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Directions are for Size 12. Changes for Sizes 14 and 16 in parentheses.

**Materials:** J. & P. Coats Best Six Cord Mercerized Crochet, Art. A.104, Size 30: 10 balls of White for Sizes 12 and 14, 11 balls for size 16, **or** Clark's O.N.T. Best Six Cord Mercerized Crochet, Art B.4, Size 30, 23 balls of White for Size 12, 25 balls for Size 14, and 27 balls for Size 16, **or** Clark's Big Ball Mercerized Crochet, Art. B.34, Size 30, 8 balls of White for Sizes 12 and 14, 9 balls for Size 16; Milwards Steel Crochet Hook No. 10; 3 small snap fasteners; 3/4 yard of white elastic, 3/4" width; 2 hooks and eyes; 1 1/8 yards of round elastic.

**Gauge:** 6 SPS = 1"; 5 rows = 1".

**Back:** starting at lower edge, CH 172 (184–196) to measure 14 1/2 (15 1/2–16 1/2)". **Row 1:** DC in 6th CH from hook, \* CH 1, SK 1 CH, DC in the next CH. Repeat from \* across; 84 (90–96) SPS. CH

4, turn. **Row 2:** SK first DC, \* DC in next DC, CH 1. Repeat from\* across, ending with DC in 3rd CH of turning CH. The 2nd row establishes the pattern. Work in pattern until 5 rows have been completed. INC 1 SP at beginning and and next row (**to INC 1 SP, make a DC in next CH –1 SP, CH 1 and DC in next DC**). Continue to work in pattern until there are on row 96 (102–108) SPS. Work without increasing until piece measures in all 11 (11–11 1/2)". Place a marker at both ends of row to indicate armholes. Continue to work without increasing for 1". **Shape neck: row 1:** work across next 23 (25–27) SPS, TR in next DC. CH 4, turn. Row 2: DC in next DC, CH 1 and continue across in pattern. CH 4, turn. **Row 3:** work across, making a TR in last DC. CH 4, turn. Repeat 2nd and 3rd rows alternately until there remain 18 (20–22) SPS. Work without decreasing until piece measures from first row of armhole 7 (7–7 1/2)". Break off. SK 48 (50–52) SPS on first row of neck shaping. Attached thread to next DC, CH 4 and continue to work as for opposite side of neck, reversing shaping.

**Front:** work exactly as for back. **Sleeves:** starting at lower edge CH 122 (126–132). **Row 1:** work in pattern as for back. There are on row 60 (62–66) SPS. Continue to work in pattern, increasing 1 SP at beginning and end of every 4th row until there are on row 84 (84– 90) SPS. Work without increasing until piece measures in all 11 1/2 (11 1/2–12)". Break off.

**Flowers:** with right side of back facing, attach thread to center CH-1 SP of 4th row. In same SP make CH 3, 3 DC, CH 3, SL ST in same SP (petal made), working over next DC, make a petal, make another petal in center CH-1 SP of a previous row, and another petal over the previous DC of same row. Join with a SL ST. Break off. SK 5 SPS on same row and make another flower around next SP. Continue to make a flower in same manner around every 6th SP on same row. SK 3 rows and make flowers across next row diagonally spaced between flowers of the previous flower row. Continue to make flowers in same manner on every 4th row of Back, Front and Sleeves. Also work flowers around neck edge and lower edge of sleeves.

**Finishing:** block. Sew shoulder and side seams, leaving a 4" opening at lower edge of left side. Sew sleeve seams, sew in sleeves.

**Beading:** working around lower edge of Blouse, attach thread to first SP at side opening, CH 10, \*SK next SP, long TR in next SP (**to make a long TR, thread over 7 times and work off as for a TR**), CH 3. Repeat from \* across, ending with a long TR in last SP. CH 1, turn. **Row 2:** SC in first long TR, \*3 SC in next SP, SC in next long TR. Repeat from \* across making 10 SC in last SP.

**Placket:** SC closely around side opening, making 7 SC in first SP of beading. CH 1, turn. **Row 2:** SC in each SC around. CH 1, turn. Repeat 2nd row 3 more times. Break off. Cut elastic to fit waist. Draw through beading, turn ends under and sew in place. Sew 2 hooks and eyes at end of elastic. Sew 3 snap fasteners evenly along placket. Working over elastic, SC closely around neck edge behind flowers. Work 1 round of SC closely around lower edge of sleeves.

## ABBREVIATIONS

CH = chain

ST(S) = stitch(es)

SK = skip

LP(s) = loop(s)

PC = picot

SP(s) = space(s)

RND = round

INCL = inclusive

SC = single crochet

DC = double crochet

TR or TR C = treble crochet

SL ST = slip stitch

D TR = double treble crochet

TR TR = treble treble crochet

HDC = half double crochet

SDC = short double crochet

THRU = through

\* asterisk . . . repeat instructions following asterisk as many times as specified in addition to original.