



Crochet Unmentionables for Hitty

Materials:

- Size 10 crochet cotton. I used Knit Picks Curio for the unmentionables.
- Size 7 steel crochet hook
- Three 1/4 inch buttons for camisole

Gauge: 9sc = 1 inch

Stitches Used:

BLO = Back Loops Only.

FLO = Front Loops Only.

Rib = two rows of sc worked in the back loop. Ribs are easy to see in this pattern, and I like to work in the ribs, instead of in each row.

Link Stitch = (Ch3, dc in the third ch from the hook), repeat this for the required number of links.

Each link has a ch3 side and a dc side. When you are then asked to work 'in the link' that means you will work your stitches either around the ch3 side or the dc side.

Picot for Camisole = ch2, sl st in the top of the last sc made.

Picot for Petticoat = Ch2, sc in the second ch from the hook.



Camisole: the body of the camisole is worked side to side, so it is easy to check the fit of this on your doll; just wrap it around the body. The backs should just barely touch at the shoulders. This is also a forgiving stitch in that it will work a bit tight or a bit loose. My Hitty has rather broad shoulders, but it should fit a more slender Hitty just as well.

1: Ch11, sc in the second ch from the hook and each ch across, ch1, turn. 10 sc

2-32: Working in BLO for all rows, sc in each sc across, ch1, turn. 10 sc. At the end of row 32, turn the work so you are working across the bottom edge of the camisole.

Along the bottom edge work (3sc in the first rib, 2sc in the next rib) across. 40 sc. Ch1, turn the work so you are working up the side edge of the bodice. Sl st loosely in each st up the back, ch1, turn the work so you are working across the top edge of the bodice.

Along the top edge work 2sc in each rib across, 32sc. Turn, working back across the top edge of the camisole.

Armhole row:

1: Working in the FLO, sc in the first five sc, work four links, skip six sc, sc in the next 10 sc, work four links, skip six sc, sc in the last five sc, ch1, turn. Work back across the top of the camisole

2: Sc in the first three sc, sc next two sc tog. In each link work two sc (for a total of eight sc), sc next two sc tog, sc in the next six sc, sc next two sc tog. In each link work two sc (for a total of eight sc), sc next two sc tog, sc in the last three sc. 32 sc total. Turn the work so you are now working down the other side of the camisole:

Buttonhole row: Ch4, skip two rows, sl st in the next row, sl st in the next three sc, ch4, skip next sc, sl st in the next four sc, ch4, skip next sc, sl st in the last sc.

At this point you are now at the bottom edge of the camisole. I like to add a pretty edging to the bottom. This could be as simple as working two dc in the back loop of each st across. Or you can work the following scallop trim, which is what I used;

1: In the BLO, [(sc, 2dc)in the first st, skip the next st] across. Finish off.

Trimming the camisole:

You have free loops both at the bottom edge of the camisole and at the top. If you like, work a contrasting color trim of (sl st, ch1) in these free loops. When it is done, it looks like a very small braided trim. For the neck edge, you can work the same trim, or work a single crochet and picot stitch like I did as follows:

With the right side facing you and working BLO, join contrasting color with a single crochet in the first st at the neck edge, sc in the next two sc, picot. (Single crochet in the next three sc, picot) across. Finish off.

Sew three 1/4 inch button opposite the buttonhole loops and you are done!

The camisole makes a great bodice for either a crochet skirt or a fabric skirt. If you want to attach a fabric skirt, cut a piece of fabric 3 7/8 inches wide by 11 inches long. Sew a small and tight zig-zag stitch around all for sides, with the wrong side of the fabric facing you (this will finish the edge, turn it slightly to the wrong side, and keep the edges from fraying).

Make two narrow rows of gathering stitches (either by hand or machine; I like to do it by machine). Press 1/4 inch up for the hem, and a 1/4 inch up for either side. Use steam or slightly dampen these edges when you press them; the crease will be very sharp and will keep well.

Gather up the waist edge of the fabric and hand sew it to the bodice with the right side of the fabric against the wrong side of the bodice. I use the same crochet cotton for making the bodice to hand stitch the skirt, in small running stitches. They don't show on the bodice. Then go back and loosely overcast the top of the skirt to the bodice, to hold to close to the bodice. Hand sew the back of the skirt from the hem to about 1 to 1 1/2 inches from the waist.

