



## Free Spirit Low Neckline Edwardian Dress

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This pattern is for a basic Edwardian dress than can be embellished in a variety of ways. The variation in this pattern is a slightly different pattern stitch for the bodice, and a low neckline that can be worn as-is or with a detachable collar.

Hopefully you will dream up different ways to embelish this dress :-)

### Materials:

- size 10 crochet cotton in one to three colors (*the model was made with various shades of cream and mocha*)
- size 5 steel hook or size need to achieve gauge
- four 1/4 inch buttons

Gauge: 8sc = 1 inch

1 Rib = two rows of sc worked in back loops only.

Link = ch3, dc in third ch from the hook

BLO = back loops only

FLO = front loops only

**Bodice:** this bodice is worked from side to side in the back loops only (BLO). It falls slightly lower than the natural waistline.. It is slightly stretchy and forgiving.

*Note: I alternated cream and ecru crochet cotton every two rows.*

1. With Main Color (MC) ch18, sc in second ch from hook , (skip next ch, two sc in next ch) across to the last two ch; skip next ch, sc in last ch, ch1, turn. 16 sc
2. In BLO sc in first sc, (skip next sc, two sc in next sc) across to the last two sc; two sc in next sc, sc in the last sc, ch1, turn. 16 sc
- 3-44. Repeat row 2.

Turn the work so you are now working across the bottom of the bodice. In the end of each rib work two sc. 44 sc.

Turn the work so you are now working up the side of the bodice in the beginning chains. Ch1, sc in first st, ch3, skip next two sts, sc in next four sts, ch3, skip next two sts, sc in next four sts, ch3, skip next two sts, sc in last st, ch2. Three buttonhole loops made.

Turn the work so you are now working across the top of the bodice. In the end of each rib work two sc. 44 sc., ch1, turn.

In FLO, sc in next seven sc, work four links, skip next seven sc, join with a sc in FLO of next sc, sc in next 15 sc, work four links, skip seven sc, sc in FLO of remaining seven sc. Armhole openings made

For neckline:

1. Join Contrast Color 1 (CC1) in back loop of first sc at neck edge, ch3 (counts as first dc), (dc next two sts tog, dc in next st) twice. Two sc in the first link, three sc in each of the next two links, two sc in the last link, skip the next sc. In BLO (dc next two sts tog, dc in next st) four times, dc next two sts tog, skip next sc. Two sc in the next link, three sc in each of the next two links, two sc in last link. In BLO, dc in next sc, (dc next two sts tog, dc in next st) twice, turn. 39 sts.

2. In FLO (sc in next three sts, picot) across. Finish off.

Sleeve: this sleeve is a very full 'puff' sleeve at the top that is 'gathered' into tight fitting sleeve from above the elbow to the wrist.

1. Join with sc in the first sc at the side of the underarm just before the first link over the armhole.

Seven dc in each link across armhole, sc in next sc, ch1, turn. 30 sts

2. Two sc in same st as ch1, (skip next st, two sc in next st) around to the last two stitches of row 1, two sc in next st, skip last st, sc in next two sts of the underarm, ch1, turn. 32 sc.

3. Repeat row 2, 34 sc

4. Repeat row 2 around to the last sc of underarm, two sc in last underarm sc, join, ch1, turn. 36 sc

5-8. Two sc in same st at turning, (skip next sc, two sc in next st) around, skip last sc, join, ch1, turn. 36 sc.

9. In BLO, (sc in next st, skip next st) around, join, ch1, turn. 18 sc

10. In BLO, sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 18sc

11. In BLO, sc in next st, decrease over next two sts, sc in remaining sts, join, ch1, turn. 17sc

12. Repeat round 11. 16 sc.

13-26. In BLO, sc in each sc around, join, ch1, turn. 16 sc. Make sure after a couple of rounds that the sleeve fits snugly but that you can in fact get the arm through the sleeve :-)

27. If desired join CC for this last row in back loop of first sc and work (sc, ch2) in BLO of each sc around. Fasten off.

Waistband and Skirt: the waistband is done in Contrasting Color, the skirt in MC

1. With the wrong side of the bodice facing you, join CC2 in the front loop of the first sc at the bodice bottom edge. In FLO sc in each sc across.

2. In BLO hdc in each sc across, ch4 ,turn. Ch4 creates a buttonhole loop at the waistband.

3. Sc in each st across, changing to MC in last sc of this round

Skirt:

1. In BLO work (four dc in first st, dc in next) across, ch1, turn.

2. (Sc in first st, dc in next st) around, join to the top of the beginning sc, ch1, turn.

3. (Sc in each sc and dc in each dc) around, join to the top of the first sc, ch1, turn.
- 4-8. Repeat round 3. At end of round 8 join a contrasting color.
9. Repeat round 3 in BLO.
10. Repeat round 3 in both loops. At end of round 10 join main color
11. Repeat round 3 in BLO.
12. Repeat round 3 in both loops. AT end of round 12 join a contrasting color.
13. In BLO work (sc, ch1) in each st around. Finish off.

For skirt trim, join a contrasting color in any free loop of round 8 and work (sl st, ch1) in each free loop around. Finish off.

Emily is pictured below with one of the collars in the Detachable Collars pattern, also available from my blog: [www.byhookbyhand.blogspot.com](http://www.byhookbyhand.blogspot.com)

