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Summertime

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"The First Lady of Song", Ella Fitzgerald, was the greatest American jazz singer ever. She came from a poor background, but her talent gave her a long and glorious career. Music and dance are inextricably linked together, and this skirt has plenty of dance width. Here it is crocheted in a classic combination of navy blue and white, but you can of course crochet it with much more colour play if you like.

SIZES

2 years/92 cl (4 years/104 cl) 6 years/116 cl (8 years/128 cl)

MEASUREMENTS

Circumference at waist: 44 (48) 52 (55) cm Circumference lower edge: 94 (100) 110 (120) cm Length from rib edge: 21 (25) 30 (35) cm

Gauge

21 rows of hdc in the back loop only on a 2,5 mm hook = 10 cm lightly stretched (you can measure the gauge on the rib edge, so you don't need to make a gauge swatch).

The size of the hook is for recommandation only. If you get more rows in 10 cm, you will need to change to a larger hook. If you get less rows in 10 cm, you will need to change to a smaller hook.

MATERIALS Yarn from Filcolana

Colour A:

70 (100) 120 (150) g Arwetta in col. 145 (Navy Blue)

Colour B:

50 (60) 75 (100) g Arwetta in col. 101 (Natural White)

Crochet hooks 2.5 and 3 mm

Stitch markers or small pieces of yarn in a contrasting colour





Technicals

ABBREVIATIONS

ch chain

hdc

half double crochet

single crochet

slst

slip stitch

st(s)

stitch(es)

Workflow

First make the rib edge in rows.

Join the short ends and make the rest of the skirt in the round.

Change crochet direction after each round to get a straight seam.

You do not need to break yarn after each stripe, just let the unused colour hang on the wrong side and pick it up when you need it.

Make a drawstring cord and insert it through the holes in the rib edge.

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The pattern uses US terms.





Pattern

Ch 23 (26) 29 (35) using colour A and a 2.5 mm hook.

Row 1: Begin in the 2nd ch from the hook, 1 hdc in each ch to end of row, turn (22 (25) 28 (34) hdc).

Row 2: Ch 1, 1 hdc in the back loop only in each st to last st, 1 hdc through both loops in the last st, turn.

Row 3: As row 2.

Row 4: Ch 1, 1 hdc in the back loop only in each of the first 12 (14) 16 (18) sts, ch 1, skip 1 st (this forms a hole for the drawstring cord), 1 hdc in the back loop only in each st to last st, 1 hdc through both loops in the last st, turn.

Row 5: As row 2.

Repeat rows 2-5 21 (23) 25 (27) times more, repeat rows 2-4 once more. Now there are 92 (100) 108 (116) rows. Do not break yarn.

Fold the rib and join the short ends with sl sts (place the last row towards yourself and the first row behind as you join).

Change to a 3 mm hook.

Round 1: Turn the rib edge to the right side. Make sc along the edge of the rib. Crochet 3 sc into each "rib" (every rib is 2 rows) = 138 (150) 162 (174) sc. Join round with 1 sl st into the first sc.

Round 2 (increase round): Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), crochet 1 dc in each st and space 10 increases evenly on the round (an easy way to do it, is to split the round in 2 parts using stitch markers and make 5 increases on each part), 1 sl st in the top ch of the ch 3 using colour A, change crochet direction.

From this point on make all stitches into the space between the sts and not into the loops on top of the sts.

Round 3: Change to colour B, ch 1, 1 sc into the first space, ch 1, (sc + ch counts as the 1st dc), 1 dc in each space to end of round, 1 sl st into the ch of the 1st st, change crochet direction.

Round 4: Change to colour A. Crochet as round 3.

Round 5: Change to colour B. Crochet as round 3.

Round 6 (increase round): Crochet as round 3, but make 8 increases evenly spaced on the round.

Repeat round 3 and change colour after each round, increase as in round 6 on every 4th round 4 (4) 5 (6) times more.

Continue in the stripe pattern without increases until the skirt measures 21 (25) 30 (35) cm from the rib edge.

Make sure to make the last round in colour A.

Last round: Crochet from the right side using colour A: Ch 1, 1 sc in each space to end of round.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

DRAWSTRING CORD

Using colour A and a 3 mm hook.

Start with a yarn end that is 3 times the length of the finished cord, and make a slip knot on the hook. *Place the yarn end over the hook from front to back, pull the yarn from the skein through both loops on the hook. Repeat from *, until the cord has the desired length. Fasten off and weave in ends. Insert cord through the holes in the rib. If you can't make this cord work, you can make a chain in the desired length, and then make 1 sl st into each ch.

The length of the cord should be approximately 74 (78) 82 (85) cm.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Wash the skirtr according to instructions on label and leave it to dry flat on a towel.