



Girl's Beaded Puff Skirt

Skill Level: Adv Beg - Intermediate

Sizes: 6 (8)

Yarn Description:

1 (2) 6oz (170g) Caron Simply Soft – Bone 9703 (4ply/100% Acrylic)

Crochet Hook:

Size I or 9 (5.5mm) *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Other Materials Needed:

- 7-9in zipper, color to match yarn used
- Thread to match color of yarn used
- 37(39)in thin leather cord
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle



Gauge Data:

- Double crochet (4 in = 10 cm): 14sts by 8 rows.

Finished Length: 13(14) in. [33.2(35.6) cm]

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

Notes: Read ALL these instructions thoroughly BEFORE starting to crochet.

- ❖ *It is very important that a gauge swatch is completed prior to starting this pattern.*
- ❖ *This skirt is constructed from the bottom up.*
- ❖ *A double foundation chain is used to create a more uniformed design flow between the body and the hem.*
- ❖ *Place a stitch mrkr on every decrease row to ensure accuracy in counting. When counting decrease rows, the row after the decrease is the first row for an every X row decrease.*
- ❖ *Schematic only shows measurements for smaller size.*

Abbreviations Used:

Sc = single crochet

Hdc = half double crochet

Dc = double crochet

Esc = extended single crochet

Ch = chain

St/sts = stitch/stitches

Mrkr(s) = marker(s)
Yo = yarn over
Dec = decrease

In(s) = inch(es)
Puff Stitch = PS

Special Stitches Used:

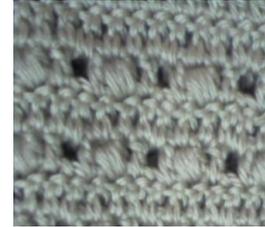
- **Puff Stitch:** yo, hdc4tog all in same st – (worked on a multiple of 3 plus 5sts).
- **Extended Single Crochet:** Insert hook into st; yo and pull up loop; yo and pull through 1 loop. Yo and pull through remaining 2 loops.

Boxed Puff Hem Pattern:

Row 1 (RS): Ch3, PS in 4th ch from hook, 1dc in next ch, *ch1, skip 1ch, [1dc, PS, 1dc] across next 3 ch; rep from * across ending with ch1, skip 1ch, 1dc in last ch. Turn.

Row 2: Ch3, dc across using “increase/decrease technique (*see special techniques*). Turn.

Rep rows 1 and 2 for pattern.



Special Techniques:

- **Double Foundation Chain method:** Ch2, *insert hook into the left side of the 1st chain stitch, yo and pull through; yo, pull through remaining two loops*; repeat * * until foundation chain is desired length.
- **Hdc4tog:** *Yo, insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop*, repeat * * three times, yo once more, and pull through all loops on hook.
- **'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.

SKIRT PANEL (make 2):

1. **Hem.** Use double foundation chain method.

- a. Ch 45(53), sc in 2nd ch fm hook; sc in each of next 2 ch, *skip 1ch, 3dc in ne xt ch, skip 1ch, sc in each of next 3 ch; rep fm * ending with 2(3)sc. (0.5ins)
- b. Turn ch over to opposite end, insert hook through 1st ch, pull loop up fm bottom of foundation ch through.
- c. Work in Boxed Puff Pattern for 5 rows (2.5ins).



2. **Body.**

- a. Ch3, dc across for each of the following rows (using '*Increase/Decrease*' technique).
- b. Work 6(8) rows even until skirt measures 3.0(4.0) ins, excluding hem.
- c. Hip to Waist shaping – Size 6
 - i. Dec 1st at each end of next row;
 - ii. then every 3rd row twice;
 - iii. then every 2nd row once to 37sts (9 rows shaping). (4.5ins)

Hip to Waist shaping – Size 8

- iv. Dec 1st at each end of next row;
 - v. then every 2nd row 5 times to 37sts (11 rows shaping). (5.5ins)
 - d. Work 3 rows of dc across. (1.5ins)
- [18 rows (9.0 ins) total for body, excluding hem.]

3. Waistband.

- a. Work 2 rows of extended single crochet.
- b. Work 1 row of single crochet.
- c. Bind off and weave in all loose ends. *(On the 2nd panel, do not bind off. Instead cut the yarn to measures 3-4x the length of the skirt – this will be used to sew the seam on one side of the skirt.)*

FINISHING:

1. Steam block both pieces of the skirt and adjust shaping as necessary. Allow to dry.
2. Using tapestry needle, sew panels together at the side seams; ensuring to check for fit at the waist. Leave a 7-9in opening in one seam for the zipper.
3. Attach zipper using sewing needle and color coordinated thread.
 - a. With right-side facing, pin edges of zipper to wrong side of skirt.
 - b. Ensure edges of skirt opening completely cover zipper opening when closed and zipper is straight.
 - c. On right side, sew zipper into place.
 - d. Turn skirt on wrong side and whipstitch outer edges of zipper to skirt.
4. String leather cord through the top.
5. Skirt may be machine washed using warm water on the gentle cycle. Machine dry using low heat on the delicate cycle.



