



DMC CROCHET FASHION TOP

Free Crochet Design and Pattern

Liz Claiborne, Ralph Lauren and You! Design your own Stylish Crochet Top with the highest quality crochet cotton available...DMC Crochet Cotton! An ideal gift for her and always perfect for yourself.

Materials:

Approximate Size of DMC Crochet Throw upon completion: To fit bust: 30" (34, 40, 44)

*DMC Traditions Crochet Cotton(Art.145)

*5712 Cream or choose from any of the other Traditions colors, in the following amounts:

*Extra Small — 6 balls or 1800 yards (1645 m)

*Small — 6 balls or 2000 yards
(1825 m)

*Medium — 7 balls or 2600 yards (2375 m)

*Large — 9 balls or 3000 yards (2740 m)

*Steel crochet hook size 7 (1.5 mm)

*3.5 yards (3.25 m) 1/8" leather or suede cord

*2 bone or wood beads with center hole large enough to thread leather or suede cord

*Yarn needle

*Sewing needle and sewing thread to match crochet cotton

Instructions:

STITCH GAUGE:

7 Rows = 2", 3 completed fan sts = 4.5"

ABBREVIATIONS:

beg = Beginning

ch = Chain

cont = Continue

dec = Decrease

inc = Increase

sc = Single Crochet

sl st = Slip Stitch

sp = Space

st(s) = Stitch(es)

tr = Triple Crochet

pat st = Pattern Stitch

Instructions:

Pattern Stitch:

Row 1: [Tr, ch 1] 3 times in 6th ch from hook, skip 5 ch, sc in next ch, *ch 1, skip 5 ch, in next ch work [tr, ch 1] 7 times, skip 5 ch, sc into next ch, repeat from * to last 6 ch. Ch 1, in last ch, work [tr, ch 1] 3 times, tr in same ch. Turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in 1st tr, *ch 6, sc in next sc, ch 6, skip 3 tr, sc in next tr*, rep from *, end with sc in 4th ch of ch 5 at beg of previous row. Turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in 1st sc, *ch 6, sc in next sc, rep from * across. Turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in 1st sc, *ch 1, in next sc work [tr, ch 1] 7 times, sc in next sc, rep from * across. Turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in 1st sc, *ch 6, skip 3 tr, sc in next tr, ch, sc in next sc, rep from * to end. Turn.

Row 6: Repeat Row 3.

Row 7: Ch 5 (count as tr, ch 1), in 1st sc work [tr, ch 1] 3 times, 1 sc in next sc, *ch 1, in next sc work [tr, ch 1] 7 times, sc in next sc, rep from * to last sc, in last sc work [ch 1, tr] 4 times. Turn. Repeat Rows 2-7.

Decreasing and Increasing Pattern Stitch:

Note: Unless specified, always decrease from Row 4 of pat st and increase from Row 7 of pat st.

To Decrease at Beginning of Row:

Ch 1, sl st in 9 sts, ch 1, sc in same st as last sl st. Cont in pat st across.

To Decrease at End of Row:

Leave last 9 sts of row unworked, ending row with sc in tr.

To Increase at Beg of Row:

Ch 6, [tr, ch 1] 7 times in 6th ch from hook.

To Increase at End of Row:

Do not turn. Work an additional [tr, ch 1] 3 times in last st, tr in same st. Turn.

Front:

Ch 150(174, 198, 222). Work Row 1 of pat st. 12(14, 16, 18) fan sts across.

Cont in pat st for 3".

Next Row: Dec at beg and end of row.

Next Row: Work in pat st.

Cont in pat st for 4".

Next Row: Dec at beg and end of row.

Next Row: Work in pat st.

Cont in pat st for 4".

Next Row: Dec at beg and end of row.

Next Row: Work in pat st.

Cont in pat st for 4".

Next Row: Inc at beg and end of row.

Next Row: Work in pat st.

Cont in pat st for 4(4, 5, 6)".

Armhole Shaping:

Next Row: Dec at beg and end of row.

Next Row: Work in pat st.

Cont in pat st until 3(3, 6, 9) rows completed.

Neck Shaping: Left Side

Next Row: Work in pat st to fan st at center of row. Turn.

Cont in pat st until 3 rows completed.

Next Row: Dec at neck edge of row.

Cont in pat st for 2.5". Fasten off.

Next Row: Skip 1st fan st at neck edge. Join thread in center of 2nd fan st. Ch 1, and work across in pat st.

Cont in pat st for 2.5".

Next Row: Inc at neck edge of row.

Cont in pat st until an additional 3 rows completed. Fasten off.

Neck Shaping: Right Side

Next Row: Join thread in center fan st on front. Ch 1 and work in pat st across unworked sts of front.

Work as for Left Side.

Back:

Work same as Front until Armhole Shaping.

Next Row: Dec at beg and end of row.

Next Row: Work in pat st.

Cont in pat st for 8(8, 9, 10)".

Next Row: Complete 3(4, 5, 6) fan sts on row. Fasten off. Skip 3 fan sts on row. Join thread in next st and work 3(4, 5, 6) fan sts in remaining sts of row.

Sleeve:

Sleeve Bottom: Make 2.

Note: The sleeve bottom is worked in two separate pieces which are then joined.

Ch 54(54, 63, 75) and work in pat st for 4".

Next Row: For 1st sleeve bottom, dec at beg of row and work in pat st across. For 2nd sleeve bottom, work in pat st across and dec at end of row.

Work in pat st until piece measures 11.5". For 1st sleeve bottom, fasten off. For 2nd sleeve bottom, do not fasten off.

Lay sleeve bottoms side-by-side so that the straight edges are parallel.

Next Row: Work in pat st across 2nd sleeve bottom and cont in pat st across 1st sleeve bottom.

Work in pat st until sleeve measures 21".

Shoulder Shaping:

Next Row: Dec at beg and end of row.

Work in pat st for 9 rows.

Next Row: Dec at beg and end of row. Work in pat st for 3 rows. Repeat last 4 rows twice. Fasten off.

Finishing:

Gently press pieces with steam iron. Using crochet cotton and yarn needle:

Sew front and back together at shoulder.

Sew side seams to within 1" of Armhole Shaping.

Sew sleeve seam along inner arm to within 2" of Shoulder Shaping.

Sew sleeve into armhole.

Lightly press all seams.

Trim:

Work 1 round of sc around bottom edge of top, neck opening, and sleeve bottom, making 3 sc in all corners.

Ties:

For sleeves, cut two 42" lengths of leather or suede cord. Knot ends and thread through sleeves at elbow just above sleeve slit.

For neck, cut two 15" lengths of leather or suede cord. Thread bead onto one end and knot as many times as necessary to keep bead on cord. With sewing needle and sewing thread, sew opposite end of cord to neck opening.

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