To finish the hem, I buttonhole stitch the hem edge, then work some crochet trim stitch into the buttonhole stitches. A (sc, ch1) in each buttonhole stitch works nicely.



Pantaloons: the waistband of the pantaloons is worked around a long chain, which makes them more adjustable for different waistline measurements. The important thing is that the pantaloons will pull up over the doll's hips.

1: Ch100 tightly, fasten off. Fold this chain in half, and starting about 1 1/4 inches from the center point, work 40 sc around the chain. Ch1, turn. You should have about 1/3 of each chain at either end of the 40 sc, and the sc will move to loosen or tighten along this chain. If you prefer, you could use ribbon and crochet around that.

2: Sc in each sc across, ch2, turn. Ch2 NEVER counts as the first dc.

3: (Dc in the first three sc, two dc in the next sc) around. Join to the first dc, ch2, do NOT turn for now on. 50 dc. **Note: if it seems the pantaloons won't fit easily over the dolls hips, do not join this row; work the next dc row before joining.**

4-5: Dc in each dc around, join, ch2. At the end of round 5, ch3.

Dividing row for legs:

6: Skip the first 25 dc, join with a sl st in the next dc, ch2, dc in the same st and the next 24 dc. In the ch3 at the crotch, work a decrease across all three chain. Join to the first dc, ch2. 26 dc.

7-8: Dc in each dc around, join, ch2.

9: (Dc in the first two dc, dc next two dc tog) around, join, ch1. 20 dc

10: (Two sc in the first dc, skip the next dc) around, join, ch1, TURN. 20 sc

11: (Two sc in the first sc, skip the next sc) around, join, ch1, TURN. 20 sc

You are now at the bottom edge of the leg. You can work any pretty trim you like. I worked a scallop pattern same as the bottom of the camisole, in the back loops.

12: Working BLO, [(sc, 2dc)in the first sc, skip the next sc] around. Finish off.

These pantaloons fall just below the knee of my doll.



Petticoat: I must have been inspired by Tree's knit petticoat, but I crochet much easier than I knit. This petticoat is very full and probably not practical under a dress or skirt. You could make it less full by working three dc instead of four in the first row after the waistband. The waistband is worked the same as for the pantaloons, giving it a lot of flexibility for different size waistlines.

1: Ch100 tightly, fasten off. Fold this chain in half, and starting about 1 1/4 inches from the center point, work 40 sc around the chain. Ch1, turn. You should have about 1/3 of each chain at either end of the 40 sc, and the sc will move to loosen or tighten along this chain. If you prefer, you could use ribbon and crochet around that.

2: Sc in each sc across, ch2, turn. Ch2 NEVER counts as the first dc.

Skirt increase row:

3: (4dc in the first sc, ch2, skip next sc) across. Join to the first dc, ch2, do NOT turn. 80dc

4-11: (Dc in each dc, ch2, skip two ch) around. Join, ch2, do not turn. With the hem trim added this will give a petticoat that falls just above the feet and is very full. Take out a couple of rounds if you want a shorter petticoat, and work three dc instead of four for a less full one.

Petticoat hem lace:

12: Sl st in the next dc, ch1, sc decrease over the next two dc, ch2 *(5dc in the next ch2 space, ch2, skip next dc, sc decrease over the next two dc, ch2)* Repeat ** around. End with ch2, sl st in the first sc decrease. Ch1. **Note: if you used three dc instead of four, you do not need to work a single crochet decrease over the middle two dc, just single crochet in the middle double crochet.**

13: Sc in same space as ch1, dc in the next dc *((ch1, dc in the next dc) four times, sc in the next sc, dc in the next dc)* Repeat ** around. End with a sl st in the top of the first sc. Ch1

14: **Please note: the picot for the petticoat is different from the picot used on the camisole! See the Stitches Used at the beginning of the pattern.** Sc in the same space as ch1, dc in the next dc *[picot, dc in the next dc) four times, sc in the next sc, dc in the next dc]* Repeat ** around, end with a sl st in the top of the first sc, finish off.