CROCHET MESH TOP: CLOVER STITCH MESH TOP

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Leelee Knits design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Not stated by the source. The designer describes the clover stitch as one of the easiest mesh stitches, worked by repeating two rows with the clusters offset in each row. The pattern uses only chain, single crochet, and double crochet stitches.

MATERIALS

- DK weight cotton blend yarn, Paintbox Yarns Cotton Mix DK in Pure Black or a color of your choice: 500 yards for XS, 540 yards for S, 590 yards for M, 650 yards for L, 720 yards for XL, 800 yards for 2XL.
- Crochet hook: size F5 (3.75 mm)
- Tapestry or yarn needle
- Scissors
- Measuring tape

GAUGE

16 stitches by 7 rows to 4 inches in double crochet. Make a gauge swatch before you start, because the fit of this top depends on matching gauge.

FINISHED SIZE

Sizes XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL). Finished bust circumference: 38 (42, 46, 50, 54, 58) inches. The top is loose fitting, with plenty of ease around the bust. Each panel measures 15.5 (15.5, 15.5, 16.5, 16.5, 17.5) inches in length.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

ch sp: chain space

sc: single crochet

dc: double crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

PATTERN NOTES

- The top is worked flat, with one back panel and one front panel.
- The panels are seamed together at the sides and shoulders with a whip stitch.
- The bottom and neckline trim, as well as the sleeve cuffs, are worked by single crocheting in the round around the bottom edge, neckline, and armholes once the panels have been seamed together.
- The clover stitch is worked by alternating groups of three double crochets with a chain stitch, and repeating two rows with the clusters offset in each row.

BACK PANEL

Chain 77 (85, 93, 101, 109, 117).

Row 1: Work one double crochet in the 4th chain from the hook (the skipped chains count as the first double crochet) and in the next chain. Then work the following repeat across: chain 1, skip the next chain, work one double crochet in each of the next 3 chains. Repeat from the start of that sequence to the end of the row. Chain 4 (this counts as the first double crochet and chain 1 space of the next row) and turn.

Row 2: Skip the first 2 double crochets, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, chain 1 and skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat to the end of the row. Chain 3 and turn.

Row 3: Work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: chain 1, skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat to the end of the row (the last 2 double crochets of the row are worked in the first 2 chains of the turning chain). Chain 4 and turn.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until the work measures 15.5 (15.5, 15.5, 16.5, 16.5, 17.5) inches in length. Fasten off and continue to the front panel.

FRONT PANEL

Work the front panel exactly like the back panel until 4 rows remain (do not fasten off). Shape the neckline as follows for the remaining 4 rows.

Neckline shaping, right side

Row 1: Skip the first two double crochets, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, chain 1 and skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11) more times, chain 1 and turn.

Row 2: Slip stitch in the same stitch and in the next 4 stitches, chain 3, work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: chain 1, skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat to the end of the row, chain 4 and turn.

Row 3: Skip the first two double crochets, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, chain 1 and skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9) more times, chain 1 and turn.

Row 4: Slip stitch in the same stitch and in the next 4 stitches, chain 3, work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: chain 1, skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat to the end of the row. Fasten off and continue to the neckline shaping, left side.

Neckline shaping, left side

Count 13 stitches down from the last stitch of the right side, then attach yarn in the next stitch and chain 4.

Row 1: Skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, chain 1 and skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat to the end of the row, chain 3 and turn.

Row 2: Work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: chain 1, skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) more times, chain 1 and turn.

Row 3: Slip stitch in the same stitch and in the next 4 stitches, chain 4, skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, chain 1 and skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat to the end of the row, chain 3 and turn.

Row 4: Work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: chain 1, skip the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next double crochet, work one double crochet in the next chain 1 space, work one double crochet in the next double crochet. Repeat 3 (4, 5, 6, 7, 8) more times.

Fasten off and continue to seaming.

SEAMING

Use a whip stitch to seam the panels together at the shoulders and sides, leaving room for armholes. The source refers to a diagram for the side seam measurements, and that diagram is not given as text, so no armhole depth figure is stated here. Continue to the bottom trim.

BOTTOM TRIM

Join yarn in a chain near one of the side seams. Begin crocheting in the round as follows:

Round 1: Chain 1, work one single crochet in the same stitch. Work one single crochet in each chain that has a double crochet worked into it, skipping the chain 1 spaces (that is, work one single crochet in 3 out of every 4 chains). Join to the first single crochet of the round with a slip stitch.

Rounds 2 and 3: Chain 1, work one single crochet in the same stitch. Work one single crochet in each single crochet around and join to the first single crochet with a slip stitch.

Fasten off and continue to the sleeve cuffs.

SLEEVE CUFFS

Join yarn in a turning chain space near the side seam and begin crocheting in the round as follows:

Round 1: Chain 1, work one single crochet in the same stitch and in the same turning chain space. Work 2 single crochets in each turning chain space around. Join to the first single crochet of the round with a slip stitch.

The source gives only this one round for the sleeve cuffs, so no further cuff rounds are stated here.

NECKLINE TRIM

Join yarn in a stitch near the center of the back of the neckline. Begin crocheting in the round as follows:

Round 1: Chain 1, work one single crochet in the same stitch. Work one single crochet in each stitch around the neckline (when you reach a turning chain space at the neckline shaping, work 2 single crochets in each turning chain space). Join to the first single crochet with a slip stitch.

Round 2: Chain 1, work one single crochet in the same stitch. Work one single crochet in each single crochet around and join to the first single crochet with a slip stitch.

Fasten off, weave in all loose ends, and enjoy your new crochet mesh top!

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