CROCHET COAT: BEAUTIFUL ELEGANT COAT IN 9 SIZES

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FINISHED SIZE

This pattern is written for size S. The finished coat in size S measures 34 in (86 cm) around the bust and 38 in (97 cm) around the hips, with a 16 in (41 cm) armhole and a sleeve 20 in (51 cm) long from the underarm. The modeled garment is shown in size S, with 1 in (2.5 cm) of positive ease. The full size range is: XS bust 30 in, hip 34 in, armhole 15.5 in, sleeve 18 in; S bust 34 in, hip 38 in, armhole 16 in, sleeve 20 in; M bust 38 in, hip 42 in, armhole 16.5 in, sleeve 20 in; L bust 42 in, hip 46 in, armhole 17 in, sleeve 20 in; XL bust 46 in, hip 50 in, armhole 17.5 in, sleeve 21 in; 2XL bust 50 in, hip 54 in, armhole 18 in, sleeve 21 in; 3XL bust 54 in, hip 58 in, armhole 18.5 in, sleeve 22 in; 4XL bust 58 in, hip 62 in, armhole 19 in, sleeve 22 in; 5XL bust 62 in, hip 66 in, armhole 19.5 in, sleeve 22 in. The coat is meant to be worn open with about 6 in of ease.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate. You need chains, double crochet, half double crochet, treble crochet, front post and back post double crochet, and simple seaming. The stitches themselves are simple, and the coat is worked from the bottom up in flat panels.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is a large garment with nine panels, so most crocheters take several weeks, working a panel at a time.

MATERIALS

Size S. Worsted weight (4) yarn in 5 colors.

- Color A, Plum: 6 balls, 1,250 yards. The source gives 6 balls for size S.
- Color B, Magenta: 1 ball, 200 yards.
- Color C, Wisteria: 1 ball, 110 yards.
- Color D, Emperor: 1 ball, 110 yards.
- Color E, Lavender: 1 ball, 110 yards.
- Total for size S: 10 balls, 1,780 yards.

The prototype used Stylecraft Special Aran, 196 m (214 yards) per 100 g ball, 100% acrylic. For other sizes the source gives: Color A 6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10) balls, 1,090 (1,250, 1,360, 1,500, 1,580, 1,700, 1,800, 1,900, 2,000) yards; Color B 1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) balls, 160 (200, 240, 270, 300, 340, 380, 400, 430) yards; Colors C, D, and E 1 ball each, 100 (110, 120, 130, 140,

150, 160, 170, 180) yards each.

- 5 mm (H/8) crochet hook, or the size needed to obtain gauge.
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker for the central point
- 9 to 12 buttons

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

BPdc: back post double crochet. ch: chain. ch sp: chain space. dc: double crochet. dc3tog: double crochet 3 stitches together. FPdc: front post double crochet. hdc: half double crochet. sc: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es). tr: treble stitch.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Dc cluster = 3 dc in the specified stitch.

NOTES

This pattern is written in US crochet terms. The coat is worked from the bottom up. The lower part is made in two sections, with two separate sets of panels which are then joined together to create the flare. Front and back panels are then seamed together at the shoulder. Sleeves are worked in rows and joined to the body. The turning chain does not count as a stitch in this pattern unless the row says so: every stitch total below counts worked stitches only. The triangular panels are the exception: their starting ch 4 counts as a dc plus a ch 1, as the rows say.

GAUGE

15 sts and 9 rows = 10 cm (4 in) square in dc before blocking, using a 5 mm crochet hook. Gauge is crucial to this project, so take time to check it. Check your gauge before you start: 74 dc at this gauge measure about 49 cm (19.4 in), which matches the panel length of 20 in.

RECTANGULAR PANELS (make 5: 2 using Color B, 1 in Color C, 1 in Color D, and 1 in Color E)

Each panel measures about 6.5 in wide by 20 in long in size S.

Chain 76.

