



Size: UK 10 – US 6 – EU 36

Skill Level: advanced

How much yarn: 7 balls (each ball 50g and 214m) of Silky yarn (100% Silk) shade no. 8900

Hook: a 3.00mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point
Elastic band as long as necessary

STITCHES

Using crochet hook: chain (ch) – Slip stitch (sl st)
Double crochet (dc) – Treble (tr)

RIDGE DOUBLE CROCHET BACK: work 1 dc inserting hook into back loop only of stitch on previous row
RtrB (= RdcB)

PICOT (P): ch3 and 1 ss into last st made

STRAIGHT ARCH STITCH:

(work over a multiple of 4 sts plus 1 st and 1 turning ch)

Row 1: 1 dc into 2nd ch from hook, * ch5, miss 3 ch, 1 dc into next ch; rep from * to end, ch5, turn. **Row 2:** * 1 dc into next arch, ch5; rep from * ending with 1 dc into last ch5-arch, ch3, 1 tr into next dc, 1 turning ch.

Row 3: 1 dc into tr on previous row; ch5, miss next ch3-arch, * 1 dc into next arch, ch5; rep from * to end, 1 dc into 3rd of turning chains, ch5, turn. Rep rows 2 – 3 throughout.

CIRCULAR ARCH STITCH: (work over a multiple of 3 sts)

Round 1: ch1 (do not count it as stitch), 1 dc into first st, * ch5, miss 2 sts, 1 dc into next st; rep from * all round ending with 1 ss into first dc. **Round 2:** ss to centre ch of ch5-arch, 1 dc into same ch, ch5, * 1 dc into next arch, ch5; rep from * ending with 1 ss into first dc. Rep round 2 throughout.

STRAIGHT FANCY STITCH:

(work over a multiple of 6 sts plus 1)

Row 1: ch1 (do not count it as stitch), 1 dc into each st or ch to end, turn. **Row 2:** ch3 (= 1 tr), miss 3 dc (= the dc at base of ch3 and next 2 dc), 1 shell (= 2 tr, ch2 and 2 tr) into next dc, * ch2, miss 2 dc, 1 dc into next dc, ch2, miss 2 dc, 1 shell into next dc; rep from * ending with a tr into last dc, turn. **Row 3:** ch3 (= 1 tr), * tr2tog (= 2tr joined together: yarn on hook, insert hook in stitch, yarn on hook and pull a loop through, yarn on hook and pull through two loops on hook; yarn on hook, insert hook in next stitch, yarn on hook and pull a loop through, yarn on hook and pull through two loops on hook; yarn on hook and pull through the 3 loops on the hook) into next tr, ch1, tr2tog into next tr, ch1, 1 tr into next ch2-arch, (ch1, tr2tog into next tr) twice; rep from * ending with 1 tr into 3rd of 3 turning ch, ch1, turn. **Row 4:** 1 dc into first tr, ch3, miss tr2tog, 1 dc into next tr2tog, * ch3,

1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3, miss tr2tog twice, 1 dc into next tr2tog; rep from * ending with ch3, 1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3, 1 dc into 3rd of 3 turning ch, ch1, turn.

Row 5: ch3 (= 1 tr), 2 tr into next ch3-arch, * ch2, 1 dc into next ch3-arch, ch2, 1 shell into next ch3-arch; rep from * until to last two ch3-arches, ch2, 1 dc into next ch3-arch, ch2, 2 tr into next arch, 1 tr into last dc, turn. **Row 6:** ch3 (= 1 tr), * (tr2tog into next tr, ch1, tr2tog into next tr) twice, ch1, 1 tr into next ch2-arch, ch1; rep from * ending with (tr2tog into next tr, ch1, tr2tog into next tr) twice and 1 tr into 3rd of 3 turning ch, ch1, turn. **Row 7:** 1 dc into first tr, * 1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3, miss two tr2tog, 1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3; rep from * ending with 1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3, miss two tr2tog, 1 dc into next tr2tog, 1 dc into 3rd of 3 turning ch, ch1, turn. **Row 8:** ch3 (= 1 tr), * 1 shell into next ch3-arch, ch2, 1 dc into next ch3-arch, ch2; rep from * ending with 1 shell into next ch3-arch and 1 tr into last dc, turn. Rep rows 3 – 8 throughout.

CIRCULAR FANCY STITCH: (work over a multiple of 6 sts)

