CROCHET APRON: BEAUTIFUL LITTLE APRON IN 5 SWEET SIZES

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FINISHED SIZE

Five sizes: 18 months, 24 months, Size 2, Size 4, and Size 6. The source pattern gives no finished measurements, only age sizes, so no finished measurements are stated here. The bodice grows from 9 rows in the smallest size to 12 rows in the largest, and the skirt grows from 20 rows to 29 rows. This is a little girl's apron for cooking or dress-up, made in two identical panels, a front and a back.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner. You need chains, double crochet, and slip stitches, plus basic sewing to attach the straps and buttons. The only shaping is one increase row that doubles the skirt.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is two plain panels plus small straps, all in double crochet, so most crocheters finish it in a few relaxed evenings.

MATERIALS

- 5 to 10 oz, or 302 to 606 yds, of Caron Cotton Cakes in Coral, main color
- 0.5 oz, or 30 yds, of Caron Cotton Cakes in Cream, contrast color
- Size I, 5.5 mm, crochet hook, or the size needed to obtain gauge
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- 2 one inch buttons

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. dc: double crochet. sc: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

This pattern is written in US terms. The turning chain does not count as a stitch. That means your first stitch is worked into the last stitch of the previous row, and you do not work a stitch into the top of the turning chain. The first number in each set is size 18 months. The other sizes are listed in parentheses in this order: (24 months, Size 2, Size 4, Size 6). Make two identical panels, a front and a back.

SIZE TABLE

Size: 18 months (24 months, Size 2, Size 4, Size 6)

Foundation chain: 29 (31, 33, 35, 37)

Bodice stitches per row: 27 (29, 31, 33, 35) dc

Bodice rows: 9 (10, 10, 11, 12)

Skirt stitches per row: 54 (58, 62, 66, 70) dc

Skirt rows: 20 (22, 25, 27, 29)

Shoulder strap chain: 23 (25, 27, 30, 34)

Shoulder strap stitches per row: 21 (23, 25, 28, 32) dc

Waist strap chain: 15 (15, 15, 17, 17)

Waist strap stitches: 38 (38, 38, 42, 42) dc

GAUGE

7 dc and 4 rows measure 2 inches. Check your gauge before you start.

APRON FRONT AND BACK (Make 2)

Ch 29 (31, 33, 35, 37).

Bodice Row 1: Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook, dc in the next 26 (28, 30, 32, 34) sts. (27 (29, 31, 33, 35) dc)

Bodice Rows 2 to 9: Ch 2, turn, dc in the next 27 (29, 31, 33, 35) sts. (27 (29, 31, 33, 35) dc in every row)

Work the bodice until you have 9 rows in the bodice section for size 18 months, 10 rows for size 24 months, 10 rows for Size 2, 11 rows for Size 4, and 12 rows for Size 6.

Skirt Row 1: Ch 2, turn, work 2 dc into each of the next 27 (29, 31, 33, 35) sts. (54 (58, 62, 66, 70) dc)

Skirt Rows 2 to 20: Ch 2, turn, work a dc into the next 54 (58, 62, 66, 70) sts. (54 (58, 62, 66, 70) dc in every row)

Work the skirt until you have 20 rows in the skirt section for size 18 months, 22 rows for size 24 months, 25 rows for Size 2, 27 rows for Size 4, and 29 rows for Size 6.

You can continue working the skirt to make it as long as you like.

SINGLE CROCHET BORDER (Optional)

To clean up the edges of the apron, single crochet around three edges of the front and back panels. This part is optional.

Ch 1, working into the sides of the rows, work 2 sc into the side of each row. When you reach the corner, ch 2, turn, and work a sc into the opposite side of your starting chain. Ch 2 at the corner, turn, and work 2 sc into the side of each row. Once you reach the bottom of the apron, fasten off and weave in your ends.

CROCHET APRON SHOULDER STRAPS (Make 2)

Ch 23 (25, 27, 30, 34).

Row 1: Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook, dc in the next 20 (22, 24, 27, 31) ch. (21 (23, 25, 28, 32) dc)

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, dc in the next 21 (23, 25, 28, 32) sts. (21 (23, 25, 28, 32) dc)

Fasten off. Sew the straps to the front and back of the apron right at the corners.

WAIST BUTTON STRAP (Make 2)

Row 1: Ch 6, sl st to the 1st ch made to form a small circle, ch 15 (15, 15, 17, 17).

Row 2: Turn, dc in the 3rd ch from the hook. Work a dc in the next 11 (11, 11, 13, 13) ch, dc into the sl st, work 12 dc into the ch circle, dc into the sl st, dc into the other side of the next 12 (12, 12, 14, 14) ch. (38 (38, 38, 42, 42) dc)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew to the back of the apron. Sew to the last two rows worked in the bodice section.

Sew a 1 inch button in between the last two bodice rows on the front piece of the apron, approximately 1.5 to 2 inches from the side edge of the apron.

Once all the straps are sewn on, your apron is complete and ready to be enjoyed.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. Cotton yarn washes well: machine wash cold on a gentle cycle and lay flat to dry, or follow the care instructions on your yarn label. Do not bleach.

TIPS FOR A NEAT APRON

- Count the bodice stitches after Row 1. Every bodice row has the same count, 27 (29, 31, 33, 35) dc, so a wrong count in Row 1 follows you through the whole panel.
- Count the skirt after the increase row. The increase row must double the bodice count exactly: 54 (58, 62, 66, 70) dc. If it does not, you missed an increase.
- Keep the turning chain out of your count. The turning chain does not count as a stitch, so do not work into the top of it.
- Keep the two panels the same. Work the same number of bodice and skirt rows on the front and the back so the apron hangs evenly.
- Sew the shoulder straps at the same corner on each panel so the straps sit straight.
- Place the buttons evenly. Sew each button between the last two bodice rows on the front piece, about 1.5 to 2 inches from the side edge, so the waist straps button on level.

VARIATIONS

- Make it longer: keep working the skirt in double crochet for as many rows as you like. The stitch count stays the same, so you just add rows.
- Change the color: try a soft pink, sage, or dusty blue main color with a cream contrast, or work the whole apron in one color.

- Use acrylic yarn: the source pattern says acrylic works too if you prefer it, as long as it is a medium weight yarn and you check your gauge.
- Skip the border: the single crochet border is optional. The apron is complete without it if you prefer a softer edge.
- Add a pocket: a small rectangle of double crochet sewn to the front of the skirt makes a handy pocket for a little baker.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Winding Road Crochet: Crochet Apron for Beginners Free Pattern, https://www.windingroadcrochet.com/crochet-apron-beginners-free-pattern/

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