What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA'S® Fashion Crochet size 3: 1 ball each 365 Coffee **A** and 805 Blue Hawaii **B**

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 2.5mm [US 2]

Small steel crochet hook

1 small button, 55 small beads, yarn needle, spray starch

GAUGE: 22 sts = 4" (10cm) in stockinette st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

AUNT LYDIA'S® Fashion Crochet size 3, Art. 182 available in 150 yd (147m) balls

Lacy Knit Collar

Instead of the usual necklace, change up your style with this lovely knitted collar. It buttons in front, making it easy to add to any dress or top.

Collar measures 19" (48cm) long

COLLAR
Neckband
With **A**, cast on 117 sts. Leave long tail for button loop. Work in stockinette st for 5 rows, ending with a wrong side row.

Next (turning) row (right side): K1, *yo, k2tog; repeat from * across.

Work in stockinette for 5 rows.

Next (joining) row (right side): Fold band along turning row with wrong sides together. *Carefully pick up 1 st from cast on and knit it together with next st on needle; repeat from * across. Cut **A**. Do not turn.

Lace
Slide work back to right end of needles, read to begin another right side row. Join **B**.
Row 1 (right side): K3, *knit into front and back of next st, k2; repeat from * across—155 sts.
Row 2 and all wrong side rows: K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6.
Row 3: K6, *k5, yo, k4, ssk; repeat from * across, end k6.
Row 5: K6, *k2tog, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, ssk; repeat from * across, end k6.
Row 7: K6, *k2tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, ssk, yo, k2, ssk; repeat from * across, end k6.
Row 9: K6, *k2tog, [k1, yo] twice, [ssk, yo] twice, k1, ssk; repeat from * across, end k6.
Row 11: K6, *k2tog, yo, k1, [yo, ssk] 4 times; repeat from * across, end k6.
Row 12: K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6. Cut **B**.

Edging
Join **A**. Knit 1 row. Cut yarn about 4 yards long. Thread beads on yarn.
Bind off 1 st, *slide a bead up to needles, bind off 3 sts; repeat from * across, end slide up a bead, bind off last st. Fasten off.

Closure
With crochet hook, make short chain with cast on tail at neckband for button loop. Join to neckband, secure and weave in ends. Sew button to other end of neckband.

Weave in ends. Block and starch.

ABBREVIATIONS
k = knit; **k2tog** = knit two stitches together; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch (es); **yo** = yarn over; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated