

Caroline Pinafore in Broomstick Crochet

Materials

1 (2) Stylecraft Cotton Look a-like DK 100g
(approx. 210m/230yds)

Notions

4mm Hook, 2 x 12mm broomstick/knitting
needles

Tension

20 sts and 12 rows are 10cm square in
pattern

Notes

Use a smaller hook for the foundation dc row.
Worked top down, in the round, turn at the
end of each round, turning chain is not
counted as a stitch.

Finished size

New-born (0-3, 3-6, 6-9/9-12)

Age Months	NB	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12
Height	51 cm	58.5 cm	66 cm	71 cm	74 cm
Chest	38 cm	42 cm	44.5 cm	46 cm	47 cm



Instructions

Shoulder straps (Make 2 working in rows)

Row 1: 21fdc (24fdc, 27fdc, 30fdc), turn.
Row 2: 1ch, dc in next 21dc (24dc, 27dc, 30dc), turn.

Row 3: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 21, (24, 27, 30) times, turn. (21, 24, 27, 30 loops)

Row 4: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, miss 2dc on back from marked st and ss into next next st, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 6, 7, 8, 9 times, miss 2dc on front from marked st, ss to next dc on front, turn. (7, 8, 9, 10 3-lps group, 21dc, 24dc, 27dc, 30dc)

Row 5: 1ch, dc in next 21dc (24dc, 27dc, 30dc), turn.

Row 6 - For first 3 sizes only: 1ch, crab stitch in next 21, 24, 27, 30 sts. Fasten off. This is the outside edge of the shoulder straps.

For sizes 6-9 & 9-12 months:

Row 6: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 21, (24, 27, 30) times, turn. (21, 24, 27, 30 loops)

Row 7: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, miss 2dc on back from marked st and ss into next next st, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 6, 7, 8, 9 times, miss 2dc on front from marked st, ss to next dc on front, Do not turn. (7, 8, 9, 10 3-lps group, 21dc, 24dc, 27dc, 30dc)

Row 8: 1ch, crab stitch in next 21, 24, 27, 30 sts. Fasten off. This is the outside edge of the shoulder straps.

Bodice

Rnd 1: 78fdc (84, 87, 90fdc), ss to first dc being careful not to twist the foundation row, turn. (78, 84, 87, 90dc)

Rnd 1 alternative: 79ch (85, 88, 91ch), ss to first ch being careful not to twist the chain, 1 dc in each st to end, ss to first dc, turn. (78, 84, 87, 90dc)

Rnd 2: 1ch, 1 dc in each dc to end, ss to 1st dc, turn.

Place a marker on the 4th stitch in from the side seams on both front and back, this is where you will sew the shoulder straps in place.

Rnd 3: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 42, 45) times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 43, 45) times, turn. (78, 84, 87, 90 loops)

Rnd 4: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 25, (27, 28, 29) times, ss to 1st dc, turn. (26, 28, 29, 30 3-lps group, 78dc, 84dc, 87dc, 90dc)

Rnd 5: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, do not turn.



The aim here is to create a row of chain stitches at the head of the loops.

Rnd 6: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 42, 45) times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 43, 45) times, turn. (78, 84, 87, 90 loops)

Rnd 7: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 25, (27, 28, 29) times, ss to 1st dc, turn. (26, 28, 29, 30 3-lps group, 78, 84, 87, 90dc)

Rnd 8: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 9: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 10: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 11: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 12: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 42, 45) times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 43, 45) times, turn. (78, 84, 87, 90 loops)

Rnd 13: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 25, (27, 28, 29) times, ss to 1st dc, turn. (26, 28, 29, 30 3-lps group, 78, 84, 87, 90dc)

Rnd 14: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 15: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 16: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 42,

45) times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 43, 45) times, turn. (78, 84, 87, 90 loops)

Rnd 17: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 25, (27, 28, 29) times, ss to 1st dc, turn. (26, 28, 29, 30 3-lps group, 78, 84, 87, 90dc)

For New born & 0-3 months begin skirt

For sizes 3-6, 6-9 & 9-12 months:

Rnd 18: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 19: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

For sizes 6-9 & 9-12 months:

Rnd 20: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 42, 45) times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 39 (42, 43, 45) times, turn. (78, 84, 87, 90 loops)

