

The Vintage dress for a toddler 2-3 years old

The vintage inspired dress is so simple in design, yet has lots of beautiful details. What makes the dress vintage? The color and exclusive pattern, pearls and beads, collar and lots of details on it, bow tied ribbons, flower... lot's of flowers. And of course vintage is always handmade. The yarn Altynbassak Maxi from @hobiumyarns is so perfect for this kind of dress, the beautiful color and shine of high quality natural cotton makes the dress very elegant and comfortable to wear.

Tools:

Yarn- Altynbassak Maxi color 300 - 4 skeins

Hooks – 2.00mm (used for the top, sleeves, flower details and collar)

3.75mm (used for the skirt)

1.5mm (used to hide the ends)

Markers 4 cnt

Buttons 3 count 1.5cm in diameter

Beads 3mm in diameter

Ribbon color Ivory 0.96cm x 4.57mm

Main pattern:

Make a chain.

1st row: skip 3 chains make 1 single crochet – 1chain – 1 single crochet in the same chain as the first single crochet. Skip 1 chain, then make 1 single crochet – 1chain – 1 single crochet in the same chain as the previous single crochet. Repeat. Finish the row with 1 single crochet in the last chain.

2nd row: 1 chain and 1 single crochet in the very first stitch. Then insert the hook between 2 sc from the previos row and make 1 sc – 1chain – 1 sc as in the previous row. Continue.



Flower details:

1st row: Make amigurumi circle. Crochet 16 sc around it. Make a slip crochet stitch to connect the first and the last sc and make a circle.



2nd row: 1 chain + 1 sc in the very first stitch. 4 chains skip 1sc from the previous row and make 1sc in the second one. 4 chains and repeat skip 1sc from the previous row and make 1sc in the second one. Repeat. There should be 8 petals.+



3rd row petals: 1st petal - make a slip chain inside the first petal then 2 chains. Make 7 double crochets around the petal. Turn the work. 3 chains and 8 dc in every dc from the previous row. Turn the work, 3 chains and make a slip chain through the second petal. Repeat with every petal. P.s. The last 8th petal do the same way, but instead of 3 last connecting chains do 1chain and 1 dc connecting to the bottom of the first petal.





4th row: 1 chain 1 sc in the beginning of the row. 5 chains. Make 1 sc in the 3 chains of the next petal, 5 chains then again 1 sc in the 3 chains of the next petal. Repeat. Finish the row with 2 chains and 1 dc instead of 5 chains.



5th row: 1 chain 1 sc. 3 chains and making a picot make 1 slip crochet stitch in the same 1sc. Then we make the corner of the square - 5 chains then make 1 picot (1sc, 3 chains in the same base), 5 chains and one more picot (1sc, 3 chains in the same base) . 5 chains and again 1 picot 5chains then make the corner pattern. Repeat. Finish with 2 chains and 1 dc.



6th row: 1 chain 1sc. Here we do 2 picots in every 5 chains of the previous rows and do the corner pattern (picot – 5 chains – picot) in the 5 chains of the corner of the previous row.



Make 15 flowers connecting them together in the last row. Add beads in the center of each flower



The dress:

The standard measurements of the 2 year old girl

Neck 26cm

Bust 56cm

Sholder 7cm

Top

The length of the chain 37 cm

1cm = 3ct of chains

37cm = 111ct of chains we'll make 112

Deviding 112 into 4 sides (front, sholders and back) =28. The back split into 2 (14 each)

P.S. I used double thread, you can use single thread but then will need to adjust the count of chains in 1 cm.

1st row make a chain of 112 chains. Then sc in every chain. Using markers divide the chain. First count 14 and put the marker, then 28 put the marker, 28 put the maker then at another 28 count and there should be 14 left till the end. Now every other row you will make double stitch where you placed the markers

2nd row. Using the description of the pattern (in the beginning) crochet the first row. And make sure to double stitch where you placed the markers, i.e in one sc of the previous row you will make two of 1sc- chain-1sc in one from previous row.

3rd row just crochet the pattern without addings

4th row crochet as the 2nd row

5th row as the 3rd. continue until the length of the top is about 7cm



At 7 cm for the next 2 rows I made 3 addings of stitches on the shoulders. I.e. crochet two of 1sc- chain-1sc in one from previous row. This will make the shoulders wide and wavy and help with puffiness when we do sleeves.



After that Continue crochet according to the schemes in row 1 and 2 until the top height is about 10-10.5 cm and the width is about 30 cm.



Fold the top and mark the corners. Crochet a row around attaching the sides together.



In the next row we are going to do the space for the ribbon.

Crochet 5 chains skip then do 1 double crochet (dc) into the chain in between 2 sc, then 2 chains and 1dc into the chain between the next 2 sc. Continue until the end of the row. See the pictures bellow.





Skirt

Using the main pattern sc-chain-sc we are starting to crochet the skirt. I switched my crochet hook to #3.75 to make the skirt a little more fluffier.

Start every row with chain and 1sc and then continue with the main pattern. To make the skirt fluffy we are going to do one sc-chain-sc in the dc of the previous row and then 2 sc-chain-sc in the next dc of the previous row. Then alternating the order of one and two sc-chain-sc continue until the end of the row. And finish the row with the slip stitch.

Continue crochet the skirt until the needed length. Mine is 40 cm

Note: every time I finished the row I turned the work and started to crochet the opposite way. To make the pattern look the same way as it is at the top of the dress. But if want you can crochet around without turning the work, but remember the pattern will look slightly different.



After that attach the flower lace. Just using a sc stitch a crocheted around the whole flower line and then attached it to the bottom of the dress using the slip stitch. After it was attached I sc around at the bottom, but you can leave it as is according to your taste. Attached beads in the center of each flower.



Sleeves

Crochet around 6 rows the sleeve using the main pattern. Remember to turn the work at the end of each row



Then we'll diminish the sleeve to make it look puffy. For that we'll do 1 sc – chain – sc then 1sc in sc-chain-sc from the previous row and 1 sc in another one right away (see the pictures). This way we are diminishing 2 sc-chain-sc into 2. Note: because the space in between 2 st is pretty big we are not making a chain in between them. Continue alternating 1 sc-chain-sc with diminishing 2 sc.





Do 2 rows with diminishing and alternating the sc-chan-sc and 2 sc. That's what it should look like in the outcome



The next row is the same as we did in the main part of the row when we did the space for the ribbon



The next row we do main pattern in the chain and dc. After that do 2 more rows of the main pattern and finish the sleeve.



Do the second sleeve the same way



Collar

Split the neck line into 2. Crochet 8 rows of the main pattern for the left side.

Crochet separately the same flower as we did for the bottom but using single thread add the bead in the center of the flower. Do the random beadwork on the collar.

Repeat the same steps for the right collar



Back

Make 4 chains (or as many needed for the size of your button) to make a loop. At the top of the neckline, then sc 4 times going down, make a loop and sc 4 times and make another loop. Sew on the buttons on the opposite side. You can make just 2 button or 2 if you decide to do so.



Finish with ribbons on the sleeves and under the bust on the dress



Hope you enjoy crocheting this beautiful vintage dress. If you have any questions feel free to contact me at <https://www.instagram.com/venerabogdanova/>

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