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original version 1944  
pattern name  
Precious Pet  
Size 2-4

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Materials

Material Coats Knit-cro sheen

Size 2 : 3 balls of white, ecru or  
cream  
Size 4 : 3 balls of white, ecru or  
cream or 5 balls of any color

*( in the 1940's colors had less on  
the ball than white, ecru, and  
cream now you would buy the  
same amount of both)*

Steel crochet hook No. 7  
5 buttons  
2 yards narrow velvet ribbon

**Finished Measurements:**

Sizes	2	4
Length from shoulder to bottom of skirt	16"	17 1/2"
width of hem	45"	48"

*It was the style in the 1940's to wear bloomers and girls would wear very short dresses to show off their bloomers. If you want a longer dress make more repeats in the skirt for length and buy more balls of thread in the beginning so you have the same dye lot.*

**GAUGE:** 4 sps measure 1 inch; 4 rows measure 1 inch

**BODICE...**

Starting at bottom, make a chain to measure about

sizes	2	4
	24"	26"

(12 chains to an inch).

**1st row:** Dc in 8th chain from hook,\* ch2, skip 2 ch, dc in next ch. **Repeat from \* across** until there have been made

**90sps 96 sps**  
cut off remaining chain.

*Because of the way chains work in that they only unravel one direction this is not a problem. This is an old fashioned way of starting a project so you don't have to count chains.*

Ch 3, turn

**2nd row:** Make dc in each dc and 2 dc in each sp across, counting turning ch as 1 dc. Ch 5, turn.

**3rd row:** Skip 2 dc,\* dc in next dc, ch 2, skip 2 dc. **Repeat from \*across**, dc in top st of turning ch. Ch 3, turn. **Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows alternately for 2 inches, ending with 3rd row.**

**LEFT BACK...**

Work in pattern across next **19 sps 20 sps**

Ch 3, turn. Continue working in pattern over these sts only until piece measures in all, ending with 2nd row of pattern, **6" 6 1/2 "**

Fasten off.

**Attach thread and work a similar piece at opposite end of Bodice for Right Back.**

**FRONT...**

Attach thread and work in pattern across the center **38 sps 40sps** until piece measures, ending with 2nd row of pattern,

sizes	2	4
	4"	4 1/2 "

Next Row: Work in pattern over these sts only for shoulder until piece measures in all, ending with 2nd row of pattern,

**6" 6 1/2 "**  
Fasten off.

**Attach thread and work other shoulder to correspond.**

**SKIRT...**

**1st rnd:**With right side facing, attach thread in 1st sp at lower edge of **BODICE**, ch 5, \* in next sp on foundation chain make (dc, ch 2) twice; dc in next dc, ch 5, dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in next sp, ch 2, in next sp make (dc, ch2) twice; dc in next sp, ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 5, dc in next dc, ch 2. **Repeat from \* across, ending with ch 5**, sl st in 3rd st of turning ch at beginning of rnd (hereafter skirt is worked in rounds).

**2nd rnd:** Ch 3, \* (2 dc in next sp, dc in next dc) 3 times; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, (dc in next dc, ch 2) 5 times; dc in next dc, ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, dc in next dc. **Repeat from \* around, ending with ch 2**, sc in last ch-5 sp, ch 2, sl st in top st of starting chain.

**3rd rnd:** Ch 5,\* ( skip 2 dc, dc in next dc, ch 2) **twice**; dc in next dc, ch 5, (dc in next dc, ch 2) **5 times**; dc in next dc, ch 5, dc in next dc, ch 2. **Repeat from \* around, ending with ch 5**, sl st in center st of starting chain. **Repeat 2nd and 3rd rnds alternately until Skirt measures**

**10" 11"**  
Fasten off.

*This previous section is where you would lengthen the dress to for modern lengths and modesty. Measure from 2 inches below arm to the position on the leg you want the dress hem to hit. This is the*

*measurement you use instead on the ones listed on the previous page for the skirt length.*

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### **SLEEVES...**

Starting at bottom, make a chain to measure about 11 inches. Work in pattern as on **BODICE**, having on 1st row

**36 sps 40sps**

Cut off remaining chain.

Continue working in pattern for 2 inches, ending with 3rd row of pattern.

### **To shape top:**

Sl st across 6 st at beginning of next

**12 row 14 rows**

Fasten off.

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### **ASSEMBLY:**

Sew shoulder seams. Work a row of sc along **LEFT BACK** opening; work 5 ch-5 loops evenly along **RIGHT BACK** opening.

Work beading at neck as follows:  
ch 5, \* skip 2 sts, dc in next st, ch 2. Repeat last st. Fasten off.

Sew up sleeves seams and sew sleeves in, shirring extra fullness in top 3 inches at shoulder.

Sew on buttons.

Press through damp cloth.

Run velvet ribbon through neck beading and through the row of sps at bottom of **BODICE**.