

# Cute as a Button

## LC1381HHH

HHH *Intermediate experience required.*

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**Directions are for newborn to 3 months; changes for sizes 6 to 9, and 12 to 18 months are in parentheses.**

**AUNT LYDIA'S® "Caress™"**, Art. 157 (2 ounce balls): 4 (4½, 5) Ounces No. 2154 Lt. Blue **CA**, 3 (3½, 4) ounces No. 2101 White **CB**.

**Crochet Hooks:** 4mm [US G-6] and 3.75mm [US F-5].  
Yarn needle; 6 (7, 7) 9/16" buttons; sewing needle and thread.

**GAUGE:** 4 shells = 5"; 16 rows = 5" in pat with larger hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

**Finished Chest:** 17½ (22½, 27½)" - buttoned.

**LEFT FRONT:** With larger hook and **CA**, ch 20 (26, 32).

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn - 19 (25, 31) sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in first st, \* skip next 2 sts; 5 dc in next st - shell made; skip next 2 sts, sc in next st; rep from \* across changing to **CB** in last sc; turn - 3 (4, 5) shells.

**Row 3:** With **CB**, ch 1; draw up a lp in first 2 sts, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook - sc2tog made; \* sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st \*\*; draw up a lp in next st, skip next st, draw up a lp in next st, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook - dec made; rep from \* to last 2 sts, end at \*\*; sc2tog; turn.

**Row 4:** Rep Row 3 changing to **CA** in last st.

**Row 5:** With **CA**, ch 3, 2 dc in first st, \* skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts \*\*; shell in next st; rep from \* to last st, end at \*\*; 3 dc in last st; turn.

Rep Rows 2-5 until 8 (10½, 12)" from beg, end Row 5.

**Shape Neck:** With **CA**, ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st; sc in next st, \* skip next 2 sts, shell in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st; rep from \* across changing to **CB** in last sc; turn. Work Rows 3 and 4 over rem 2 (3, 4) shells.

**Top Row:** With **CA**, ch 3, skip first st, \* hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st; rep from \* across; turn.

**2nd and 3rd Sizes Only:** Work (1, 2) rows of sc.

**All Sizes:** Fasten off.

**RIGHT FRONT:** Work same as for left front, reversing neck shaping by working in pat across 2 (3, 4) shells, then sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in last 2 sts. Fasten off. Turn, skip first 6 sts, attach yarn in next st and work in pat across.

Complete to correspond to left front.

**BACK:** With larger hook and **CA**, ch 44 (56, 68) sts. Work in pat same as left front over 7 (9, 11) shells until back measures same as front to **shoulder**, omitting neck shaping and working Top Row and sc row(s) for 2nd and 3rd sizes.

**SLEEVES:** With larger hook and **CA**, ch 26 (30, 34).  
**Row 1 (Right Side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, \* 2 sc in next ch, sc in next ch; rep from \* across; turn - 37 (43, 49) sc. Work even in pat same as for left front over 6 (7, 8) shells until 5 (6½, 7½)" from beg, end Row 4. Work Top Row same as for left front; do **not** work extra sc row(s). Fasten off.

**FINISHING-Neckband:** Sew shoulder seams. With right side facing and smaller hook, attach **CB** at right front neck; ch 3, work 45 (47, 49) dc evenly around; turn - 46 (48, 50) sts. **Ribbing Row:** Ch 2, skip first st, \* dc around the *post* of the next st from the *front*, dc around the *post* of the next st from the *back*; rep from \* to last st; hdc in top of ch; turn. Rep last row once more. Fasten off.

**Sleeve Ribbing:** With right side facing and smaller hook, attach **CB** at lower edge of sleeve; ch 3, work 25 (29, 33) dc across; turn - 26 (30, 34) sts. Work 2 rows of ribbing same as for neck. Fasten off. Rep on rem sleeve.

Measure 3¾ (4½, 5)" down from shoulder seams. Place center of sleeve tops at seams and sew in place between markers. Sew side and sleeve seams.

**Body Ribbing:** With right side facing and smaller hook, attach **CB** at lower edge; ch 3, work 81 (105, 129) dc across; turn - 82 (106, 130) sts. Work 2 rows of ribbing same as for neck. Fasten off.

**Button Band (Left front for girls, Right front for boys):** With right side facing and smaller hook, attach **CB** at center front and work 7 rows of sc evenly across. Fasten off.

**Buttonhole Band:** Mark positions for 6 (7, 7) buttonholes on rem front, the first and last ½" from top and bottom edges and 4 (5, 5) more evenly spaced between. Work 3 rows of sc across rem front.

**Buttonhole Row:** Ch 1, [sc to marker, ch 2, skip 2 sc] 6 (7, 7) times, sc to end; turn. **Next Row:** Ch 1, [sc to sp, 2 sc in sp] 6 (7, 7) times, sc to end; turn. Work 2 more rows even in sc. Fasten off. Sew buttons to correspond to buttonholes. Weave in ends.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** beg = beginning; **CA**, **CB** = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease; **hdc** = half double crochet; **lp** = loop; **mm** = millimeters; **pat** = pattern; **rem** = remaining; **rep** = repeat; **sc** = single crochet; **sp** = space; **st** (s) = stitch (es); **tog** = together; **yo** = yarn over; \* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