Row 1: Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook, dc across, turn. (74 dc)

Rows 2 to 3: Ch 3, dc across, turn. (74 dc)

Row 4: Ch 3, dc, *skip 3 sts, 1 tr in the next st, with the tr pushed back and working from the front of the tr just made, dc in the 3 skipped sts, rep from * to the last st, dc, turn. (18 tr, 56 dc)

Row 5: Ch 3, dc, *skip 3 sts, 1 tr in the next st, with the tr pushed towards you, working behind the tr just made, dc in the 3 skipped sts, rep from * to the last st, dc, turn. (18 tr, 56 dc)

Row 6: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn. (74 dc)

Rows 7 to 9: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn. (74 dc)

Rows 10 to 12: Repeat Rows 4 to 6.

Rows 13 to 14: Ch 3, dc across, turn. (74 dc)

Turn, ch 1, and work 1 sc evenly across the short side. (24 sc)

Measure to make sure you have the panel measuring about 6.5 in wide.

Make 4 more panels, so you have 5 in total.

TRIANGULAR PANELS (make 4 using Color A)

Each triangle is 20 in long and 13 in wide.

Row 1: Ch 4 (counts as dc plus ch 1), dc in the 4th ch from the hook, turn. (2 dc, 1 ch sp)

Row 2: Ch 4, dc in the same st, ch 1, skip ch 1, dc in the 3rd ch, turn. (3 dc, 2 ch sps)

Row 3: Ch 4, dc in the same st, *ch 1, skip the next ch sp, dc in the next st, rep from * to the end, turn. (4 dc, 3 ch sps)

Rows 4 to 5: Repeat Row 3. (Row 4: 5 dc, 4 ch sps. Row 5: 6 dc, 5 ch sps)

Rows 6 to 7: Ch 4, dc in the next st, *ch 1, skip the next ch sp, dc in the next st, rep from * to the end, turn. (6 dc, 5 ch sps)

Row 8: Ch 4, dc in the same st, *ch 1, skip the next ch sp, dc in the next st, rep from * to the end, turn. (7 dc, 6 ch sps)

Row 9: Ch 4, dc in the next st, *ch 1, skip the next ch sp, dc in the next st, rep from * to the end, turn. (7 dc, 6 ch sps)

Rows 10 to 11: Ch 4, dc in the same st, *ch 1, skip the next ch sp, dc in the next st, rep from * to the end, turn. (Row 10: 8 dc, 7 ch sps. Row 11: 9 dc, 8 ch sps)

Rows 12 to 38: Repeat Rows 9 to 11.

Row 39: Repeat Row 9. (27 dc, 26 ch sps)

If you have adjusted the length of the rectangular panel, make sure to adjust the length of the triangular panels also.

Work around each long side of the triangle: ch 1, sc evenly around the panel, aiming for 2 sc in each ch 4 or dc. (78 sc)

Fasten off.

TO ASSEMBLE THE SKIRT

With the wrong side facing you, place a triangular panel, apex pointing up, between two rectangles, and repeat for the others, so you have, in this order: B, A, C, A, D, A, E, A, B. Secure with stitch markers on both ends. Using mattress stitch, sew them together, leaving the last 2 rectangles without joining: this is the front opening. Fasten off.

SECTION 2: WAIST

Join Color A with a sl st to the right side of the hips just made.

Row 1: Ch 2, hdc in each edge across, aiming for 24 hdc in each rectangular panel and 2 hdc in each apex of each triangle, turn. (128 hdc)

Rows 2 to 4: Ch 2, hdc across, turn. (128 hdc)

Row 5: Ch 3, dc in the first st, skip the next st, 3 dc in the next st, *skip the next 2 sts, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the last 2 sts, skip the next st, dc in the last st, turn. (42 dc clusters, 2 dc)

Row 6: Ch 3, dc, ch 1, dc3tog, *ch 2, dc3tog, rep from * to the last st, ch 1, dc, turn. (43 ch sps, 42 dc3tog, 2 dc)

Row 7: Ch 3, dc in the first st, *skip the ch sp, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the last st, dc, turn. (42 dc clusters, 2 dc)

Rows 8 to 12: Repeat Rows 6 and 7, ending with Row 6.

Do not fasten off.

BUST

Place stitch markers on the 11th ch sp on either side.

