

CHECKERED SUNDRESS

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SIZES: Directions for small size (6-8). Changes for medium size (10-12) and large size (14-16) are in parentheses.

Fits Bust Size: 30½"-31½" (32½"-34"; 36"-38").

For body measurements, see page 36.

MATERIALS: Dawn Spectran/Acrylican, 4 (5-5) 4-oz. skeins Amber (A), 1 (2-2) skeins Orange (B). Crochet hooks sizes H and I. Two yards of round elastic.

GAUGE: 13 dc = 4"; 5 rows = 3" (size H hook in pat, size I hook in solid color).

Notes: When working with 2 colors, hold color not in use along top of last row; work sts over unused color to conceal it. To change colors, work last st to last 2 lps on hook; work off last 2 lps with new color. Carry unused color loosely along side edge.

To Inc 1 St: Work 2 sts in 1 st. Keep to checkered pat when increasing.

DRESS: BODICE: BACK: Beg at waist edge, with A and size H hook, ch 50 (54-58).

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook (counts as 2 dc), dc in next 0 (2-0) ch, * change to B (see Notes), dc in next 4 ch, change to A, dc in next 4 ch, repeat from * across, end 2 (4-2) A dc—48 (52-56) dc. Ch 3, turn each row. Ch 3 always counts as first dc of next row.

Row 2: Sk first st, dc in next 1 (3-1) dc, * change to B, dc in next 4 dc, change to A, dc in next 4 dc, repeat from * across, end 2 (4-2) A dc, change to B.

Row 3: Sk first st, dc in next 1 (3-1) dc, * change to A, dc in next 4 dc, change to B, dc in next 4 dc, repeat from * across, end 2 (4-2) B dc.

Row 4: Repeat row 3. Change to A.

Rows 5-9: Work even in checkered pat.

Row 10: Dc in first st (1 st inc), work in pat across, 2 dc in last st (1 st inc)—50 (54-58) dc.

Row 11: Work even in pat.

Row 12: Repeat row 10—52 (56-60) dc.

Rows 13 and 14: Work even in pat. End off.

BODICE: FRONT: Work as for back.

Note: Skirt is planned for 18" length. For longer or shorter skirt, add or subtract an even number of rows before starting border.

SKIRT: Row 1: From right side, working along opposite side of starting ch for back bodice, with A and size I hook, join yarn in first ch, ch 3, dc in next 2 ch, * 2 dc in next ch, dc in next 3 ch, repeat from * across—60 (65-70) dc.

Rows 2-6: Work even in dc.

Row 7: Dc in first st, inc 2 (2-0) dc evenly spaced across, 2 dc in last st—64 (69-72) dc.

Rows 8-10: Work even.

Row 11: Dc in first st, inc 2 (4-2) dc evenly spaced across, 2 dc in last st.

Rows 12-14: Work even.

Row 15: Dc in first st, inc 2 (3-2) dc evenly spaced across, 2 dc in last st—72 (80-80) dc.

Rows 16-18: Work even.

Row 19: Dc in first st, inc 2 dc evenly spaced across, 2 dc in last st—76 (84-84) dc.

Rows 20-22: Work even.

Row 23: Repeat row 19—80 (88-88) dc.

Row 24: Work even.

Border: Row 1: Change to H hook. Sk first st, dc in next st, * change to B, dc in next 4 dc, change to A, dc in next 4 dc, repeat from * across, end 2 A dc.

Rows 2-6: Work even in pat. End off. Work front skirt the same.

STRAPS (make 2): With A and size H hook, make a ch 13" (14"-15") long. Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across, ch 3, sl st in first ch of starting ch, ch 3, dc in each ch on other side of starting ch. End off.

FINISHING: Steam-press pieces lightly. Sew side seams, matching pats. From right side, with A and size H hook, work 1 row sc around bottom edge. Work 1 row sc around top of bodice, working over elastic. Adjust elastic to fit; fasten securely. Cut elastic to waist measurement less 2"; run through first row on bodice. Fasten securely. Sew shoulder straps in place.