CROCHET CHRISTMAS SWEATER: RED REINDEER SWEATER, SIZE M

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Wilmade design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms. Size M only.

SKILL LEVEL

The source states no skill level for this design, so none is claimed here. It uses wide half double crochet stitches, front and back post double crochet ribbing, and tapestry crochet colour changes for the reindeer, following a graph.

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand Pound of Love, worsted weight (4), 1020 yards / 932 m, 16 oz / 454 g per ball: 1 ball in Cherry red, or 445 grams of similar yarn
- Lion Brand Pound of Love, worsted weight (4): 1 ball in White, or 110 grams of similar yarn
- Lion Brand Basic Stitch Anti Pilling, worsted weight (4), 185 yards / 170 m, 3.5 oz / 100 g per ball: 1 ball in Black, or 30 grams of similar yarn
- Lion Brand Basic Stitch Anti Pilling, worsted weight (4): 1 ball in Hazelnut, or 45 grams of similar yarn
- Crochet hook: 6 mm, US J/10
- Tapestry needle
- Measuring tape
- Scissors

GAUGE

With a 6 mm hook: 12 wide half double crochet stitches and 13 rows = 4 inches (10 cm).

FINISHED SIZE

Size M only. To fit bust 36 to 38 inches. Actual measurement at bust 38 inches. Length 22.5 inches / 57 cm. Armhole 8 inches. Sleeve length 17 inches / 43 cm. The model in the source is 1.69 m tall, has a 36 inch bust, and wears size M.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

dc: double crochet

fdc: foundation double crochet

hdc: half double crochet

whdc: wide half double crochet, worked between the stitches

whdc2tog: wide half double crochet 2 together, a decrease

FPdc: front post double crochet

BPdc: back post double crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

PATTERN NOTES

- Make 1 back panel, 1 front panel, and 2 sleeves, then sew them together and work the neckline in rounds.
- The body panels and sleeves are worked flat in rows. The neckline is worked in rounds.
- The beginning ch 2 does not count as a stitch, unless stated otherwise in the source.
- For the reindeer, follow the graph on the source page for the front panel. Each square on the graph is one wide half double crochet stitch in the colour shown. Read the graph rows alternately from left to right and right to left, using the row numbers as a guide. Finish the last yarn over of the previous stitch with the new colour for an invisible colour change, and carry the unused colour loosely across the back.
- To adjust the fit, the source says you can use a larger or smaller hook for a slightly bigger or smaller sweater. To make it longer, add rows in white right after the ribbing, or add a wider border along the bottom.

BACK PANEL

With a 6 mm hook and white yarn

Row 1: Work 58 foundation double crochet, turn. (58 stitches)

Alternatively, chain 61 and work 1 double crochet in the 4th chain from the hook and in each chain across. (58 stitches)

Rows 2 to 6 (ribbed hem): Chain 3, then repeat across: work 1 front post double crochet, then 1 back post double crochet. Turn. (58 stitches in each row)

Height should now measure about 2.5 inches / 6.5 cm.

Rows 7 to 10: Chain 2, work 1 wide half double crochet in each stitch across, turn. (58 stitches in each row)

Change to red yarn.

Row 11: Chain 2, work 1 wide half double crochet in each stitch across, turn. (58 stitches)

Repeat Row 11 until Row 72, or until the total length measures 22.5 inches / 57 cm. (58 stitches in each row)

FRONT PANEL

With a 6 mm hook and white yarn

Row 1: Work 58 foundation double crochet, turn. (58 stitches)

Alternatively, chain 61 and work 1 double crochet in the 4th chain from the hook and in each chain across. (58 stitches)

Rows 2 to 6 (ribbed hem): Chain 3, then repeat across: work 1 front post double crochet, then 1 back post double crochet. Turn. (58 stitches in each row)

Height should now measure about 2.5 inches / 6.5 cm.

