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SKILL LEVEL: Easy +

SIZE: Small, Medium, Large, 1X, 2X

Finished Chest 32 (36, 40, 44, 48) in. (81.5 (91.5, 101.5, 112, 122) cm)

Finished Length 27 1/2 (29, 30 1/2, 32 1/2, 34) in. (70 (73.5, 77.5, 82.5, 86.5) cm)

Note: Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

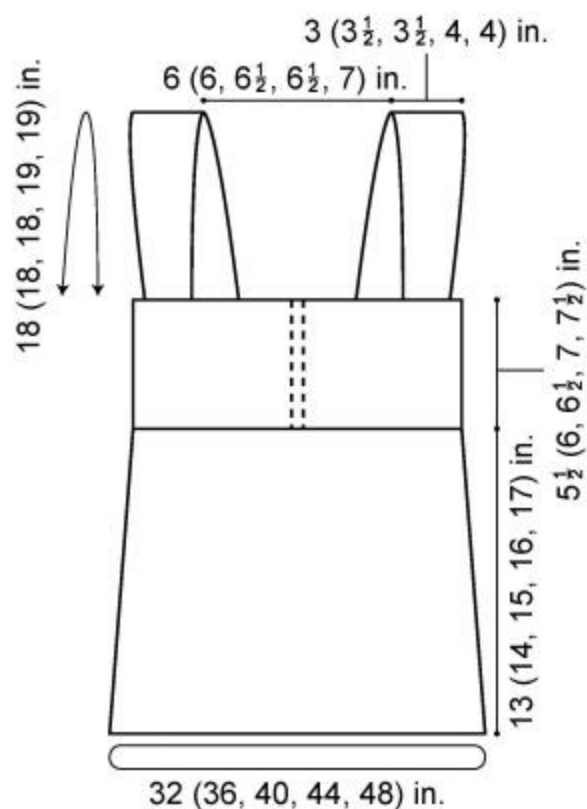
CORRECTIONS: None

MATERIALS

- 680-004 Lion Brand Organic Cotton Yarn: Cypress
9 11, 13, 15, 17 Balls
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size F-5
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size I-9
- Lion Brand Stitch Markers
- Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
9 buttons 1/2 in. (12 mm) diameter

GAUGE:

18 hdc = 4 in. (10 cm) with smaller hook. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.



BAND

With smaller hook, ch 26 (28, 31, 33, 36).

Row 1: Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across - 24 (26, 29, 31, 34) hdc.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Rep last row until piece measures 33 (37, 41, 45, 49) in. (84 (94, 104, 114, 124.5) cm) from beg. Fasten off.

Overlap the short ends of Band by 1 in. (2.5 cm) and pin to form center back. Sew along one long edge of the overlapped section to secure the 2 layers together along that edge only. Bodice sts will be worked along this joined edge. Overlapped section is center back.

Bodice

From RS with smaller hook, join yarn with sl st at center back.

Rnd 1: Ch 2, work 122 (138, 154, 170, 186) hdc evenly spaced around lower edge of Band; join with sl st in first hdc.

Rnds 2-4: Ch 2, hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc.

Change to larger hook, and rep last rnd until Bodice measures 13 (14, 15, 16, 17) in. (33 (35.5, 38, 40.5, 43) cm) from beg. Fasten off.

Straps

Mark center 6 (6, 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 7) in. (15 (15, 16.5, 16.5, 18) cm) along top front edge of Band.

Right Strap

From RS with smaller hook, join yarn with sl st at left edge of the marked center section.

Row 1: Ch 2, work 13 (15, 15, 18, 18) hdc evenly spaced across 3 (3 1/2, 3 1/2, 4, 4) in. (7.5 (9, 9, 10, 10) cm) towards side edge of Band.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across. Rep last row until Strap measures 18 (18, 18, 19, 19) in. (45.5 (45.5, 45.5, 48.5, 48.5) cm) from beg. Fasten off.

Left Strap

From RS with smaller hook, join yarn with sl st 3 (3 1/2, 3 1/2, 4, 4) in. (7.5 (9, 9, 10, 10) cm) to right of the marked center section.

Row 1: Ch 2, work 13 (15, 15, 18, 18) hdc evenly spaced across to marked section.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across. Rep last row until Strap measures 18 (18, 18, 19, 19) in. (45.5 (45.5, 45.5, 48.5, 48.5) cm) from beg. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Sew 5 buttons, evenly spaced, along inner edge of center back. Use spaces between sts as buttonholes. Mark center 5 (5, 5 1/2, 5 1/2, 6) in. (12.5 (12.5 (14, 14, 15) cm) along top back edge of Band. Sew 2 buttons, spaced 2 in. (5 cm) apart, on either side of marked section. Use spaces between sts on Straps as buttonholes.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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<u>beg = begin(s)(ning)</u>	<u>ch(s) = chain(s)</u>
<u>hdc = half double crochet</u>	<u>rep = repeat(s)(ing)</u>
<u>rnd(s) = round(s)</u>	<u>RS = right side</u>
<u>sl st = slip stitch</u>	<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>

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