



Summer Garden Dress

No. 1006-192-9016

Sizes: S, M, L, XL

Skill level: Beginner

Crochet hook: 4 mm (size G)

Materials: Needle, markers

Yarn: Hobbii Twister &
Hobbii Twister Solid

How much yarn do I need?

S = 1280 m (1 x Twister and 1 x Solid)

M = 1380 m (1 x Twister and 1 x Solid)

L = 1480 m (1 x Twister and 2 x Solid)

XL = 1580 m (1 x Twister and 2 x Solid)

Buy the yarn here:

<http://shop.hobbii.com/summer-garden-dress>

Abbreviations used in this pattern:

- **ch** = chain
- **sc** = single crochet
- **dc** = double crochet
- **sl st** = slip stitch
- **st (s)** = stitch (es)
- **Inc** = increase (2 dc in th same st)

You can find a video-tutorial on how to do a increase here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qj7ovPSxdY>

Gauge

- **18 dc** = 10 cm (4")
- **9 rows** = 10 cm (4")

About the Design

For the longest time I wanted to make a maxi dress for summer and this Summer Garden Dress is just perfect. You can wear this dress to the beach, or out for a nice evening dinner. And you know what? You can follow the same pattern to make a top, or a shorter dress. All you have to do is to adjust the length, by making less rounds on the body.

It might be scary working on a maxi dress, but this one is so simple. It's worked only in double crochet and is seamless, so the only skills required is how to make double crochet and double crochet increase and working in circular rounds.

We will start the work by making the top part first. The front side and the 2 back panels are worked separately and then we will join them together and start working in rounds until you reach the desired length. After working the waist length of the dress we will increase with a few stitches to make sure that the dress will fit the hips nicely. At the end of the dress I designed a split on the sides. To make this, just work the back and front separately, for a few rows. The border of the top part and bottom is made using shell stitches which will be explained later in the pattern. It's not difficult at all.

To tie the dress around the neck we will insert a cord.

This pattern is available in 4 sizes: Small, Medium, Large and 1 X large and is written in US terms.

About the yarn

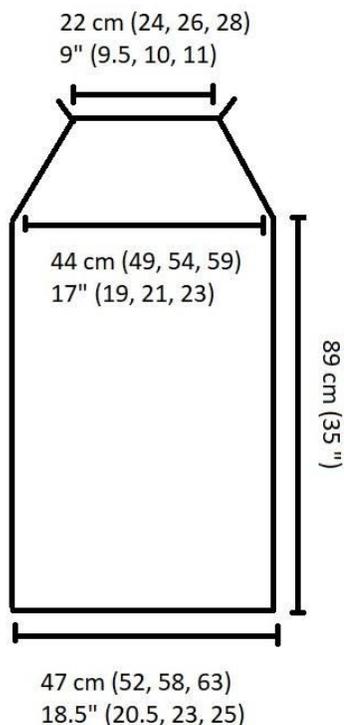
I used Hobbii Twister Solid for the top part and Hobbii Twister for the rest of the dress.

Because I wanted to keep the colors of the Twister as they are, I used a solid color to make the top. This way I didn't have to make sure that the colors from the twister were equally distributed on the back and front. It's a good thing that every Twister Solid has a corresponding color in a Twister, so it's easy to choose any color you want for this dress. I just love this yarn. The colors are amazing and it's super easy to work with. The final result has a nice drape and it's perfect for summer clothes.

Final measurements

The Summer Garden Dress has a closer fit. It has only 4 cm positive ease around bust circumference and 4 cm positive ease around hips. Because of this beautiful yarn, the dress will fit nice even if you choose to make it with no ease at all.

Below you will find a diagram with the final measurements for each size:





Now that we have all the details in place, let's get started!

Pattern notes:

*Ch 3 at the beginning of the row, counts as first dc.

When working in circular rounds, turn after each rounds, we will work on the right and wrong side as well.

Top Part Front

Foundation chain:

- **S** = 40 sts
- **M** = 44 sts
- **L** = 48 sts
- **XL** = 52 sts

Row 1

Ch 3, starting with 5th st make 1 dc in each st to the end of the row. Ch 3 and turn

Row 2

1 dc in the first st (ch 3 counts as first dc, 1 dc in the same st to make an increase), 1 dc in each st to the end of the row. In the last st, the 3rd st of the turning chain, make 2 dc), ch 3 and turn

Row 3

1 dc in each st, ch 3 and turn

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until you have in total:

- **S** = 10 rows
- **M** = 10 rows
- **L** = 14 rows
- **XL** = 14 rows

After completing these rows we will start increasing at the beginning and end of the row on each row. Basically we will repeat row 2 for:

- **S** = 9 rows
- **M** = 11 rows
- **L** = 13 rows
- **XL** = 15 rows

Now the top front part is done and you should have in total :

- **S** = 68 sts
- **M** = 76 sts
- **L** = 88 sts
- **XL** = 96 sts



Top Back Panels

For the back panels you will have to follow the same pattern as for the front. The only difference being that you will only increase in one side. On the right back panel you will increase at the end of the row and for the left back panel you will increase at the beginning.

When making the foundation chain, you will chain half of the front minus 2 sts.

- **S** = 18 sts
- **M** = 20 sts
- **L** = 22 sts
- **XL** = 24 sts



After completing the both back panels, we can now join them and continue with the rest of the dress.

First we will make the cord and insert it on the second row. Start with the left back panel, then front side and then right back panel and tie the cord. I made the cord of 300 ch sts and 1 first row with sl sts.

Joining round

Now the joining round. You can use some stitch markers to hold the pieces together where you will have to join them. You will start this round from where your yarn is.

Ch 3 and turn. 1 dc in each st of the back panel, ch 4 (remember that we started the back panels with half the number of stitches that we had for the front, minus 2, so now we have to add 4 sts to have the same number of sts for the back as for the front side), 1 dc in the first st of the other back panel, 1 dc in each st, ch 12 and join the front side by making 1 dc in the first st, continue with 1 dc in each st of the front side, ch 12 and join with 3rd st of the turning chain.

Body

Round 1

Continue with the same solid color.

Turn, and make 6 sl sts to get in the middle of the ch 12 from the armpit.

Ch 3, 1 dc in each st around including the ch sts. Join with a sl st and turn.

*if you want to finish with the top part you can make the shell border now or you can make it at the end.



Round 2

Change the yarn and start the Hobbii Twister. I had the solid color outside the cake so I started the cake from the inside to finish the dress with the same color as the one used for the top. Of course you can play with colors as you wish.

Ch 3, 1 dc in each st around. Sl st with the 3rd st of the starting chain.

Repeat round 2 until you get to the waist length or you have in total: 14 rounds for the body:

Round 15

At this round we will increase with 11 sts for all sizes. Try to distribute the all 11 sts as equal as possible. For example, on size S I had in total 160 sts and I made one increase at every 13 sts.



Round 16

Ch 3, 1 dc in each st around. Sl st with 3rd st of the starting chain.

Repeat round 6, until you have in total for the body, 62 rounds or until you want the sides split to start.

When you start making the splits you will have to work the back and front separately. If you still have the twister yarn you should make sure that the colors are distributed equally. I worked 3 rows for the back, 3 for the front until I got to the last color. If you need you can complete the length with twister solid.

I made 18 rounds worked like this, so basically 80 rounds in total for the body.

You can make it as long or short as you like. With this pattern you can make a top as well just by making less rounds on the body.

At the end, to complete the look of you dress add the shell stitch border on the bottom and on the top edges and done. You made an amazing dress.

