## The Yellow Blue Dress

By Anuradha


Finished size: $16 "(20 ", 22 ", 24 ")$ at chest
Yarn: Caron Simply Soft Solids
Blue:1skein
Yellow:2skeins

Hook: 3.25 mm hook (D hook)
Gauge: 25 sts and 11 rows in $\mathrm{dc}=4$ "

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Pattern Instructions: The dress is crocheted in two parts, first the belt, back and straps are made and then joined in a round belt. The body part is crocheted at last.

## Chest Belt

Working with yellow color Ch 77, $(101,121,133)$
Row1: sc in 3rd ch from hook, sc in each st across.
Row2-Row10: Work sc in each st across.
Row11-Row 18: Work according to the chart (starting from left) with the two colors.
Color work instruction for sizes 16 " and 20 ". Work first two sts in yellow and then start following color chart from left. You will have 6 and 8 repeats of the pattern (tree).

For sizes $22 "$ and $24 "$ the pattern repeats will be 10 and 11 respectively.


Row 19- 20: Work sc in each st across with Yellow color.
Row 21: Ch3, turn, dc in next 5 sts, *ch1, skip next st, dc in next 5 sts* repeat from * to the end.
Row 22: Ch1 turn, sc in each st across. Break off the yarn.

## Back detail and straps

Working with Blue color, Ch 20
Row 1: Sc in $2^{\text {nd }} \mathrm{ch}$ from the hook and in all the other ch.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 3, 4 \&5: Ch3 turn, dc in 3sts, sk 1st, 3dc in next st, sk 1st, dc in next 2sts, ch3, sk 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts , sk 1st, 3 dc in next st, sk 1st, dc in next 3 sts .
Row 6: Ch3, turn, dc in 3sts, sk 1st, 3dc in next st, sk 1st, dc in next 2sts, ch1, dc (taking all the three ch loops inside the hook to make the butterfly pattern) ch1, dc in next 2 sts , sk 1 st , 3 dc in next st, sk 1 st , dc in next 3 sts .

## Butterfly pattern (Back part)



Row 7: Same as row 3.
Repeat rows 3, 4, 5 and 6 one more time.
Row 12: Ch3, turn, dc in 3sts, sk 1st, 3dc in next st, sk 1st, dc in next 3sts Repeat row 12 to get the desired strap length.
Join thread to work on the second strap to row 12 and work as did for the first strap. Sew this piece to the belt with the straps and the trees facing the same side. Now you have a round belt to work on.

## Body part

Join Blue color yarn to the belt
Row 1: work 2dc in each st around. Join with sl st to the first dc.
Row 2 \& 3: With yellow yarn, ch4 (count as $1^{\text {st }} \mathrm{tr}$ ), 1 tr in each st around. Join with sl st to the first tr.

Work the rest of the rows as same with the given color order:
For size $16^{\prime \prime}$ "work rows $4,7,8,12 \& 13$ in blue and rows $5,6,9,10,11$ in yellow color. For size 20" work rows 4, 8, 9, 14, 15\&16 in blue and rows 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 \& 13 in yellow color.
For size 22" work rows 4, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 20, $21 \& 22$ in blue and rows 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, $12,13,17,18 \& 19$ in yellow color.
For size 24 " work rows $4,8,9,14,15,16,22,23,24 \& 25$ in blue and rows $5,6,7,10$, $11,12,13,17,18,1920 \& 21$ in yellow color.

## Finishing

Work one row of sl st with blue yarn over the first row of belt. Sew the straps to their positions. (Or you can attach a button for them).


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## Hints for Changing Colors:

When ready to change to a different color, pull up the first loop for a single crochet in the old color, then, pull the new color through the last two loops to complete that single crochet. Continue in the new color, following the chart. Change colors in this manner, whenever indicated on the chart.


Crochet over the unused color as that is carried along the wrong side of the work. This hides the strands and eliminates having long unused strands carried across the back of the work.

