CROCHET SPIRAL SWEATER

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

SKILL LEVEL

Not stated by the source. The pattern is worked freehand and grows as you go, so it suits a crocheter who is comfortable with double crochet, increases, and following stitch markers.

MATERIALS

- Weight 4 acrylic yarn, approximately 1400 yards for size L, in two colors
- Crochet hook: 5.0 mm for the main panel
- Crochet hook: 5.25 mm for the sleeves in size L or larger
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

GAUGE

Not stated by the source, so no gauge figure is given here and none has been invented. Check the width of your panel as you work, since the panel grows round by round and sets the size of the sweater.

FINISHED SIZE

Not stated as a fixed measurement by the source. Sizing is flexible: the smallest size stops at the end of round 18, and medium and larger sizes continue with plain double crochet rows until the panel reaches the width you want.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

dc: double crochet

hdc: half double crochet

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

BLO: back loop only

PATTERN NOTES

- The sweater is made from two identical spiral body panels, plus two sleeves.
- Each round uses two colors. Always begin with Color 1 for each new round.
- Begin each color section with a double crochet increase, and place a stitch marker in the first stitch.
- Work increases with single double crochet stitches between each increase, increasing the number of single double crochets by one each round.
- End each color section with the same number of double crochets placed between increases.

FOUNDATION ROUND

Chain 4 and slip stitch to form a ring, or use a magic ring.

With Color 1, double crochet 6 times into the center ring, then hold the loop aside.

Attach Color 2 and double crochet 6 times into the center.

Pull the tail of Color 1 to tighten the center hole.

SPIRAL PANEL, ROUNDS 2 TO 12

Work the spiral as described in the pattern notes, increasing one single double crochet between increases each round.

Continue until round 12 is complete.

SQUARING OFF THE SPIRAL, ROUNDS 13 TO 18

Round 13: Mark the third regular increase as a corner, and work double crochet, chain 2, double crochet in that stitch. Continue working the same increases to the second corner, repeat the corner stitch, then double crochet to complete the section.

Round 14: Work corners with double crochet, chain 2, double crochet, then double crochet to the first increase and half double crochet to the next corner, then double crochet to the corner, repeating around.

Rounds 15 to 18: Repeat the corner stitch and continue shaping, using double crochet, half double crochet, and single crochet sections as established.

For size small, stop at the end of round 18.

SIZING ROWS

For medium and larger sizes, continue with plain double crochet rows, keeping the corners as double crochet, chain 2, double crochet, until the panel reaches the width you want.

ENDING THE SPIRAL AND SHOULDER SHAPING

End the final round with slope stitches: work 2 half double crochet, 2 single crochet, 2 slip stitch, then slip stitch into the corner and cut the yarn.

On the remaining color, place stitch markers 18 stitches from the corners to form the neckline.

Shoulder Row 1: Start at a corner and work double crochet to the marker, chain 1, cut the yarn. Then start at the second marker, chain 2, double crochet to the corner, chain 1, cut the yarn.

Shoulder Row 2: Turn, attach the other color, and double crochet across both shoulder sections, cutting the yarn at each end and leaving a long tail on one panel.

Repeat the whole panel process to create the second body panel.

SLEEVES: RIBBED CUFF

Leave a long tail for sewing.

Chain 10.

Single crochet in the second chain and across for 9 stitches.

Chain 1, turn, and single crochet in the back loop only for 24 rows.

SLEEVE BODY

Switch to the 5.25 mm hook for size L or larger.

Chain 2, turn, work down the ribbing side and double crochet, increasing in each side stitch, ending with 48 stitches.

Chain 1, cut the yarn, attach the other color, chain 2, double crochet across, increasing at the last stitch, chain 1, cut the yarn.

Repeat for 2 more rows.

Continue with double crochet rows, alternating colors, until the sleeve reaches the length you want, leaving a long tail.

Make two sleeves.

ASSEMBLY

- Sew the shoulder seams using the long tail.
- Fold a sleeve, mark the midpoint, pin it to the shoulder, then sew the sleeve to the body.
- Fold the sweater with wrong sides together and use the sleeve cuff tail to sew the sleeve seam, then continue down the body side.

NECKLINE RIBBING

Attach the yarn, single crochet around the neckline, and slip stitch to join.

Chain 7, single crochet in the second chain and across for 6 stitches.

Slip stitch into the next three stitches of the neckline.

Turn, single crochet in the back loop only up 6 stitches.

Chain 1, turn, single crochet in the back loop only down 6 stitches.

Slip stitch into the next three stitches.

Repeat around the neckline.

Chain 2, seam the ribbing edges with slip stitch, and fasten off, weaving in the ends.

FINISHING

- Weave in every yarn end neatly on the inside of the work.
- Check the spiral: the two colors should wind evenly, with no puckering at the center and no gaps at the corners.
- Check the fit: the shoulders should sit flat, the sleeves should reach the length you want, and the neckline ribbing should lie flat around the neck.

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