

Ribbon dress in vibrant pink has a lowered waistline and flippy skirt; a drawstring makes the top slightly blouson. Shells are worked in rows for bodice, larger shells in panels for skirt, which is lined. In 8-18.

OF MIGNONETTE RIBBON BY BERNAT.

RIBBON DANCE DRESS

SIZES: Directions for small size (8-10). Changes for medium size (12-14) and large size (16-18) are in parentheses.

Body Bust Size: 31½-"32½") (34"-36"; 38"-40").

Blocked Bust Size: 35" (40-45"). MATERIALS: Knitting ribbon, 10 (11-12) 100-yard spools. Aluminum crochet hook size I. Steel crochet hook No. 1. One ½" button. Matching sewing thread. One yard lining material for skirt.

GAUGE: Blouse: 3 shells = 4''; 1 row = 1''.

PATTERN (worked on a multiple of 8 ch): Row 1: Work 1 dc (Note: pull up first lp of each dc 1" high) in 3rd ch from hook and in each of next 2 ch, * sk 2 ch, work 2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc in next ch (open shell), sk 2 ch, work dc in each of next 3 ch, repeat from * across, end sk 2 ch, dc in last ch. Ch 3, turn.

Row 2: Work 2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc (open shell) in center dc of 3-dc group, * work 3 dc (shell) in ch-1 sp of next open shell, work open shell in center dc of next 3-dc group, repeat from * across, end dc in top of turning ch. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Work shell of 3 dc in ch-1 sp of open shell, * work open shell in center dc of next shell, work shell in ch-1 sp of next open shell, repeat from * across, end dc in top of turning ch. Ch 3, turn. Repeat rows 2 and 3 for pat.

BLOUSE: BACK: Beg at lower edge, ch 56 (64-72) loosely. Work in pat on 13 (15-17) shells (shells and open shells) until piece measures about 12", end pat row 2. Ch 1, turn. Check gauge; piece when blocked will measure $17\frac{1}{2}$ " (20"- $22\frac{1}{2}$ ") wide.

Shape Armholes: SI st loosely across 1 (1-2) shells, ch 3, work in pat as established to last 1 (1-2) shells, end dc in first dc of next shell—11 (13-13) shells. Ch 3, turn.

Divide for Back Opening: First Half: Next Row: Work 2 dc in first shell, work in pat as established across next 4 (5-5) shells, work dc in center of next shell. Ch 3, turn.

Next Row: Work in pat across, end dc in last dc, dc in top of turning ch. Ch 3, turn. Work even on 4 (5-5) shells for 2 rows, end arm side.

Shape Neck: Work across 2 (3-

3) shells, dc in first dc of next shell. Ch 3, turn. Work 1 row even on 2 (3-3) shells. End off.

Second Half: Join yarn in center of center shell on last long row. Ch 3, work in pat across 4 (5-5) shells, end 2 dc in center of next shell, dc in top of turning ch. Ch 3, turn.

Next Row: Sk 2 dc, dc in next dc, work in pat across 4 (5-5) shells. Ch 3, turn.

Next Row: Work in pat across 4 (5-5) shells, end dc in top of turning ch. Work even on 4 (5-5) shells for 1 row, end center edge. Ch 1, turn.

Shape Neck: SI st loosely across 2 shells, ch 3, work in pat across—2 (3-3) shells. Work 1 row even on 2 (3-3) shells. End off.

FRONT: Work as for back to underarm, end pat row 2. Ch 1, turn.

Shape Armholes: SI st loosely across 1 (1-2) shells, ch 3, work in pat to last 1 (1-2) shells, end dc in first dc of next shell. Ch 3, turn.

Next Row: Work 2 dc in center of next shell, work in pat as established across next 9 (11-11) shells, end dc in center of next shell, dc in top of turning ch. Ch 3, turn. Work even in pat on 9 (11-11) shells for 2 (3-3) rows. Ch 3, turn.

Shape Neck: Work across 2 (3-3) shells, end dc in first dc of next shell. Ch 3, turn. Work even in pat on 2 (3-3) shells for 1 row. End off.

Sk center 5 shells on last long row; join yarn in last dc of last skipped shell. Ch 3, work across last 2 (3-3) shells, end dc in top of turning ch. Ch 3, turn. Work even in pat on 2 (3-3) shells for 1 row. End off.

With ribbon, from wrong side, sl st shoulder and side seams tog.

SKIRT: Working across starting ch of blouse, join yarn in left side seam. From right side, work 104 (120-136) sc evenly spaced around lower edge of blouse. Join with a sl st in first sc. Do not turn.

Beading: Ch 4, sk next sc, dc in next sc, * ch 1, sk next sc, dc in next sc, repeat from * around. Join with a sl st in 3rd ch of starting ch 4.

Pattern: Rnd 1: Ch 3, * sk 3 sts, work 3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc in next st, sk 3 sts, dc in next st, repeat from * around, end last repeat sl st in top of starting ch-13 (15-17) shells.

Rnd 2: Ch 3, * work shell of 4 dc, ch 1, 4 dc in ch-1 sp of next

shell, post-dc around dc between shells. To make post-dc, yo hook, insert hook from right to left under bar of dc, pull up a lp, (yo and through 2 lps) twice. Repeat from * around, end last repeat sl st in top of starting ch.

Rnds 3-5: Note: Pull up first lp of each dc 1¼" high. Ch 4, * work shell of 5 dc, ch 2, 5 dc in ch-sp of next shell, ch 1, post-dc around dc between shells, ch 1, repeat from * around, end sl st in 3rd ch of starting ch.

Rnds 6-8: Ch 5, * work shell of 6 dc, ch 2, 6 dc in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, post-tr around st between shells, ch 1, repeat from * around, end sl st in 4th ch of starting ch.

Rnds 9-11: Ch 5, * work shell of 7 dc, ch 3, 7 dc in ch-sp of next shell, ch 1, post-tr around tr between shells, ch 1, repeat from * around, end last repeat ch 1, sl st in 4th ch of starting ch.

Rnd 12: Ch 5, * work a shell of 8 dc, ch 1, 8 dc in ch-3 sp of next shell, ch 1, post-tr around tr between shells, ch 1, repeat from * around, end last repeat ch 1, sl st in 4th ch of starting ch. End off. If longer skirt is desired repeat row 12.

FINISHING: From right side, work 1 row sc around neck edge and back opening; keeping work flat, work ch-3 loop at top of left side of back opening for buttonloop. End off. From right side, work 1 row sc around each armhole, edge, easing in to desired fit. With sewing thread tack ribbon ends to wrong side. Block pieces to measurements. Cut lining to skirt measurements. Sew side seams; sew lining to upper edge of skirt. Hem skirt lining 1" shorter than skirt.

BELT: Make ch about 48" long. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. End off. Thread belt through beading at waistline.

BUTTON: With steel crochet hook No. 1, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Do not join rnds.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Rnd 3: Sc in each sc around.

Rnd 4: * Pull up a lp in each of next 2 sts, yo and through 3 lps on hook (dec made), repeat from * around. Insert button. Continue to dec as necessary to cover back of button. End off. Sew button to right side of back opening.