



Love knot nightgown on the left, picot stitch nightgown on the right.

Free Spirit Edwardain Nightgowns

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Materials:

- Size 10 crochet cotton. I used Aunt Lydia's bamboo crochet thread, which was very soft; felt almost like flannel, and draped very nicely.
- Size 5 steel hook

Gauge: approx eight sc = one inch

Love Knot Nightgown:

Special Stitches:

Knot Stitch = sc, pull up a long loop on the hook (1/4" to 3/8"), yarn over, pull through the loop; sc in

the back strand of the long loop.

Love Knot Stitch (lk) = Row 1: sc, *pull up a long loop (1/4" to 3/8") on the hook, yarn over, pull through the loop, sc in the back strand of the long loop, pull up another long loop, yarn over, pull through the loop, sc in the back strand of the long loop. Skip the next st, sc in the next st. Repeat from *. To turn the work at the end of the row, work three knot stitches and turn.

Row 2: Sc in the center of the first Love Knot (lk), (lk, sc in the center of the next lk) across, work three knot stitches in the last sc, turn.

Repeat row 2 for pattern to desired length.

This stitch is much easier to 'get' by seeing it done, or seeing an illustration. Please check out

<http://www.crochetspot.com/how-to-crochet-knot-stitch/>

for a picture tutorial of the knot stitch. The love knot is just two consecutive knot stitches.

Picot = ch3, sc in side of previous sc

Link = ch3, dc in third ch from hook

BLO = Back Loops Only

Nightgown, beginning at the neck edge:

1: Work 12 links, ch3 (counts as first dc) turn.

2: Six dc in each link across, ch1, turn. 72 dc

3: Sc in each dc across, ch1, turn. 72 sc

4: Working in BLO for this row, sc in the next eight sc, ch7, skip 20 sc, sc in the next 16 sc, ch7, skip 20 sc, sc in the last eight sc, ch1, turn. 46 sts

5: Sc in each sc and ch across, ch1, turn. 46 sc

6: (Sc, three knot stitches) in the first sc, (skip next sc, lk in the next sc) across. Sc in the last sc, work three knot stitches, turn.

7- to desired length: Sc in the center of the first lk stitch, (lk, sc in the center of the next lk) across, work three knot stitches in the last sc, turn.

For the second to the last row of the nightgown, work a lk in both the center of each lk stitch and in the stitch at the beginning of each lk stitch. This will double the number of love knot stitches across and ruffle the bottom of the nightgown..

For the last row, work (sc, picot, ch6) in the center stitch of each love knot. Turn the work on its side and work alternating knot stitches on either side up the back, working into the sides of the knot stitches on either side. Leave about two and a half inches open at the back so the nightgown slips easily on the doll. Finish off.

If this method of closing the back is confusing, at the end of the last row leave a long tail of thread and carefully sew the back together. Sew loosely so you don't pucker the back.

Here's an idea! If you'd like for this to be a robe instead of a nightgown, do not close the back and use the 'back' side as the front. Continue with the rest of the pattern as is. A sleeveless nightgown would work nicely with this.

Sleeve:

1. Join with sc in the ch under the arm just before the first stitch over the top of the arm, Work three knot stitches, In BLO, (lk in first sc, skip next sc) around to the first ch under the arm on the opposite side of the armhole, sc in this ch, work three knot stitches, turn.
2. Sc in the center of the first Love Knot (lk), (lk, sc in the center of the next lk) across to the next ch of underarm on opposite side of armhole. Skip this ch, sc in next ch, work three knot stitches, turn.
3. Repeat row 2. All of the chains under the arm have now been used. Continue to work in rows, DO NOT JOIN.
- 4-6. Sc in the center of the first Love Knot (lk), (lk, sc in the center of the next lk) across, work three knot stitches in the last sc, turn.
- 7: Work (sc, picot, ch6) in the center stitch of each love knot. Turn the work on its side and work alternating knot stitches on either side to close the underarm seam, working into the sides of the knot stitches on either side. Finish off.

If this method of closing the underarm seam is confusing, at the end of the last row leave a long tail of thread and carefully sew the underarm seam together. Sew loosely so you don't pucker the seam.

Neckline and ties:

Ch35, join with sl st in the first link at the neck edge. Work (sc, ch3, sc, ch5, sc, ch3) in each link across, sl st, ch35. Fasten off. The chains are the neck ties.

Picot Stitch Nightgown

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Materials:

- Size 10 crochet cotton. I used Aunt Lydia's bamboo crochet thread, which was very soft; felt almost like flannel, and draped very nicely.
- Size 5 steel hook

Gauge: approx eigh sc = one inch

Specialty Stitches:

Picot = ch2, sl st in side of previous sc

Link = ch3, dc in third ch from hook

BLO = Back Loops Only

Nightgown, beginning at the neck edge:

- 1: Work 12 links, ch3 (counts as first dc) turn.
- 2: Six dc in each link across, ch1, turn. 72 dc
- 3: Sc in each dc across, ch1, turn. 72 sc
- 4: Working in BLO for this row, sc in the next eight sc, ch7, skip 20 sc, sc in the next 16 sc, ch7, skip 20 sc, sc in the last eight sc, ch1,turn. 46 sts
- 5: Sc in each sc and ch across, ch1, turn. 46 sc
- 6: Sc in first sc (ch5, skip next sc, sc in next sc, picot) across. In last sc work sc without picot, ch5 turn.
- 7-10; (sc, picot, ch5) in each ch5 loop across; sc in the last ch5 loop, ch5 turn. At end of row 10, sc in the last ch5 loop, picot, ch3, dc in the base of the first ch5 loop of round 10, ch1, do not turn.
- 11: Sc in same st as ch1, picot, ch5 (sc in next ch5 loop, picot, ch5) around to the last ch5 for this round. To make the last ch5, work ch3, dc in top of the first sc, ch1, do not turn.
- 12-to desired length. Repeat round 11 to desired length.

For the second to the last row work (sc in the ch5 loop, picot, ch5) twice in each ch5 loop across. This doubles the number of ch5 loops and ruffles the bottom of the nightgown.

For the last row work (sc in the next ch5 loop, picot, ch5) in each ch5 loop across. Finish off.

Sleeves:

1. Join with a sc in the first underarm ch just before the stitches across the top of the armhole. Picot in the same sc, ch5, sc in the BLO of the first sc across the top of the armhole, (picot, ch5, skip next sc, sc in BLO of the next sc) across to the first ch of underarm on the opposite side of the armhole; sc in this ch, ch5, turn.
2. (Sc in next ch5, picot, ch5) across to the next ch of underarm on opposite side of armhole; skip this ch, sc in the next ch, ch5, turn.
3. Repeat row 2. At the end of row 3, work picot in the last sc made, ch3, dc in the base of the first ch5

of row 3, ch1, DO NOT TURN.

4. Sc in same st as ch1, (picot, ch5, sc in next ch5 space) around to the last ch5. To make the last ch5 of this row, ch3, dc in first sc of this row, ch1, do not turn.

5- 10 Repeat round 4.

11. Sc in each ch5 loop around, join, ch1. 14 sc

12-13. Sc in each sc around, join, ch1. 14 sc

14. (sc, ch3) in BLO of each sc around. Finish off.

Neckline and ties:

Ch35, join with sl st in the first link at the neck edge. Work (sc, ch3, sc, ch5, sc, ch3) in each link across, sl st, ch35. Fasten off. The chains are the neck ties.

Bodice Ruffle (optional):

Join with sc in first unused loop around the bodice of the nightgown. Ch4, work (sc, ch4) in each unused loop around. Finish off.