, picot, dc, hdc, sc) in each ch 4 sp
Join with sl st to base of first leaf

Make as many flowers as desired to decorate dress.
Suggestion: make 10 for skirt & one for bodice.

Finishing:
Weave ribbon through the triple crochet of bodice & the double crochet of sleeves. (weave soft elastic in sleeves if desired) Sew on buttons & flowers

Many thanks to the testers who donated their time for the good of this pattern!

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