Right side, working towards the 1st stitch marker

Row 1: Ch 3, dc in the first st, *skip the ch sp, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the stitch marker, turn. (1 dc, 10 dc clusters)

Row 2: Ch 3, *dc3tog, ch 2, rep from * to the last st, dc, turn. (1 dc, 10 dc3tog)

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in the first st, *skip the ch sp, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the end, turn. (1 dc, 10 dc clusters)

Rows 4 to 11: Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Shape the neckline

Row 12: Ch 3, *dc3tog, ch 2, rep from * until the last 16 sts, dc, turn. (1 dc, 5 dc3tog)

Row 13: Ch 3, dc in the same st, *skip the ch sp, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the end, turn. (1 dc, 5 dc clusters)

Row 14: Ch 3, *dc3tog, ch 2, rep from * until the last st, dc in the last st. (1 dc, 5 dc3tog)

Left side: with the wrong side facing, join the yarn with a sl st from the edge, working toward the 2nd stitch marker, and repeat as for the right side.

Back, working between the 2 stitch markers and on the right side, join the yarn with a sl st to the first dc3tog next to the stitch marker:

Row 1: Ch 3, dc, *skip the ch sp, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the next stitch marker, turn. (1 dc, 21 dc clusters)

Row 2: Ch 3, *dc3tog, ch 2, rep from * to the last st, ch 2, dc, turn. (1 dc, 21 dc3tog)

Row 3: Ch 3, dc, *skip the ch sp, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the last st, dc, turn. (1 dc, 21 dc clusters)

Rows 4 to 14: Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Do not fasten off.

SHOULDER SEAMS

Fold the front panels over the back panel. Join together the first 5 dc clusters towards the neckline on each side, leaving the remaining stitches on the front and back panels without joining for the collar. You can adjust the number of stitches for a comfortable neck opening when joining the shoulder seam.

COLLAR

On the right and left sides of the front panels, count 8 sts away from the skipped stitches, and place stitch markers on the 8th st from the skipped stitches from the neckline from the front panel on either side. With the right side facing and working between the 2 stitch markers, join the yarn with a sl st.

Row 1: Ch 2, hdc in the next 7 sts, continue to the remaining stitches on the front panel and across the stitches on the back, hdc in each st across the left panel until the next stitch marker, turn.

Rows 2 to 13: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, turn.

Do not fasten off.

LEFT OPENING OF THE COAT

Row 1: Ch 2, hdc in each edge of the collar and across the remaining stitches on the neckline, ch 1, hdc in each edge on the front opening of the coat downwards, turn.

Rows 2 to 5: Ch 2, hdc in each st across the left opening, turn.

Row 6: Ch 2, hdc in each st across.

Fasten off.

BUTTONHOLES (right side)

Row 1: Join the yarn with a sl st to the edge of the right side of the collar, ch 2, hdc in each edge and across the stitches on the neckline, ch 1, hdc in each edge on the front opening, turn.

Rows 2 to 4: Ch 2, hdc across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 2, hdc in the first 2 sts, *ch 3, skip the next 2 sts, hdc in the next 8 sts, rep from * to the end, turn.

Row 6: Ch 2, hdc in each st across, with 2 hdc in each ch 3 sp.

Fasten off. Sew the buttons on the left side to match the buttonholes.

SLEEVES (make 2)

Row 1: Chain 38, dc in the 3rd ch, dc in each ch across, turn. (36 dc)

Row 2: Ch 3, *FPdc in the first 2 sts, BPdc in the next 2 sts, rep from * to the end, turn. (18 FPdc and BPdc pairs)

Rows 3 to 5: Repeat Row 2.

Row 6: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn. (36 dc)

Row 7: Ch 3, 2 dc in the first st, *skip the next 2 sts, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the last 5 sts, skip the next st, 3 dc in the next st, skip the next 2 sts, 2 dc in the last st. (4 dc, 11 dc

clusters)

Row 8: Ch 3, dc in the first 2 sts, *ch 2, dc3tog, rep from * to the last 2 sts, ch 2, dc in the last 2 sts. (4 dc, 11 dc3tog)

Row 9: Ch 3, dc in the first 2 sts, *skip the ch sp, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the last 2 sts, dc in the last 2 sts, turn. (4 dc, 11 dc clusters)

Rows 10 to 12: Repeat Rows 8 to 9, ending with Row 8.

