CROCHET BEACH COVER UP: BEAUTIFUL V-NECK IN 9 SIZES

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FINISHED SIZE

Women sizes XS (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X). To fit bust 28-30 (32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46, 48-50, 52-54, 56-58, 60-62) inches / 71.1-76.2 (81.3-86.4, 91.4-96.5, 101.6-106.7, 111.8-116.8, 121.9-127, 132.1-137.2, 142.2-147.3, 152.4-157.5) cm.

- Body width, measured flat: 16.4 (18.2, 21.2, 23.7, 26.1, 28.6, 31, 33.4, 35.9) inches / 41.7 (46.2, 53.8, 60.2, 66.3, 72.6, 78.7, 84.8, 91.2) cm
- Full length: 30.85 (30.85, 30.85, 30.85, 32, 32, 32, 32, 32) inches / 78.4 (78.4, 78.4, 78.4, 81.3, 81.3, 81.3, 81.3, 81.3) cm

The pattern is made with 5-9 inches (12.7-22.9 cm) of positive ease. Size up for a looser fit. The model is wearing a size 2X and is 5 ft 9 in tall. Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate (Level 3). You need chain stitches, single crochet, double crochet, double crochet 2 together, single crochet 3 together, slip stitches, and working into chain spaces. The stitch itself is a simple two-row repeat. The shaping is one decrease per row at the V-neck.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. The two-row repeat works up quickly, and most makers finish a cover up over a few relaxed evenings. That time is an estimate, not a source fact.

MATERIALS

- Number 4 medium or worsted weight cotton yarn, Lion Brand 24/7 Cotton in the color Camel
- 715 (825, 950, 1035, 1185, 1292, 1405, 1515, 1625) yards / 654 (754, 869, 946, 1084, 1181, 1285, 1385, 1486) m, which is 4 (5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 9) skeins
- Crochet hook size G, 4.5 mm
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Tape measure
- Stitch markers, including locking stitch markers

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch(s): chain(s). st(s): stitch(es). sc: single crochet. sc3tog: single crochet 3 together. dc: double crochet. dc2tog: double crochet 2 together. sl st: slip stitch. sp: space. RS: right side. WS: wrong side.

NOTES

This pattern uses US crochet terms throughout. If you are used to UK terms, remember that a US double crochet is a UK treble crochet, so do not convert the stitches in this pattern. Sizes are written as XS (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X). Highlight the numbers for your size before you start. The cover up is made in two panels from the bottom up. The shoulders and sides are seamed, and then an edging is added around the armholes and the neckline. An optional belt or tie is then made and woven through the holes at the sides of the waist. Ch 3 at the beginning of rows counts as a stitch. The pattern stitch is a multiple of 5 plus 2. The number in brackets at the end of each row is the stitch count you should have, so count your stitches at the end of every row.

GAUGE

16 sts and 7 rows to 4 inches (10 cm) in the pattern stitch. To check your gauge, ch 24 and work Rows 1-7 of the back panel, then measure. Check your gauge before you start and adjust your hook size if you need to, because the fit of a garment depends on it.

BACK PANEL

Ch 69 (79, 89, 99, 109, 119, 129, 139, 149).

Row 1: Dc in the 4th ch from the hook, (ch 3, sk 3, dc 2) repeat from (to) across, turn. (67 (77, 87, 97, 107, 117, 127, 137, 147) sts)

Row 2: Ch 3, 5 dc into each ch-3 sp across, dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (67 (77, 87, 97, 107, 117, 127, 137, 147) sts)

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in the next st, (ch 3, sk 3, dc 2) repeat from (to) across, working the last dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (67 (77, 87, 97, 107, 117, 127, 137, 147) sts)

Repeat Rows 2 and 3, ending on a Row 2 repeat, for a total of 54 (54, 54, 54, 56, 56, 56, 56, 56) rows.

Add or subtract rows here to lengthen or shorten your cover up.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for seaming.

FRONT PANEL

Work the same as the Back Panel through Row 42.

Find the center group of 5 dc and place a locking stitch marker in the center stitch.

You will now split the front and work the top sections separately to create the V-neck.

FRONT RIGHT SIDE

Row 1: Ch 3, dc in the next st, ch 3, sk 3, (dc 2, ch 3, sk 3) repeat from (to) across until 3 sts remain before the stitch marker, dc 1, dc2tog, turn. (32 (37, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62, 67, 72) sts)

Row 2: Ch 3, 4 dc into the 1st ch-3 sp, 5 dc into each ch-3 sp across, dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (31 (36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66, 71) sts)

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in the next st, (ch 3, sk 3, dc 2) repeat from (to) across until 4 sts remain, ch 2, sk 2, dc2tog, turn. (30 (35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70) sts)

Row 4: Ch 3, 2 dc into the ch-2 sp, 5 dc into each ch-3 sp across, dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (29 (34, 39, 44, 49, 54, 59, 64, 69) sts)

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in the next st, (ch 3, sk 3, dc 2) repeat from (to) across until 2 sts remain, dc2tog, turn. (28 (33, 38, 43, 48, 53, 58, 63, 68) sts)

Row 6: Ch 3, 5 dc into each ch-3 sp across, dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (27 (32, 37, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62, 67) sts)

Row 7: Ch 3, dc in the next st, ch 3, sk 3, (dc 2, ch 3, sk 3) repeat from (to) across until 2 sts remain, dc2tog, turn. (26 (31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66) sts)

Rows 8-12: Repeat Rows 2-6. (22 (27, 32, 37, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62) sts)

Sizes XS-L only: fasten off, leaving a long tail for seaming.

