## Tilia - a crocheted miniskirt

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Crochet is perfect for texture. This miniskirt is crocheted using cables and puff stitches - a good project for the experienced crocheter. This yarn is especially good for crochet cables and it can be crocheted on a relatively large hook without loosening shape. This means the skirt will not be too heavy. The skirt is crocheted top-down, so you can adjust the length as you go.

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## Materials

Approx. 300 (320) 350 (370) g Gotlandsk Pelsuld from Filcolana
color 961
Crochet hook: 4 mm or the one that gives the correct gauge
Approx. 75 (80) 90 (102) cm elastic band, 3 cm wide

## Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

## Measurements

Waist: 72 (78) 86 (99) cm (will be tightened a bit by the elastic band)
Length: 42 (46) 48 (50) cm

## Gauge

14 st and 12 rounds in extended double crochet crocheted in the round $=10 \times 10 \mathrm{~cm}$. Note that the skirt is crocheted very loosely - it is important to crochet loosely and get gauge.

## Special abbreviations

Edc: Extended double crochet. The extended double crochet is a variation of the well-known double crochet. It is sort of in-between a double crochet and


a treble. Begin as for a regular double crochet by inserting the hook in the stitch and pulling the yarn through. Now you have 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull yarn through 1 loop on the hook. Yarn over and pull through 2 loops on the hook. Extended crochet looks great when crocheted in the round and are less compact than regular double crochet.
Puff stitch: *Yarn over, insert hook in the stitch and pull the yarn through, pull the yarn up to a height of appprox. 1 cm . Repeat from * to * 4 times. Yarn over, pull the yarn through all loops on the hook except the last one, yarn over, pull the yarn through the last 2 loops on the hook.
FPtr: Front post treble. Yarn over, and insert your hook from front to back between the posts of the first and second stitch of the row below, and then from back to front again between the posts of the second and third stitches. Yarn over and pull the yarn around the post of the stitch. You now have 3 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull the yarn through 2 loops on the hook, twice.
BPtr: Back post treble. Yarn over, and insert your hook from back to front between the posts of the first and second stitch of the row below, and then from front to back again between the posts of the second and third stitches. Yarn over and pull the yarn around the post of the stitch. You now have 3 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull the yarn through 2 loops on the hook, twice.
FPdtr: Front post double treble. This stich is crocheted like the FPtr, except that the stitch is a double treble.

## Note

The skirt is crocheted in the round and top-down. Afterwards the waistband is added - note that the lower edge is crocheted using two strands of yarn held together, to get a firm edge. The skirt is crocheted in closed rounds - every round is closed with a slip stitch in the first stitch of the round. The first stitch of the next round is crocheted in the same stitch as the slip stitch. The pattern uses UK crochet terms.

## Method

Ch 100 (108) 120 (140) very loosely, join to a ring with a slip stitch in the first ch.
Round 1: Ch 2, 1 edc in each ch, sl st in the 1. edc. Round 2: Ch 2, *edc in next 5 (3) 5 (5) st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next 3 st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st*, repeat from * to * 4 (5) 5 (6) times, sl st in the 1. edc.
Round 3: Repeat round 2
Round 4: Ch 2, *2 edc in next st (increase), edc in next 3 (1) 3 (3) st, 2 edc in next st (increase), FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, skip 1 st, FPtr around next 2 st, FPdtr around the skipped st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch i næste $m$, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st*, Repeat from * to * 4 (5) 5 (6) times, sl st in first edc. Round 5: Ch 2, *1 edc in each edc, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next 3 st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st*, Repeat from * to * 4 (5) 5 (6) times, sl st in 1 . edc. Round 6: As round 5.
Round 7: Ch 2, *2 edc in first edc (increase), 1 edc in each edc until the last edc, 2 edc in last edc (increase), FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, skip 1 st, FPtr around next 2 st, FPdtr around the skipped st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st*, repeat from * to $* 4$ (5) 5 (6) times, sl st in 1. edc.
Round 5-7 forms increase pattern.
Repeat rounds 5-75 (6) 6 (5) times.

The lower part of the skirt is made without increases: Round 8: Ch 2, $*_{1}$ edc in each edc, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next 3 st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st *, Repeat from * to * 4 (5) 5 (6) times, sl st in 1 . edc. Round 9: As round 5.
Round 10: Ch $2,{ }^{*} 1$ edc in each edc, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, skip 1 st, FPtr around next 2 st, FPdtr around the skipped st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st, BPtr around next st, puff stitch in next st, BPtr around next st, FPtr around next st*, repeat from * to * 4 (5) 5 (6) times, sl st in the 1 . edc.

Repeat rounds 8-10 4 (4) 5 (7) times.
Repeat round 81 (2) 1 (0) times.
You can make the skirt longer by repeating rounds 8-10. Fasten off.

## Lower edge

The edge is crocheted using 2 threads of yarn held together - but using the same hook size as before. Join yarn in a stitch at the lower edge.
Round 1: Ch 2, *FPtr around next st, 1 BPtr around next st *, repeat from * to * around, sl st in 1. FPtr. Repeat the round 3 times - always make FPtr around FPtr and BPtr around BPtr.

## Waistband

Join yarn in a st at the top of the skirt.
Round 1: Ch 2, 1 edc in each st, 1 sl st in the 1 . edc Repeat this round until the waistband measures 6,5 cm.

Sew the waistband edge to the first row of edc on the wrong side, leave a hole for inserting the elastic band. Insert elastic band and sew elastic band together with 2-3 cm overlap. Sew up hole, weave in all yarn ends. Wash gently and let the skirt dry flat.