Row 7: Chain 2, work 1 wide half double crochet in each stitch across, turn. (58 stitches in each row)

Repeat Row 7, following the graph for the reindeer colour changes, until you reach Row 70. (58 stitches in each row)

Shoulders, first side

Row 71: Chain 2, work 1 wide half double crochet in the next 14 stitches, turn. (14 stitches)

Row 72: Chain 2, work 1 wide half double crochet 2 together, then work 1 wide half double crochet in the next 12 stitches, turn. (13 stitches)

Fasten off. Skip 30 stitches for the neckline and attach yarn in the next stitch.

Shoulders, second side

Row 71: Chain 2, work 1 wide half double crochet in the next 14 stitches, turn. (14 stitches)

Row 72: Chain 2, work 1 wide half double crochet in the next 12 stitches, then work 1 wide half double crochet 2 together. (13 stitches)

Total length of the front panel should measure 22.5 inches / 57 cm.

SLEEVES (make 2)

With a 6 mm hook and white yarn

Row 1: Work 28 foundation double crochet, turn. (28 stitches)

Alternatively, chain 31 and work 1 double crochet in the 4th chain from the hook and in each chain across. (28 stitches)

Rows 2 to 6 (ribbed cuff): Chain 3, then repeat across: work 1 front post double crochet, then 1 back post double crochet. Turn. (28 stitches in each row)

Cuff height should now measure about 2.5 inches / 6.5 cm.

Change to red yarn.

Row 7: Chain 2, work 1 half double crochet in each stitch across, turn. (28 stitches)

The wrist cuff width should measure about 8 inches / 20 cm. Check that it fits loosely around your wrist.

Row 8: Chain 2, work 2 wide half double crochet in the first stitch, work 1 wide half double crochet in each stitch across, work 2 wide half double crochet in the last stitch, turn. (30 stitches)

Rows 9 to 10: Chain 2, work 1 wide half double crochet in each stitch across, turn. (30 stitches in each row)

Rows 11 to 28: Repeat Rows 8, 9, and 10 six more times, until Row 28. (42 stitches at Row 28)

Rows 29 to 37: Repeat Rows 8, 9, and 10 three more times. (48 stitches at Row 37)

Rows 38 to 51: Chain 2, work 1 wide half double crochet in each stitch across, turn. (48 stitches in each row)

The sleeve armhole width should now measure 16 inches / 40.5 cm, and the total sleeve length should measure 17 inches / 43 cm.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing the sleeve to the body. Repeat for the second sleeve.

ASSEMBLY

- Lay the body panels and sleeves flat with the right side facing up.
- Align the centre stitches of the last row of the sleeve with the shoulder point of the front panel, where the back panel ends and the front begins. Sew the shoulders together and sew the sleeves to the body using a tapestry needle.
- Fold the front panel over the back panel and fold the sleeves lengthwise. Sew the sleeve seams and side seams together.

NECKLINE

With a 6 mm hook and white yarn, join the yarn on the right front of the neckline.

Round 1: Work 30 half double crochet along the front panel, make 5 half double crochet in between the sides, work 30 half double crochet along the back panel, make 5 half double crochet along the side, end with a slip stitch in the first stitch. (70 stitches)

Rounds 2 to 6: Repeat around: work 1 front post double crochet, then 1 back post double crochet. (70 stitches in each round)

After Round 6, finish with a slip stitch. Fasten off and weave in all ends.

FINISHING

- Fasten off and use a tapestry needle to weave in all yarn ends.

- Check the stitch counts as you work: back and front panels hold 58 stitches, each shoulder holds 14 stitches then 13 stitches, each sleeve grows from 28 stitches to 30, then 42, then 48 stitches, and the neckline holds 70 stitches.
- The reindeer graph is on the source page listed in sources.txt. This printable pattern does not reproduce the graph, so follow the source graph for the front panel colour changes.

Source credit: adapted from Wilmade, Reindeer Christmas Sweater pattern. See sources.txt for the full link.

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