Round 1: ch1 (do not count it as stitch), 1 dc into each st or ch ending with 1 ss into first dc. **Round 2:** ch3 (= 1 tr), miss 3 dc (= the dc at base of ch3 and next 2 dc), 1 shell (= 2 tr, ch2 and 2 tr) into next dc, * ch2, miss 2 dc, 1 dc into next dc, ch2, miss 2 dc, 1 shell into next dc; rep from * ending with a ss into 3rd of first ch3. **Round 3:** ch3 (= 1 tr), * tr2tog (= see as given for Straight fancy stitch) into next tr, ch1, tr2tog into next tr, ch1, 1 tr into next ch2-arch, (ch1, tr2tog into next tr) twice; rep from * ending with 1 ss into 3rd of first ch3. **Round 4:** ch1 (do not count it as stitch), 1 dc into first tr, ch3, miss tr2tog, 1 dc into next tr2tog, * ch3, 1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3, miss tr2tog twice, 1 dc into next tr2tog; rep from * ending with ch3, 1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3, 1 ss into first dc. **Round 5:** ch3 (= 1 tr), 2 tr into next ch3-arch, * ch2, 1 dc into next ch3-arch, ch2, 1 shell into next ch3-arch; rep from * until to last two ch3-arches, ch2, 1 dc into next ch3-arch, ch2, 2 tr into next arch, 1 ss into 3rd of first ch3. **Round 6:** ch3 (= 1 tr), * (tr2tog into next tr, ch1, tr2tog into next tr) twice, ch1, 1 tr into next ch2-arch, ch1, tr2tog into next tr) twice and 1 ss into 3rd of first ch3. **Round 7:** ch1 (do not count it as stitch), 1 dc into first tr, * 1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3, miss two tr2tog, 1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3; rep from * ending with 1 dc into next tr2tog, ch3, miss two tr2tog, 1 dc into next tr2tog, 1 ss into 3rd of first ch3. **Round 8:** ch3 (= 1 tr), * 1 shell into next ch3-arch; ch2, 1 dc into next ch3-arch, ch2; rep from * ending with 1 shell into next ch3-arch and 1 ss into 3rd of first ch3. Rep rounds 3 – 8 throughout.

TENSION

18 stitches and 12 rows of straight fancy st measure 10cm square with 3.00mm crochet hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Skirt: - front - work top down starting from waist-edge. Ch67 and work in Straight Fancy Stitch. When work measures 34cm from beg (= **41 rows**) work finishing edge as follows: **row 42:** ch3 (= first tr), 1 tr into each of next 2 tr, * 9 tr into centre ch2-space of next shell; rep from * ending with 1 tr into each of last 3 tr, turn. **Row 43:** ch3 (= first tr), miss tr at base of first ch3 and miss next tr, (1 tr, ch1, 1 tr) into next tr, * miss next 2 tr, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 6 times, 1 tr into next tr; rep from * until to last 3 tr, (1 tr, ch1, 1 tr) into next tr, 1 tr into last tr, turn. **Row 44:** ch1, 1 dc into first tr, (1 dc, ch3, 1 dc) into next ch1-space, * (1 dc into next ch1-space, ch3) 5 times, 1 dc into next ch1-space; rep from * until to last ch1-space; (1 dc, ch3, 1 dc) into last ch1-space, 1 dc into last tr. Fasten off. Work a row of 69 dc (or a number of sts multiple of 4 plus 1, in order to work Straight Arch Stitch) along each vertical side.

Skirt: - back - work as Front.

Note: the skirt length can change according to your needs, adding rows of Straight Fancy Stitch, always ending with the last 3 rows of the finishing edge and then working, on the two sides, rows of dc with a number of sts multiple of 4 + 1.

Skirt: - side band: join yarn to a side of Skirt Front and work **8 rows** of Straight Arch Stitch. Then work a row to join this side to corresponding side of Skirt Back, as follows: **row 9:** 1 dc into first tr of previous row, ch2, turn, 1 dc into first st on Back side, turn, ch2, 1 dc into next arch of Front side, * ch2, turn, miss 3 sts on Back side, 1 dc into next st on Back side, turn, ch2, 1 dc into next arch of Front side; rep from * all along Skirt side, ending with ch2, turn, 1 dc into last st on Back side, turn, ch2, 1 dc into last st on Front side. Fasten off. Work a Side Band as previous on other side of Skirt, joining Front and Back to have a tube skirt.

Waistedge: work a round of trebles and a round of dc on opposite side to starting ch-row of Skirt and Side band edge. Fasten off.

String: work ch2 and insert hook in the leftmost loop of the 2nd ch from hook. Yarn over, pull a loop through that same leftmost loop: there are 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over once again. Pull through both loops on the hook. * Insert hook under the leftmost loop of previous stitch. Yarn over. Draw up a loop: there are 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook. Rep from * until to obtain desired length. Fasten off.

Top: work top down, starting from Bandeau worked in Ridge double crochet back. Ch12. **Row 1:** 1 dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc into each of next ch (there are 11 dc), 1 ch, turn. Cont to work in Ridge double crochet, starting with ch1 (do not count it as stitch) at beg of each row. When work measures 68cm from beg, fasten off. Sew side seam, to form a ring. Now work around a ring edge in Circular Fancy stitch. Commence with a round of 126 dc (= 21 Motifs of Fancy Stitch). When 23 rounds have been worked (= 20cm from Fancy Stitch beg), fasten off.

Ruffle: ch219, 1 ss into first ch to form a ring. Work **2 rounds** of trebles, commencing each round with ch3 (= first tr) and ending with a ss into 3rd of first ch3. **Round 3:** fold in half work, WS against WS, to have half height, and work a round of ss inserting hook, every time, into both thicknesses (starting row and last row) to form a 'casing'. Cont to work 12 rounds in Circular Arch Stitch, then work last round as follows: 1 ss into first st, (3 dc, 1 picot and 3 dc) in each ch5-arch, end with a ss into first st of round. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Insert elastic thread into ruffle 'casing' and join ends. Sew ruffle casing to centre 20cm of upper edge of Front and Back Top, as shown in picture. Insert string into treble round of skirt waistedge, picking 3 sts and unpicking 3 sts, starting and ending at centre Front.