Summer Dress

This simple summer dress would look pretty on any little girl!

Materials:
Bernat® Handicrafter® Cotton Twists, color Rose, 7 ounces. (You may substitute any 4-ply worsted weight cotton.)
Crochet hooks sizes K and N (I crochet tightly, so you may need to go down two hook sizes or so to obtain gauge.)
1 button, three-fourths of an inch or five-eighths of an inch
Three-sixteenths of an inch ribbon, 1 yard
Yarn needle

Finished Measurements: Chest 27 inches; shoulder to hem = 19 inches

Gauge:
Mesh Pattern: 4 dc and 3 ch-1 sps = 2 inches; 3 rows = 2 inches

Abbreviations:
Ch = chain
Sl st = slip stitch
St = stitch
Sc = single crochet
Dc = double crochet
Tr = treble crochet
Beg = beginning
Sp = space
YO = yarn over

Special Stitches:
Mesh Pattern: Dc, * ch 1, skip next st, dc. Repeat from * across.
3-dc Shell: In same st, work (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc,).
4-dc Shell: In same st, work (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc).
5-dc Shell: In same st, work (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc).
3-tr Shell: In same st, work (tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr,).
4-tr Shell: In same st, work (tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr).

Bodice Back:
With K hook, ch 52.

Row 1: Dc in sixth ch from hook, * ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch. Repeat from * across foundation ch, ending with ch 1, dc in last ch. Ch 4, turn. (25 dcs)
Note: The first 3 chs of ch-4 is counted as first dc of each row.

Row 2-3: Skip ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, * ch 1, dc in next dc. Repeat across row, ending with ch 1, dc in last dc. Fasten yarn.

Left Back:
Skip first 3 dcs and attach yarn in fourth dc. Ch 3, skip ch-1 sp, YO and draw up a loop in next dc, YO and draw through all loops on hook (1 dec made), * ch 1, dc in next dc. Repeat from * until you have completed 8 dc (counting dec as 1 dc). Ch 4, turn.

Work established Mesh Pattern over these 8 dc for 3 more rows, ending last row with ch 3, turn.

Left Shoulder: Work Mesh Pattern over first 4 dcs for 2 rows. Fasten yarn.

Right Back: Skip 2 dcs of Row 3 and attach yarn in next dc. Ch 4, skip first ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, * ch 1, dc in next dc. Repeat from * until you have completed 7 dcs, then ch 1, skip ch-1 sp, YO and draw up a loop in next dc, YO and draw through all loops on hook (1 dec made). Ch 4, turn. (8 dc, counting dec as 1 dc.)

Work established Mesh Pattern over these 8 dc for 3 more rows, ending last row with ch 1, turn.

Right Shoulder: Sl st in first 4 dcs and ch-1 sps, sl st in next dc; ch 3 and work Mesh Pattern over last 4 dcs for 2 rows. Fasten yarn.

Bodice Front:
With K hook, ch 52.

Row 1: Dc in sixth ch from hook, * ch 1, skip next ch, dc in next ch. Repeat from * across foundation ch, ending with ch 1, dc in last ch. Ch 4, turn. (25 dcs)
Note: The first 3 chs of ch-4 is counted as first dc of each row.

Row 2: Skip ch-1 sp, dc in next dc, * ch 1, dc in next dc. Repeat across row, ending with ch 1, dc in last dc.

Rows 3: Repeat row 2.

Row 4: Sl st in each dc and ch-1 sp until you reach the fourth dc. Sl st in that dc, ch 4 and work Mesh Pattern across, omitting last 3 dcs and ch-1 sps. Ch 3, turn. (19 dcs)

Left Front Shoulder: Ch 3, skip ch-1 sp, YO and draw up a loop in next dc, YO and draw through all loops on hook (1 dec made), * ch 1, dc in next dc. Repeat from * until you have completed 4 dc (counting dec as 1 dc). Ch 4, turn.

Work Mesh Pattern over these stitches for 4 more rows. Fasten yarn.

Right Front Shoulder: Skip the next 9 dcs of row 4, attach yarn in next dc. Ch 4, dc in next dc, ch 1, dc in next dc, ch 1, YO and draw up a loop in each of last 2 dc, YO and draw through all loops on hook (1 dec made). (4 dc, counting dec as 1 dc.)
  Work Mesh Pattern over these stitches for 4 more rows. Fasten yarn.

Sew Bodice Front and Back together at shoulders and sides.

Neck & Back Opening Trim:
Attach yarn at top of Left Back opening and sc evenly around across neck, work 3 sc in top of Right Back opening, sc evenly along opening, sc in the skipped dc, sc evenly along Left Back opening, work 2 sc in same sp as first sc, join with sl st to first sc. Do not turn work.

Next Row: Ch 1, sc in same sp, sc in each sc around to Right Back opening, sc in first of the 3-sc "corner", sc in next sc, ch 5, sc in same sp, sc in each sc around, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten yarn.

Left Sleeve Trim:
Attach yarn in top of third-row dc at Left Front. Ch 1, sc in top of each dc and in side of each row around arm opening. Join with sl st in first sc. Do not turn.

Shell Ruffle: Ch 1, sc in same sp, skip 2 sc, * 5-dc Shell in next sc, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc. Repeat from * 3 times. Fasten yarn.

Work Right Sleeve Trim as above, being sure to attach yarn in top of third-row dc at Right Back.

Skirt:
Note: Skirt is worked in rounds. Add to length as desired.
Working along bottom of Bodice foundation chain, with K hook, attach yarn in right side seam.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in same sp, * ch 3, ship next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch. Repeat from * around, ending with ch 3, sl st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Sl st into first ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, * 3-dc Shell in next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp. Repeat from * around, ending with sl st in first sc. Turn work.

Rnd 3: Sl st into first ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, * ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, skip (dc, sc, dc), sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp. Repeat from * around, ending with sl st in first sc. Turn work.

Rnd 4: Sl st into ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, * 3-dc Shell in next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp. Repeat from * around, ending with sl st in first sc. Turn work.

Rnds 5 – 12: Repeat rnds 3 and 4.

Switch to size N hook now.
Rnds 13 – 21: Repeat rnds 3 and 4, but work 3-tr Shell instead of 3-dc Shell.

Rnd 22: Repeat rnd 4, but work 4-tr Shell instead of 3-tr Shell. Fasten yarn.

Sew button to top of Left Back. Weave ribbon through Bodice foundation chain and tie in bow in front.