

RUFFLE TOP & PEARL SKIRT PATTERN & VIDEO TUTORIAL



DIFFICULTY LEVEL:

Beginners Friendly

MATERIALS:

- Weight 3 yarn in Off-white & blue colors
- 4 mm crochet hook
- Round Buttons x 3 (0.8 inch each)
- Tapestry needle
- 0.5 cm pearls to sew on skirts
- Measuring tape
- Scissors
- 1 mm elastic cord (to add in the skirts belt/ optional)

SIZE:

The exact measurements are for the size 5 to 6 years.

Chest = 13.5 inches

Top's length = 11.5 inches

Sleeve length = 19.5 inches

Skirt's waist = 11 inches (after adding elastic and adjusted)

Skirt's length = 10 inches

You can make custom sizing by using the instructions below.

ABBREVIATIONS:

blo - back loop only

bp - back post

ch(s) - chain(s)

dc- double crochet

dec - decrease

fp - front post

inc - increase

rep - repeat

st(s) - stitches

sc - single crochet

sp - space

slst - slip stitch

x - multiple

NOTES:

- The instructions are in US terms.
- The instructions are explained in the video tutorial.

TOP PATTERN:

With off-white yarn, work in rows. Start with 26 chains. The chain length should be double the required mock next length.

R1: skip 1st ch, 1 sc in each ch, turn. (25 sc)

(For size 2-3y) R2-R58: ch1, 1 sc blo in each st, turn. (25 dc)

(For size 5-6y) R2-R72: ch1, 1 sc blo in each st, turn. (25 dc)

(For size 7-8y) R2-R80: ch1, 1 sc blo in each st, turn. (25 dc)

Do not cut the yarn.



Fold the neck patch and start working on both edges of the patch together (insert hook in sides of last and 1st st, draw a loop and finish the stitch). This step is also explained in the video.

Work in rows, turn the work after each row.

R1: ch 1 (do not count as st), make 1 sc on both edges of each row. turn (58, 72, 80 sc)



R2: ch 2 (as 1st dc, here and after), (8, 10, 11) dc, ch 2, (12, 14, 16) dc, ch 2, (18, 22, 24) dc, ch 2, (12, 14, 16) dc, ch 2, (9, 11, 12) dc, turn. (58, 72, 80 dc)

R3: ch 2, (8, 10, 11) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (12, 14, 16) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (18, 22, 24) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (12, 14, 16) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (9, 11, 12) dc, turn. (74, 88, 96 dc)

R4: ch 2, (10, 12, 13) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (16, 18, 20) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (22, 26, 28) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (16, 18, 20) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (11, 13, 14) dc, turn. (90, 104, 112 dc)

R5: ch 2, (12, 14, 15) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (20, 22, 24) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (26, 30, 32) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (20, 22, 24) dc, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp, (13, 15, 16) dc, turn. (106, 120, 128 dc)

Continue making more rows by following the sequence of the next row, until you achieve the required chest width.

R6: ch 2 as 1st dc, (1 dc in each st, "2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc" in ch 2 sp), repeat the sequence across the row.

Make a slst at the end of 8th row and continue working in rounds.

I made 12 rows/rounds for the medium size (5-6 years).



Continue working top's body.

R1: ch 2 as 1st dc, 1 dc in each st till 1st ch sp, 1 dc in ch sp, skip all the sts between 1st and 2nd ch sp, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, make 1 dc in each st between 2nd and 3rd ch sp, 1 dc in ch sp, skip all the sts between 3rd and 4th ch sp, 1 dc in ch sp, make 1 dc in each st after 4th ch sp, slst.

R2- until you achieve 1.5 inches less than the required length:
ch 2 as 1st dc, 1 dc in each st, slst.

Do not cut the yarn.



R1-5: ch 2 as 1st dc, "1 bp dc, 1 fp dc" rep across the round, slst.
Fasten off & cut the yarn. Weave in all the ends.



Sleeves x 2:

Start working in the skipped sts between 1st and 2nd sp (1st sleeve), and sts between 3rd and 4th sp (2nd sleeve).

Work in rounds.

R1: ch 2 in 1st ch sp (as 1st dc, here and after), 1 dc in each skipped st, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, slst.

R2: ch 2, 1 dc in each st, slst.

R3: ch 2, dc dec, 1 dc in each st, slst.

R4: ch 2, 1 dc in each st, dc dec in last 2 sts, slst.

R5: ch 2, 1 dc in each st, slst.

Keep repeating the sequence from rounds 2 to 5 until you achieve the required sleeve length.

Last round: ch 1, 1 sc in each st, slst.

Fasten off & cut the yarn. Weave in all the ends.



Placket (at the back slit of the top):

Start working in 2 opposite stitches on the edge of the mock neck.

R1: ch 1, make 1 sc in 2 opposite sts of the neck (12 sc), skip the extra st, Continue making 1 single crochet on the edge of row 1 (of the yoke), and 2 single crochets on the edge of each remaining row, turn. (27 sc)

R2: ch 1, 4 sc, ch 1, skip a st, "8 sc, ch1, skip 1 st" x 2, 4 sc, turn the work (24 sts, 3 button holes)

R3: ch 1, 1 sc in each stitch across the row, including the ch sps.
Fasten off and cut the yarn, leaving extra yarn.

Use the extra yarn and sew the side of the placket with the top (as shown in the video).



Ruffle:

We are going to work ruffle in the 4th-to-last round of the chest part of the top. The ruffles would work in the same sts where we made the 3rd to last row (This step is explained in the video as well).

