



Gazelle's Strawberry Dress

Knee length A-line Dress featuring openwork Basket Stitch dress and sleeve hemming, picot edging on neck opening, and strawberry appliqué decorations along front neckline.

Size: Child's Small/Medium

YARN DESCRIPTION:

- Columbia Minerva "Sassy"; 85% Acrylic/15% Nylon (Sport Weight); 50g/215yds/1.75oz
 - 5 - Pink (Main Color)
 - 3 - Purple Multi (Contrasting Color)

HOOK SIZE: G (6)/4.25mm *or size needed to obtain gauge*

GAUGE DATA:

Basket Stitch (BS) (4 in = 10 cm): 16sts by 11 rows
 Half Double Crochet (HDC) (4 in = 10 cm): 21.0sts by 16 rows

Other Materials Needed:

- 2 medium/large stitch markers or gold safety pins
- 2 small stitch markers or gold safety pins
- Large blunt tip needle
- 3 strawberry appliqué decorations



FINISHED DIMENSIONS: (ins): ... after blocking

Chest: 22.0	Body Length: 25.0	Armhole: 11.0
Back Width: 11.0	Hem Length: 5.5	Sleeve Bottom: 11.0
Hip: 26.0 (13.0 ea side)	Front Neck Width: 5.5	Sleeve Length: 11.0
Hem Width: 25.0	Front Neck Depth: 2.0	Hem Length: 4.0

Notes: Read ALL instructions thoroughly BEFORE starting to crochet.

- *It is very important that a gauge swatch is completed prior to starting this pattern.*
- *Use a stitch mrkr (or large safety pin) to mark right side of piece and as called for within pattern.*
- *Employ the 'Increase/Decrease' technique throughout pattern for body and sleeves only.*

Abbreviations Used:

Sc = single crochet	Slst = slip stitch	Mrkr(s) = marker(s)
Hdc = half double crochet	Ch = chain	Yo = yarn over
Dc = double crochet	Tch = turning chain	Dec = decrease
	St/Sts = stitch/stitches	BS – Basket Stitch

Special Stitches Used:

Basket Stitch (for dress and sleeve hem only)

Worked on a multiple of 3 plus 4sts.

1st Row (WS): Work a V St of [1dc, ch1, 1dc] into 5th ch from hook, *skip 2ch, work V St into next ch; rep from * to last 2ch. skip 1ch. 1dc into last ch. turn.

2nd Row: Ch3; skip 2sts, work a Double V St of [2dc, ch1, 2dc] into ch sp at center of V St, *ch1, skip next V St, work a Double V St into sp at center of next V St; rep from * after completing last Double V St, do not ch1, place 1dc into top of tch. Turn.

3rd Row: Ch3, work a V St into each sp to end finishing with 1dc into top of tch, turn.

4th Row: Ch3, 1dc into first st, *ch1, skip next V St, work a Double V St into sp at center of next V St; rep from * until 1 V St remains, ch1. Skip V St, 2dc into top of tch. Turn.

5th Row: Same as 3rd row.

Repeat 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th rows, for pattern.



Special Techniques:

- **'Increase/Decrease' Technique:**

Ch2, yo, insert hook into same st, draw through, yo, draw through 2 loops. 2 loops rem on hook.

YO, insert hook in next st, draw through, yo, draw through all 4 loops. (Post of extra st placed in gap, w/o increasing the number of sts.)

BACK:

1. **Hem.**

- Using the CC yarn; chain 73sts.
- Work in BS until hem measures 5.5ins (15rows).
- Cut yarn, leaving a 4in tail. Do not fasten off.

2. **Body.**

A. Lower Body

- Using the 'Increase/Decrease' Technique throughout, attach the MC yarn. Ch2, hdc across. (69sts)
- Rows 2-5 – Turn, ch2, hdc across
- Hem to Hips Shaping:
 - Row 6 – Turn, ch2. Dec 1st at each end of row. (67sts remaining)
 - Rows 7-11 – Turn, ch2; work even across.
 - Row 12 – Turn, ch2. Dec 1st at each end of row. (65sts remaining)
 - Rows 13-18 – Turn, ch2. Work even until garment measures 4.5ins (not including hem).

B. Upper Body

- A-line Shaping (Hips to Bust).
 - Row 19 – Turn, ch2. Dec 1st at each end or row. (63sts remaining)
 - Rows 20-44 – Turn, ch2; work even across. (6.5ins)
 - Row 45 – Turn, ch2. Dec 1st at each end of row. (61sts remaining)

- d. Rows 46-52 – Work even for 2.0ins (8 rows). Fasten off. (Body should measure 13.5ins, not including hem.)

C. Armhole Shaping

- i. Row 53 – Reattach MC yarn, skipping 2sts, ch2. Work even across, until last 2 remaining sts. (57sts)
- ii. Rows 54-74 – Turn, ch2. Work even until armhole measures a total of 5.5ins (22rows). Fasten off.

