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Mesh Crochet Top

Finished Size and Skill Level

Three sizes: S (M, L). To fit bust 32-34 (36-38, 40-42) inches. Finished bust about 36 (40, 44) inches around, with about 2 inches of positive ease so the mesh skims the body. Length about 13 (14, 15) inches from the top edge, not counting straps.

Skill level: advanced beginner. You should know how to chain, double crochet, single crochet, and join rounds.

Materials

- DK weight yarn (#3) in black, about 300 to 400 yards (275 to 365 m); about two to three 100 g balls. A cotton or cotton-blend yarn holds the mesh crisply.
- US 7 (4.5 mm) crochet hook, or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends and attaching straps.
- Stitch marker to mark the beginning of rounds.
- Scissors and a tape measure.

Gauge

In the mesh pattern (one repeat = dc, ch 2, skip 2): 4 repeats = 3.5 inches (9 cm); 5 rows = 3.5 inches (9 cm). Crochet a small swatch in the round, measure it flat without stretching, and change hook size if needed. Because mesh is stretchy, measure your work relaxed as you go.

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- dc = double crochet
- sc = single crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- sp = space
- RS = right side, WS = wrong side

Notes

- The body is worked in joined rounds from the top down, so you can try it on and adjust the length as you go.
- Each mesh repeat uses 3 stitches. Keep your chain spaces even so the grid looks uniform.
- The beginning chain-3 counts as a double crochet; the beginning chain-5 counts as a double crochet plus chain 2.

Body

Foundation: Ch 124 (139, 151). Join with a sl st to the first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain. (41 (46, 50) mesh repeats)

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), *ch 2, skip next 2 ch, dc in next ch; repeat from * around, ch 2, join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 2: Sl st into the first ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch 2), dc in the next ch-2 sp, *ch 2, dc in the next ch-2 sp; repeat from * around, ch 2, join with a sl st to the 3rd ch of the beginning ch 5.

Rounds 3 onward: Repeat Round 2 until the body measures 12 (13, 14) inches (30.5 (33, 35.5) cm) from the foundation edge. Try the top on over your underlayer to check the length; add or skip rounds to taste.

Top Edging

Ch 1, work 1 sc in each dc and 2 sc in each ch-2 sp evenly around the top edge. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Fasten off.

Bottom Edging

Join yarn at the foundation edge. Ch 1, work 1 sc in each chain and 2 sc in each chain space evenly around. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Fasten off.

Straps (Make 2)

Ch 70. Sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail. With the yarn needle, sew one end of each strap to the front top edge and the other end to the back top edge, spacing the straps about 5 inches (12.5 cm) apart. Try the top on and adjust the strap length before trimming the tails.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Give the top a gentle hand wash and lay it flat to dry so the mesh grid settles evenly. Wear it over a camisole, bralette, or slip dress.

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