In my piece, this falls on Row 9 of the yoke.

Turn your work so you are looking at the back side of the yoke.

Insert your hook into any stitch along that row and attach your yarn securely.

We will be working along the edge of this row, building outward.

R1: ch2 (as 1st dc here and after), make 1 dc in each st before the ch sp, When you reach the ch sp, make 3 dc directly into the ch sp to maintain even ruffle shaping. You'll notice 4 inc sts from R 10 of the yoke, to keep everything balanced, make:

1 dc before those 4 sts,

1 dc in the center of those sts,

1 dc after them,

Continue working dc across to the end of the row, slst.

R2: Before starting, count your stitches and find a number that divides evenly into your stitch total. For my piece, that number is 8.

Ch2, 6 dc, inc, "7 dc, inc" rep across the round, slst.

R3: Count your stitches and find a number that divides evenly into your stitch total. For this round, that number is 6.

Ch2, 4 dc, inc, "5 dc, inc" rep across the round, slst.

R4: Count your stitches and find a number that divides evenly into your stitch total. For this round, that number is 4.

Ch2, 2 dc, inc, "3 dc, inc" rep across the round, slst.

R5: ch 2, 1 dc in each st across the round, slst.

Fasten off and cut the yarn. Weave in all the ends.



Attach the buttons at the back according to the buttonholes we made in the placket. Use white sewing thread and sewing needle.



Weave in all the ends. And start working on the skirt.

Skirt:

To begin the skirt, we'll first create the waistband foundation.

Start by making a chain that matches the waist measurement of the child.

So, measure around the waist, and then add about 2 extra inches to that number.

These extra inches help give the skirt some ease so it fits comfortably – not too tight, not too loose.

As you make the chain, make sure that the total number of chains is a multiple of 5.

You can simply count your stitches as you go, and if the number isn't divisible by 5, just add 1 or 2 chains until it is.

This is important because the stitch pattern we'll use for the skirt repeats in groups of 5, so having a multiple of 5 will keep the pattern smooth and even.

Once your chain is ready, make a slip stitch into 1st ch, avoiding any turns.

For Size 5-6 yours, I made 105 chs.

R1: ch 1, 1 sc in each ch, slst. (105 sc)

R2: (start adding the elastic cord) ch1, 1 sc in each st, slst. (105 sc)

Tie a strong knot on both ends of the elastic cord, and continue working without cord.

R3: ch1, 1 sc in each st, slst. (105 sc)

R4: (start adding the elastic cord) ch1, 1 sc in each st, slst. (105 sc)

Tie a strong knot on both ends of the elastic cord, and continue working without cord.

R5: ch1, 1 sc in each st, slst. (105 sc)

R6: ch 2 (as 1st dc, here and after), 3 dc, dc inc, "4 dc, dc inc" x 20, slst. (126 dc)

R7-8: ch 2, 1 dc in each st, slst.

R9: ch 2 (as 1st dc, here and after), 4 dc, dc inc, "5 dc, dc inc" x 20, slst. (147 dc)

R10-12: ch 2, 1 dc in each st, slst.

R13: ch 2 (as 1st dc, here and after), 5 dc, dc inc, "6 dc, dc inc" x 20, slst. (168 dc)

R14-28: ch 2, 1 dc in each st, slst.

You can add or skip rounds to increase or decrease the skirt's length.

Fasten off and cut the yarn, weave in all the ends.



Top Layer:

Start by making a chain that matches the chain count of skirt's waist.

Now add 17 more chains to that number.

These extra chains will allow the top layer to overlap slightly, giving the skirt a beautiful, full, and double-layered effect once both layers are joined together.

For Size 5-6 yours, I made 122 chs.

R1: skip 3 chains (as 1st dc and 1st foundation ch), 1 dc in 3rd loop of each remaining ch, turn. (120 dc)

R2-23: ch 2 (as 1st dc, here and after), 1 dc in each remaining st, turn. (120 dc)

The total number of rows should equal the number we made for the skirt's flair. Do not include 5 rounds of the skirt's waist.

Fasten off and cut the yarn; weave in all the ends.



Once both layers are done, join both layers with a round of slip stitch. Start by inserting your hook into the first stitch of the upper (top) layer. Then, insert the hook into any stitch from the 5th round of the lower skirt layer — this round will act as the joining line between the two layers.

Next, draw a loop through both stitches to connect the layers. After that, insert the hook into the next stitch of both layers and make a slip stitch.

Continue this process — inserting your hook into one stitch from each layer and making a slip stitch — all the way around the skirt. This will neatly secure the top layer onto the base layer while keeping the edges smooth and flexible.

Once you've joined all the stitches along the 5th round of the lower skirt, continue the same way by joining the remaining stitches of the top layer with the 6th round of the skirt.

This extra step ensures the layers stay perfectly aligned and gives the skirt a fuller, more defined look.

Fasten off and cut the yarn. Weave in all the ends.



Bow:

Start with 30 ch, slst into 1st ch to form a ring.

R1: ch 1, 1 sc in 3rd loop of each ch, slst. (30 sc)

R2-5: ch1, 1 sc in each st, slst. (30 sc)

Fasten and cut the yarn, leaving a long tail.

Wrap the extra yarn in the center of the bow to shape it correctly.



Sew the bow on the skirt, right above the slit. Use the extra thread with the bow. Fasten off and cut the yarn. Weave in all the ends.



Attach the pearls on the front of the skirt, using the white sewing thread and sewing needle. Keep it random but in a neat manner. You can also use fabric glue to attach the pearls but sewing is a more long lasting method.

