Crochet Hitty Victorian Dress and Pineapple Apron

Materials:
- Size 10 crochet cotton. Model uses Knit Picks Curio in Victorian and Tea Rose and Cream
- Size 7 and 8 steel crochet hook
- Four ¼ inch buttons
- Silk ribbon for apron ties

Gauge: 9sc = 1 inch with size 7 steel hook
Link Stitch = (ch3, dc in the third ch from the hook). One link made. Continue this pattern for as many links as called for. Each link consists of a ch3 leg and a dc leg. When asked to work over the link, you will work over one of these legs.

Picot = ch3, sc in the third ch from the hook.
Small Picot = ch2, sl st in the top of the last sc made

Ch2 NEVER counts as the first dc.

Dress is crocheted with a size 7 steel hook

Bodice: begins at the neckline, leave a long tail to sew the button on when the dress is finished.

1: Work eight links, ch2, turn.
2: Work 5dc in each link across, ch1, turn. 40 dc
3: Sc in each dc across, ch2, turn. 40 sc
4: Dc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 40 dc
5: Sc in the first five dc, ch4, skip next 10 dc, sc in the next 10 dc, ch4, skip next 10 dc, sc in the last five dc, ch1, turn. 20 sc, 8 ch.
6-9: Sc in each st across, ch1, turn. 28 sc At the end of row 9, ch2

Skirt:

10: In FLO, (2dc, ch1) in each st across, join, ch2, do not turn. 54 dc, 28 ch1 spaces
11-15: (Dc in the next two dc, ch1, skip ch1 space) across, join, ch2, do not turn. 82Dc, 28 ch1 spaces
16-20: (Dc in the first dc, 2dc in the next dc, ch1, skip ch1 space) across, join, ch2, do not turn. At the end of round 20, ch1.
21: Sc in the last ch1 space made, [skip three dc, in next ch1 space work (dc, picot) three times, dc in the same space, skip next three dc, sc in the next ch1 space)] across. Join to the first sc, finish off.

Sleeves: join thread in the first ch under the armhole opening, ch2

1: Dc in the four ch under the arm, dc in the side of the next st, dc in the next 10 dc, dc in the side of the next st, join to the first dc, ch2, do not turn. 16Dc
2: Dc in the next four dc, dc next two dc together, dc in the next 8dc, dc next two dc tog, join, ch2, do not turn. 14Dc
3-4: Dc in each dc around, join, ch2, do not turn. At the end of round 4, change to contrasting color if desired.
5: BLO sc in each dc around, join, ch1, do not turn.
6: Sc in each sc around, join, ch1 do not turn.
7: (sc, small picot,sc in the next st) around, join, finish off.

You can leave the neckline as is, or crochet a scallop border with (sc, 3dc) in each neckline link.

Join thread at one side of the back and make three ch4 buttonhole loops down one side. Sew buttons opposite, weave in the ends, and you're done!

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Pineapple Motif Apron

The apron skirt is one crocheted pineapple motif. After the skirt is worked, turn the apron upside down and join the thread to make the apron bib and straps. Silk ribbon is hooked to the edges of the waistline to make the back ties.

Apron is crocheted with a size 8 steel hook

Ch3 counts as the first dc in the beginning shell.

Skirt:
1: Ch9, dc in the fourth ch from the hook, ch2, 2dc in the next ch, ch2, skip two ch, 2dc in he next ch, ch2, 2dc in the last ch. Three ch2 sps. Turn
2: [Sl st in the next dc and into the next ch2 sp, ch3, (dc, ch2, 2dc) in the same space] beginning shell made, (trc, ch3, trc) in next ch2 sp, (2dc, ch2, 2dc) in the last ch2 sp, shell made, turn.
3: Work beginning shell, ch2, 10trc in the next ch3 sp, ch2, work shell. 10trc and 4 ch2 sps. Turn
4: Work beginning shell, ch2, dc in the next trc, (ch1, dc in the next trc) nine times, ch2, skip next ch2 space, work shell. 13 spaces, turn.
5: Work beginning shell, ch2, skip next ch2 space, sc in the next ch1 space, (ch3, sc in the next ch1 space) eight times, ch2, skip the next ch2 space, work shell. 12 spaces, turn.
6: Work beginning shell, ch2, skip next ch2 space, sc in the next ch3 space, (ch3, sc in the next ch3 space) seven times, ch2, skip the next ch2 space, work shell. 11 spaces, turn.
7: Work beginning shell, ch2, skip next ch2 space, sc in the next ch3 space, (ch3, sc in the next ch3 space) six times, ch2, skip the next ch2 space, work shell. 10 spaces, turn.
8: Work beginning shell, ch2, skip next ch2 space, sc in the next ch3 space, (ch3, sc in the next ch3 space) five times, ch2, skip next ch2 space, work shell. 9 spaces, turn.
9: Work beginning shell, ch2, skip next ch2 space, sc in the next ch3 space, (ch3, sc in the next ch3 space) four times, ch2, skip next ch2 space, work shell. 8 spaces, turn.
10: Work beginning shell, ch2, skip next ch2 space, sc in the next ch3 space, (ch3, sc in the next ch3 space) three times, ch2, skip next ch2 space, work shell. 7 spaces, turn.
11: Work beginning shell, ch2, skip next ch2 space, sc in the next ch3 space, (ch3, sc in the next ch3 space) two times, ch2, skip next ch2 space, work shell. 6 spaces, turn.
12: Work beginning shell, ch2, skip next ch2 space, sc in the next ch3 space, ch3, sc in the next ch3 space, ch2, skip next ch2 space, work shell. 5 spaces, turn.
13: Work beginning shell, ch3, skip next ch2 space, sc in the next ch3 space, ch3, skip the next ch2 space, work shell. Two ch2 spaces, turn.
14: Work beginning shell, picot, work shell. Finish off.

Apron bib and straps: turn the skirt upside down and join thread with a sl st between the second the third dc.
1: Work beginning shell in the same space as joining, 2dc in the next ch3 space, shell between the second the third dc, turn.
2: Work beginning shell, skip two dc, dc in the next two dc, skip two dc, shell in the next ch2 space, turn.

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**First strap:**

3: Work beginning shell, turn.
4-7: Repeat row 3, fasten off.

Join yarn to the center of the remaining shell on the bib and repeat rows 3 thru 7 for second strap.

The straps are buttoned behind the neck by sewing a button to one strap and slipping it through the opening in the shell on the other strap.

For the waist ties, cut two pieces of silk ribbon twice as long as you want the ties. Attach with a larks head knot to either side of the apron at the waist and tie in the back. Done!

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