Row 13: Ch 3, 2 dc, dc, *skip the ch sp, 3 dc in the next st, rep from * to the last 2 sts, dc, 2 dc in the last st, turn. (6 dc, 11 dc clusters)

Row 14: Ch 3, dc in the first 3 sts, *ch 2, dc3tog, rep from * to the last 3 sts, ch 2, dc in the last 3 sts, turn. (6 dc, 11 dc3tog)

Row 15: Ch 3, 2 dc, skip the next st, *3 dc in the next st, skip the ch sp, rep from * to the last 3 sts, 3 dc in the next st, skip the next st, 2 dc in the last st, turn. (4 dc, 13 dc clusters)

Row 16: Ch 3, dc in the first 2 sts, *ch 2, dc3tog, rep from * to the last 2 sts, ch 2, dc in the last 2 sts, turn. (4 dc, 13 dc3tog)

Rows 17 to 28: Repeat Rows 13 to 16, ending with Row 16.

Row 29: Ch 3, 2 dc, skip the next st and the next ch sp, *3 dc in the next st, skip the ch sp, rep from * to the last 2 sts, skip the next st, 2 dc in the last st, turn. (4 dc, 19 dc clusters)

Row 30: Ch 3, dc in the first 2 sts, *ch 2, dc3tog, rep from * to the last 2 sts, dc in the last 2 sts, turn. (4 dc, 19 dc3tog)

Rows 31 to 36: Repeat Rows 29 to 30.

Row 37: Ch 3, skip the first 2 sts and the ch 2 sp, *3 dc in the next st, skip the 2 ch sp, rep from * to the last cluster, skip the next st, dc in the last st, turn. (1 dc, 19 dc clusters)

Row 38: Ch 3, skip the first st, dc3tog, ch 2, rep from * to the end, turn. (19 dc3tog)

Row 39: Ch 3, skip the first dc3tog and the ch 2 sp, *3 dc in the next st, skip the ch sp, rep from * to the last dc3tog, dc in the last dc3tog, turn. (1 dc, 17 dc clusters)

Rows 40 to 52: Repeat Rows 38 to 39.

Leave a long tail of yarn for sewing, and cut the yarn. Repeat for the second sleeve.

Check the fit around the widest part of your arm. If it is too loose, you can frog back 2 to 4 rows for a better fit. If it is too tight, repeat Rows 13 to 16 once or twice, and check the fit again.

SLEEVE JOINING

Join the sleeves to the body of the coat. Turn both sleeves and the body of the coat to the wrong side, with the sleeve tip placed on the shoulder tip, and work sc around both the shoulder and the body of the coat, and continue to the remaining stitches on the sleeves. Cut the yarn. Sew the side seam of each sleeve together using mattress stitch. Fasten off and break the yarn.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. Treat the coat gently: hand wash cold and lay flat to dry. Do not bleach. Reshape while damp.

TIPS FOR A NEAT COAT

- Count every row. Every rectangular panel has 74 stitches in every row in size S, and the waist starts with 128 half double crochet stitches. If your count is off, check the row you just worked before going on.
- Check your gauge before the first panel. The panels set the size of the whole coat, and a coat that starts too narrow stays too narrow for all nine panels.
- Keep the triangles pointing up. The apex of each triangle sits at the waist, and the flare opens toward the hem.
- Mark the bust markers carefully. The markers at the 11th chain space on either side set the front and back sections, so count them twice.
- Try the sleeve on as you go. The pattern grows the sleeve in clusters, and it is easy to add or remove a repeat of Rows 13 to 16 before the cuff shaping begins.

VARIATIONS

- Make it in one color: work all nine panels, the waist, the bust, and the sleeves in a single color to show the cable panels clearly.
- Make it shorter: work fewer rows in the rectangular panels and the triangles, keeping the two the same length.
- Make it wider: add rows to the rectangular panels in pairs, keeping the cable repeat, until the skirt wraps with room to spare.
- Change the colors: the original uses five colors, but any combination works, and color blocking the panels is a lovely option.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Fosbas Designs: Crochet Coat, https://fosbasdesigns.com/crochet-coat-pattern/

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