Sizes XL-5X only

Row 13: Ch 3, dc in the next st, (ch 3, sk 3, dc 2) repeat from (to) across, working the last dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (42 (47, 52, 57, 62) sts)

Row 14: Ch 3, 5 dc into each ch-3 sp across, dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (42 (47, 52, 57, 62) sts)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for seaming.

FRONT LEFT SIDE

With the WS facing, attach the yarn to Row 42 in the stitch to the left of the stitch marker.

Row 1: Ch 3, dc2tog, (ch 3, sk 3, dc 2) repeat from (to) across, working the last dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (32 (37, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62, 67, 72) sts)

Row 2: Ch 3, counts as the 1st st, 5 dc into each ch-3 sp across until 1 ch-3 sp remains, 4 dc into the last ch-3 sp, dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (31 (36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66, 71) sts)

Row 3: Ch 5, counts as the 1st st and ch 2, sk 3, dc 2, (ch 3, sk 3, dc 2) repeat from (to) across, working the last dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (30 (35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70) sts)

Row 4: Ch 3, 5 dc into each ch-3 sp across, 2 dc into the ch-5 sp, then dc into the 3rd ch of the ch 5, turn. (29 (34, 39, 44, 49, 54, 59, 64, 69) sts)

Row 5: Ch 3, sk the 1st st, dc 2, (ch 3, sk 3, dc 2) repeat from (to) across, turn. (28 (33, 38, 43, 48, 53, 58, 63, 68) sts)

Row 6: Ch 3, 5 dc into each ch-3 sp across, dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (27 (32, 37, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62, 67) sts)

Row 7: Ch 6, counts as the 1st st and ch 3, sk 3, (dc 2, ch 3, sk 3) repeat from (to) across until 2 sts remain, dc 2, working the last dc into the top of the ch 3, turn. (26 (31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61, 66) sts)

Rows 8-12: Repeat Rows 2-6. (22 (27, 32, 37, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62) sts)

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Fasten off.

SEAMING

Lay the Back Panel and the Front Panel together at the shoulders with the RS facing up. Using your preferred seaming method, attach the front panel to the back panel at the shoulders, starting from the outside edges and working in towards the center.

Fold the cover up at the shoulders so the front and back panels are laying flat with the WS together.

Measure 7 (7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 10.5) inches / 17.8 (19.1, 20.3, 21.6, 22.9, 24.1, 25.4, 26.7, 26.7) cm down from the shoulders to mark the opening for the armholes. Place a stitch marker through both panels at that point. Repeat on the other side. Seam the sides from the bottom up to the stitch marker on both sides.

NECKLINE EDGING

Attach the yarn to the edge of the neckline at the left shoulder seam.

Ch 1, sc in the same spot as the join, then sc evenly down the left side of the neckline. Sc3tog over the three stitches that are in the point of the V, then sc evenly up the right side of the neckline and in each stitch across the back. Join to the first stitch and weave in the ends. Make sure to have the same number of stitches on either side of the neckline.

ARMHOLE EDGING

Attach the yarn to the edge of the armhole at the underarm seam.

Ch 1, sc in the same spot as the join, then sc evenly up the armhole to the shoulder seam and back down to the underarm seam, making sure to work the same amount of stitches on either side. Join to the first stitch and weave in the ends.

Repeat on the other armhole.

BELT, OPTIONAL

To create a belt, start with a slip knot on your hook.

Place the tail end over the hook, yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook. There will be two vertical loops next to the loop on the hook. Insert your hook into the right loop, yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook, and repeat until the belt measures 2 times your waist

circumference.

Fasten off and weave in the ends.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends with the tapestry needle, hiding them inside the work so they do not show. Steam block if needed.

TIPS FOR A NEAT COVER UP

- Count at the end of every front row. Each front side decreases by 1 stitch on Rows 1 to 7, then Rows 8 to 12 repeat Rows 2 to 6. Row 8 holds the same count as Row 7, and Rows 9 to 12 each decrease by 1, ending at 22 stitches in size XS. If your count is off by 1, check the row you just worked before going on.
- Mark the center before you split the front. Find the center group of 5 dc on Row 42 and place a locking stitch marker in the center stitch. The split starts from that marker, so a marker in the wrong stitch makes the two sides uneven.
- Keep the same number of stitches on both sides of the neckline when you work the edging, so the V sits straight.
- Measure the armhole from the shoulder seam, not from the neckline, and mark both sides before you seam.
- Try it on before you seam the sides. The pattern has 5-9 inches (12.7-22.9 cm) of positive ease, so check the fit and size up for a looser fit if you want it roomier.

VARIATIONS

- A longer cover up: add rows to the back and front panels before you split the front for the V-neck. Add or subtract rows in pairs, so you still end on a Row 2 repeat.
- A dress: wear the cover up over a slip dress with the tie belt at the waist. The V-neck and the belt give it a finished dress shape.
- Another color: the sample is Camel. White, ecru, navy or coral all work in the same cotton yarn. Use cotton or a cotton blend, because it breathes and drapes the way this open stitch needs.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Meghan Makes Do (Meghan Ballmer): The Calliope Coverup, Free Crochet Pattern, https://meghanmakesdo.com/blog/the-calliope-coverup-free-crochet-pattern

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