CROCHET CROP TOP: EVERYDAY CROP TOP

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Jenny and Teddy design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Not stated by the source. The pattern uses only single crochet, double crochet, and herringbone double crochet, with no shaping, so it suits a confident beginner. The source also has a video tutorial.

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand 24/7 Cotton, weight 4 aran yarn, in one color. About 700 yards for size small to medium.
- Crochet hook: 4.25 mm. A 5.0 mm hook will do as well.
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- 5 wooden buttons, each about 1 inch wide

GAUGE

3 herringbone double crochet stitches = 1 inch. Work a bit tight, but not too tight.

FINISHED SIZE

One size, small to medium, for a bust of 30 to 33 inches. The finished piece is one rectangle measuring 9.5 inches deep by 29 inches long.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

dc: double crochet

hbdc: herringbone double crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

sk: skip

PATTERN NOTES

- The top is made from one rectangle, then folded and finished with a single crochet edge, five wooden buttons, and two lacy straps.
- The turning ch 3 counts as 1 double crochet.
- The source gives no row count for the body: work Row 2 until the piece measures 9.5 inches deep, and measure as you go.
- Gauge is approximate: 91 stitches at 3 stitches to 1 inch measures about 30 inches, while the source states the finished rectangle as 29 inches long. Trust your tape measure and the stated 29 inch length, not the gauge math alone.

BODY RECTANGLE

Foundation chain: Chain 93 (90 chains plus 3).

Row 1: Skip the first 3 chains from the hook (the skipped chains count as 1 double crochet). Work 1 hbdc in the next chain and in every chain until the end of the row. Chain 3 and turn. (91 stitches: 90 hbdc plus the turning chain 3, which counts as 1 dc)

Row 2: Skip the first stitch. Work 1 hbdc in the next stitch and in every stitch until the end of the row, working the last hbdc in the chain 3 of the previous row. Chain 3 and turn. (91 stitches)

Rows 3 and beyond: Repeat Row 2 until the piece measures 9.5 inches deep. Do not fasten off yet. (91 stitches in every row; the number of rows is not stated by the source)

BOTTOM EDGE

Work 3 rows of single crochet along the long edge of the rectangle, working 1 sc in each stitch and chaining 1 to turn at the end of each row. (91 sc in each row, 273 sc in total across the 3 rows)

SIDE EDGE

Work the edge of one side only: work 1 sc in each space along the side for 1 row, chain 1 to turn, then keep working sc in each stitch until the side edge measures nearly 1 inch deep. Fasten off. (The stitch count per row is not stated by the source: it equals the number of row ends along the side, which depends on how many body rows you worked to reach 9.5 inches.)

ASSEMBLY

- Lay the piece flat, then fold each side in until the sides meet.
- Use a yarn needle to sew on the 5 wooden buttons, each about 1 inch wide, then close the gap between the buttons by sewing with the yarn needle.
- Set the body aside while you make the straps.

STRAPS (make 2)

Foundation chain: Chain 34 (32 chains plus 2).

Row 1: Skip 2 chains from the hook. Work 1 dc in the next chain, then repeat across: chain 1, skip 1 chain, work 1 dc in the next chain. At the end, 1 chain is left: work 1 dc in it. Chain 2 and turn. (17 dc and 15 chain 1 spaces)

Row 2: Work 1 dc in the same stitch, then repeat across: chain 1, work 1 dc in the next chain space. At the end, work 1 dc in the chain 2 space from the previous row. Chain 2 and turn. (17 dc and 15 chain 1 spaces)

Rows 3 to 9: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. (9 rows in total; 17 dc and 15 chain 1 spaces in every row)

ATTACH THE STRAPS

- Use a yarn needle and the long tail to sew each strap to the crop top body, following the placement in the source photos and video tutorial.
- Weave in all yarn ends with the yarn needle.

FINISHING

- Try the top on: the rectangle wraps the body, the buttons close the back, and the straps sit on the shoulders.
- Check the stitch counts as you work: the body holds 91 stitches in every row, the bottom edge holds 91 sc in each of its 3 rows, and each strap row holds 17 dc with 15 chain 1 spaces.

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