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# Gala

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Illustrated on page 7

Directions are given for Size 12 with changes for Sizes 14 and 16 in parentheses.

## MATERIALS: MORELL

L'opera 8(8-9) oz.

Hero standard steel crochet hook size 0; 3½ yds. nylon net; slide fastener.

**Gauge:** 3 loops=2 ins.; 3 rows=1 in. Skirt.

## SKIRT

Starting at waist make a 17(18-19)" ch. Sc in 9th ch from hook, \* ch 6, skip 5 sc, 1 sc in next. Repeat from \* until row measures 13(14-15) ins 19(21-23) loops. **Row 2:** Ch 7 turn, sc in first loop, ch 5, sc in next loop. Repeat from \* across. Repeat Row 2 for pattern.

**Row 3: 1st Inc Row** - Ch 7 turn (sc in next loop, ch 5) 3(4-5) times, inc in next loop. **To Inc:** sc in next loop, ch 5, sc in same loop. \* (sc in next loop, ch 5) 4(5-5) times, inc in next loop, (sc in next loop, ch 5) 4(5-5) times, inc in next loop. Repeat from \* to \* once, (ch 5 sc in next loop) to end of row. 4 loops inc across. Work 1 in even (be sure to include inc rows when measuring. **2nd Inc Row:** Repeat 1st inc row as follows: ch 7 turn (sc in next loop, ch 5) 4(5-6) times, inc in next loop (sc in next loop, ch 5) 5(6-6) times, inc in next loop; continue in this manner until 4 loops have been increased, complete row. Work 1 in even. Continue ins 4 loops in 1 row in this manner every 1 in 12 times more, then every 1½ ins twice; work even until skirt measures 2 ins less than desired finished length.

**Front:** Work to correspond with back.

## WAIST

**Back:** Starting at waist make a 19(23-25)" ch. **Row 1:** Sc in 9th ch from hook, \* ch 5, skip 4 ch, sc in next. Repeat from \* until row measures 14(15-16) ins 21(22-23) loops, **Row 2:** Ch 6 turn. \* Sc in 1st loop, ch 5 sc in next loop. Repeat from \* across. Repeat Row 2 for pattern. Inc 1 loop at beg and end of row every 1½ ins until row measures 17(18-19) ins 26(27-28) loops. Work even until piece measures 7¼(7½-7¾) ins from beg. **Shape Armholes:** Dec 1 loop at each end of work every row twice (4 loops dec). Work even until piece measures 11(11½-11¾) in from beg (measure thru center). Fasten off. **Front:** Work in same manner as back to armhole starting with same number of loops. When shaping 2nd row of armhole,

mark center 3 ins of front, placing pins at each end. **Next Row:** Work to first marker, turn, continue working on one side only, dec 1 loop at center edges every 3rd row until row measures 2". Work even until piece measures 6(6¼-6¾) ins from first armhole shaping. Fasten off. Work other side to correspond.

## WHEELS

Ch 7, join with sl st to form a ring. **Rnd 1:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 14 dc in ring, join to top of first ch-3. **Rnd 2:** Ch 3, 1 dc in base of ch-3, 2 dc in each dc around (30 dc), join. **Rnd 3:** ch 3,

2 dc in next st, 1 dc in next. Repeat from \* around (45 dc), join. **Rnd 4:** Ch 3, 1 dc in base of \*ch, 1 dc in each of the next 2 dc in next. Repeat from \* around, join. **Rnd 5:** ch 3, 1 dc in base of ch, 1 dc in each of the next 4 dc, 2 dc in next. Repeat from \* around. Continue in this manner until piece measures 5" in diameter. Fasten off. Make 7 more wheels in same manner.

## FINISHING

Block each piece to desired measurement. Work 2 rows of sc around top of skirt drawing in to desired measurement. Place skirt pieces on lining,



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baste about every 3" with short and long sts with matching sewing thread, so that stitches are not seen on right side, cut lining to correspond. Sew lining to open edges, sew side seams of skirt leaving 7" open on left side. Pin 3 wheels across back piece and 5 across front, having them centered on front as pictured, baste the 1st and 5th wheels of front to 1st

and 3rd wheels of back (shoulder). Cut lining to correspond, forming a dart on each side of front at underarm. Sew lining to open edges, sew side seams leaving 5" open at left side. Work 2 rows of sc around lower edge drawing in as desired. If necessary fill in shoulder edges with ch-5 loops. Sew skirt and waist together. Sew in zipper.