Rnd 21: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 25, (27, 28, 29) times, ss to 1st dc, turn. (26, 28, 29, 30 3-lps group, 78, 84, 87, 90dc)

Skirt

Rnd 22: 2ch, *2tr in next st, 1tr in next 12dc,* (for all other sizes, 2tr in next st, 1 tr in next 14 dc), repeat from * 6 times, ss to 1st tr, turn. (84, 90, 93, 96tr)

Rnd 23: 2ch, 1 tr in each tr to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 24: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 42, (45, 45, 48) times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 42, (45, 46, 48) times, turn. (84, 90, 93, 96 loops)

Rnd 25: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into

3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 27 (29, 30, 31,) times, ss to 1st dc, turn. (28, 30, 31, 32 3-lps group, 84, 90, 93, 96dc)

Rnd 26: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 27: 2ch, *2tr in next st, 1 tr in next 13 dc* (for all other sizes, 2tr in next st, 1 tr in next 15 dc, [for size 3-6 mths 2tr in last st]), repeat from * 6 times, ss to 1st tr, turn. (90, 96, 99, 102tr)

Rnd 28: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 29: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, do not turn.

For New-born: 1ch, crab stitch to end, fasten off and weave in ends

Rnd 30: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 48, (49, 51) times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 48, (49, 50, 51) times, turn. (96, 99, 102 loops)

Rnd 31: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 31 (32, 33) times, ss to 1st dc, turn. (32, 33, 34 3-lps group, 96, 99, 102dc)

Rnd 32: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

For 0-3 months: 1ch, crab stitch to end, fasten off and weave in ends



Rnd 33: 2ch, *2tr in next st, 1 tr in next 14dc* (2tr in next st, 1 tr in next 15 dc, [2tr in next st, 1 tr in next 16dc, 2tr in last st], [2tr in next st, 1 tr in next 18 dc]), repeat from * 6 times, ss to 1st tr, turn. (96, 102, 105, 108tr)

Rnd 34: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 48, (51, 52, 54) times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 48, (51, 53, 54) times, turn. (96, 102, 105, 108 loops)

Rnd 35: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 31 (33, 34, 35) times, ss to 1st dc, turn. (32, 34, 35, 36 3-lps group, 96, 102, 105, 108dc)

Rnd 36: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

For 3-6 months:

Rnd 37: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 38: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 48, (51, 52) times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 48, (51, 52) times, turn. (96, 102, 105 loops)

Rnd 40: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 31 (33, 34) times, ss to 1st dc, do not turn. (32, 34, 35 3-lps group, 96, 102, 105dc)

Rnd 41: 1ch, crab stitch in each st to end, fasten off, weave in ends.



For sizes 6-9 & 9-12 months continue:

Rnd 37: 2ch, (2tr in next st, 1 tr in next 17 dc), 6 times, ss to 1st tr, turn. (114tr)

Rnd 38: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 57 times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 57 times, turn. (114 loops)

Rnd 39: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 37 times, ss to 1st dc, turn. (38 3-lps group, 114dc)

Rnd 40: 2ch, 1 tr in each dc to end, ss to 1st tr, turn.

Rnd 41: 2ch, (2tr in next st, 1 tr in next 18 dc), 6 times, ss to 1st tr, turn. (120tr)

Rnd 42: Stretch lp on hk & place on first broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 60 times, Stretch lp on hk & place on second broomstick, (insert hk in next st, yoh, draw up lp & place on broomstick) 60 times, turn. (120 loops)

Rnd 43: Insert hk in first 3 lps on broomstick, yoh, pull up loop, 1ch, 3dc into 3-lps group, (insert hk into next 3 lps and place on hk, 3dc into same 3-lps group) 39 times, ss to 1st dc, do not turn. (40 3-lps group, 120dc)

Rnd 44: 1ch, crab stitch in each st to end, fasten off, weave in ends.

Attach straps: Align the shoulder straps with the markers you placed at the end of round 2, ensuring that the crab stitch is toward the outside edges. For the smallest 3 sizes, stitch evenly across 8 dc stitches, for the larger 2 sizes stitch evenly across 10 dc stitches. Turn the dress inside out and use mattress stitch (ladder stitch) or whip stitch to secure the straps in place.

Neckline for all sizes

Rnd 1: with back facing, join yarn at base of sleeve in dc with ss, 1ch, crab stitch in each dc around the neckline, fasten off & weave in ends.