3. **Back neck.**

- A. Determine which side will be outside of dress; mark center of dress, with a large/medium stitch marker or gold safety pin.
- B. Using 2 small stitch markers or gold safety pins; mark top center 35sts. (11sts remaining on each side)

4. Weave in all loose ends.

FRONT:

1. Same as BACK Step 1.

2. Same as BACK Steps 2A-2B.

3. **Armhole shaping.**

- A. Same as BACK Step 2C(i) – Row53.
- B. Rows 54-66 – Turn, ch2. Work even for 13 rows until armhole measures a total of 3.5ins (14 rows).
- C. Determine which side will be outside of dress; mark center of dress, with a large/medium stitch marker or gold safety pin.

4. **Shape neck.**

A. Right Side

- i. Row 67 – Turn, ch2. Hdc across 16sts.
- ii. Rows 68-72 – Turn, ch2. Dec 1st at neck edge, every row 5 times. (11sts remaining)
- iii. Rows 73-74 – Turn, ch2. Work even until armhole measures a total of 5.5ins (22rows). Fasten off.

B. Left Side

- i. Work same as NECK right side.

5. Weave in all loose ends.

SLEEVE: (make 2)

1. Using the CC yarn; chain 64sts. Work in BS until hem measures 4ins (11rows). Cut yarn, leaving a 4in tail. Do not fasten off.
2. Employing the 'Increase/Decrease' Technique throughout, attach the MC yarn. Ch2, hdc across (59sts).
3. Dec 1st at each end of 4th row, then every 5th row twice to 53sts (14rows total).
4. Work even until sleeve measures 7ins (28rows), not including hem.
5. Fasten off and weave in all loose ends.

FINISHING:

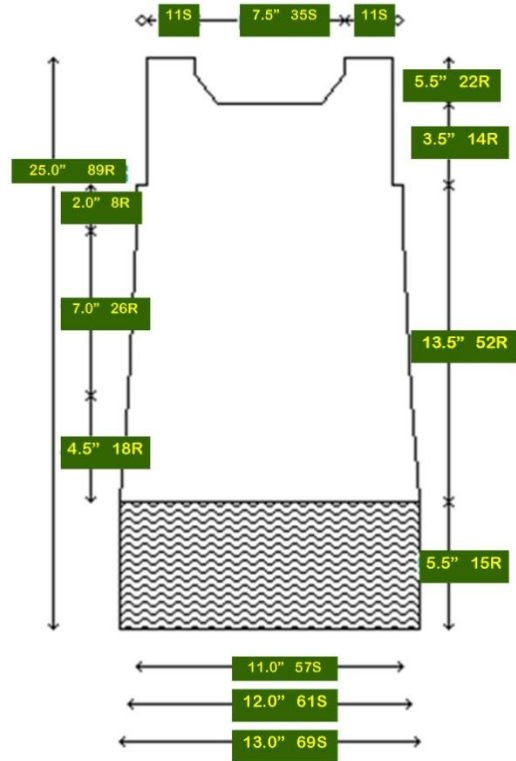
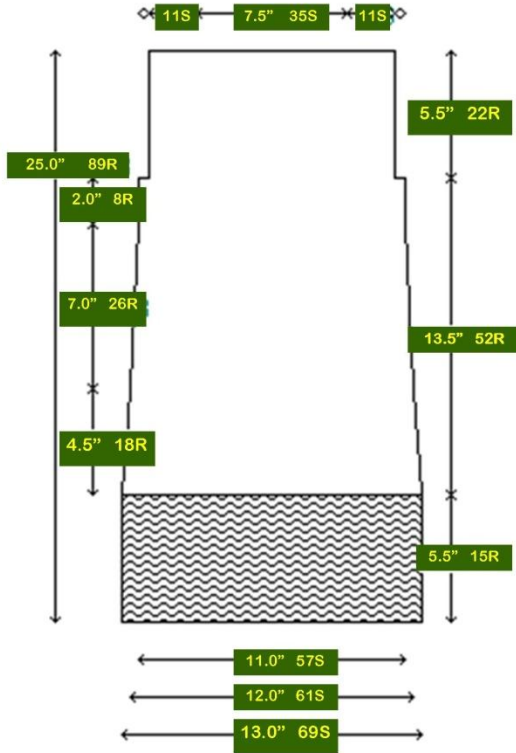
1. Steam block all pieces, using a blocking board or a rigid piece of insulation board covered with a colorfast cloth. (Ensure that your pins are rustproof.) Let fabric cool and dry.
2. Sew fronts to back along shoulder seams.
3. Sew sleeve top to armhole, easing to fit.
4. Sew armhole castoff sections (on the front and back) to equal length along the armhole end of the sleeve side edges, then sew remaining side and sleeve seams.
5. **Neckline edging:**
 - A. Attach CC yarn at shoulder seam; sc one row around neck opening, slst to join.
 - B. Work picot edging - *sc in next sc, ch3, slst in same st; sc in next 2 sc*, repeat ** around. Join with slst. Fasten off.
6. Darn/weave/sew in all loose ends.
7. Iron or sew on strawberry appliqué across front of bodice.



SCHEMATICS

BACK

FRONT



SLEEVE

