

Giving Smartness To Early Spring Frocks



MATERIALS required: 7 Balls Coats' Mercer-Crochet No. 3 White (20 gr.), Crochet hook No. 3 plus 18; or 3 Balls Coats' Mercer-Crochet No. 20's F. 610 Ecu (20 gr.). Crochet hook No. 3½ plus 19.

NECK BAND.—Make a chain 37½ inches long. Into 3rd ch from hook work 1 dc, 1 dc into each ch along row, 2 ch, turn. * 1 dc into each dc of previous row, 2 ch, turn. Repeat from * for 5-8 inches. Break off thread.

1st row: Join thread 10 inches from end of band and work a row of loops along band for 17½ inches, 2 ch, turn. To make a loop, make a ch 3-8in. long and 1 dc into dc of band, having ¼in. between dc. The collar is worked in the following 4 rows throughout, increasing the length of chain for loop and adding more dc's to keep work flat. Always work an uneven number of dc into each loop.

2nd row: Dc into each loop to end of row, make a chain 3-8 inches long, turn.

3rd row: 1 dc into centre of first loop, * make a chain 3-8in. long, 1 dc into centre dc of next loop, repeat from * to last loop, make a chain ¼-inch long, 1 tr into last dc of previous row, 2 ch, turn.

4th row: Dc into half loop at beginning of row, * work dc into next loop, repeat from * to second last loop, dc into first half of last loop, make a chain 3-8in. plus 2 ch, turn.

5th row: 1 dc into centre dc of first whole loop, * make a chain 3-8in. long, 1 dc into centre dc of next loop, repeat from * to last whole loop, make a chain 3-8in. long, 1 tr into last dc of previous row, 2 ch, turn. Repeat from second row until collar measures 1½in. from band at centre back, finishing on a dc row. (Always measure from centre back of collar). Increase the length of chain from 3-8in. to ½in. and ¼in. to 3-8in.

Next row: Work along row for 7 inches, turn and work in pattern to end of row. Work to end of next row, working 1 dc into same place as

last dc of 7 inches. Work along next row for 7 inches, turn and work in pattern to end of row. Continue working in pattern until collar measures 2½ inches.

Next row: Work along row for 9 inches, turn and work in pattern to end of row. Work to end of next row, working 1 dc into same place as last dc of 9 inches. Work along next row for 9 inches, turn and work in pattern to end of row. Continue working in pattern until collar measures 3½ inches. Increase the length of chain from ½in. to 5-8in. and 3-8in. to ½in.

Next row: Work along row for 10 inches, turn and work in pattern to end of row. Work to end of next row, working 1 dc into same place as last dc of 10 inches. Work along next row for 10 inches, turn and work in pattern to end of row. Continue working in pattern until collar measures 4½ inches.

Next row: Work along row for 11½ inches, turn and work in pattern to end of row. Work to end of next row, working 1 dc into same place as last dc of 11½ inches. Work along next row for 11½ inches, turn and work in pattern to end of row. Continue working in pattern until collar measures 5½ inches. Increase the length of chain from 5-8in. to ¾in. and ½in. to 5-8in. Continue working in pattern until collar measures 6½ inches, finishing on a ch row. Break off thread. Join thread to side of collar at neck band and work dc into each space round collar.

Abbreviations:

Ch	Chain
Dc	Double Crochet.
Tr	Treble