

Cuddles crocheted gown



This is a basic burial gown, you could change the skirt pattern to give some variety if you wanted. It is worked in **4ply or 3 ply baby yarn**. You will find that double knitting is too bulky for the smaller babies. You will notice that the **sleeve seam is left unstitched, as is the back seam**. This is to make the gown easier to put on – it can be difficult for the parents/nursing staff to dress fragile little ones in more traditional clothes.

Start at the top, using a 3.5mm [F] hook, loosely chain 32.

Row 1: Half treble into 3rd ch. from hook, half treble into each of next 3 ch., [2 half treble, ch., 2 half treble] into next ch., *half treble into each of next 6 ch., [2 half treble, ch., 2 half treble] into next ch *. Repeat from * to * twice more, half treble into each of last 4 ch. Turn

Rows 2 - 4: ch2. *Work half treble into each space of previous row until you get to a ch. space. Work 2 half treble, ch., 2 half treble into each ch. space. Repeat from * across the row. Turn.

Row 5: ch.2 *Work half treble into each space of previous row until you get to the ch. Space. Work 1 half treble, 1 ch., 1 half treble into each chain space. Repeat from * across the row.

Row 6: [*This row makes the armholes*] ch. 2. Work half treble into each stitch till you get to the first ch. space. Half treble into this space. Skip all the stitches up to the next ch. space, half treble into this ch. space. Work half treble into each stitch until you get to the next ch. space. Half treble into this ch. space. Skip all the stitches up to the next ch. space, half treble into this ch. space. Half treble into each stitch to the end of the row. Turn.

Row 7: ch. 2. * half treble into each of next 3 stitches, 2 half treble into next stitch*. Repeat from * to * across the row. Turn

Row 8: ch. 3. *1treble, 1ch. 1 treble into next stitch skip one stitch* across the row, end with 1 treble into turning chain. Turn

Rows 9 – 27: ch. 3. Work 1 treble, 1 ch. 1 treble into each [1tr.,1ch., 1tr] group of previous row. 1 treble into turning chain. Turn.

Fasten off yarn, or add an edging row if you would prefer.

Sleeves: [optional] Join yarn at the ch. space under the arm. Work 4 rows of half trebles, [one half treble into each stitch of previous row] turning at the end of each row, so the sleeve is open underneath. Fasten off.

Neck edge and fastening: ch. 40 to make a fastening thread, then work one double crochet into each stitch of the neck edge, to the end of the row. ch. 40 fasten off.

Work another length of chain long enough to thread at the top of the skirt and fasten at the back [or thread a piece of narrow ribbon to fasten]

For a smaller gown you could work the bodice in double crochet instead of half trebles, and omit three or four rows from the skirt.