CROCHET TOP: BEAUTIFUL LACE UP TOP IN 4 EASY SIZES

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FINISHED SIZE

Without the straps. S: 21 cm (8.4 in) tall x 43 cm (17 in) wide. M: 21 cm (8.4 in) tall x 46 cm (18 in) wide. L: 23 cm (9.1 in) tall x 49 cm (19.3 in) wide. XL: 23 cm (9.1 in) tall x 52 cm (20.5 in) wide.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy plus. You need chains, single crochet, half double crochet, and double crochet, plus basic sewing for the straps. There is no shaping anywhere in the top.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is a single long strip with no shaping, so most crocheters finish it in a few relaxed evenings.

MATERIALS

- Lion Brand Feels Like Butta in Dusty Pink, 2 skeins, for the body and the straps.
- Sirdar Cotton DK in Chilled Rose, 1 skein, or any other DK or light weight (3) yarn in 100% cotton in a light pink or blush, for the front tie.
- 5 mm crochet hook for the body and the straps.
- 4 mm crochet hook for the front tie.
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. ch sp: chain space. dc: double crochet. hdc: half double crochet. sc: single crochet. sk: skip. st(s): stitch(es). eor: end of row.

NOTES

This pattern is written in US crochet terms. Sizes are written S, (M), [L], *XL* through the pattern. The body is one long strip that is folded so the seam sits at the center front, with the chain arch edging facing down. The starting chain sets how far the strip reaches around the body, and the number of rows sets how tall the top is. The first ch 3 of a double crochet row counts as a double crochet.

GAUGE

10 dc = 9 cm (3.5 in) and 3 rows = 4 cm (1.5 in) using a 5 mm crochet hook. Check your gauge before you start: 106 dc at this gauge measure about 95 cm (37.5 in) along the strip in size S.

THE BODY (one long strip, folded to make the top)

With the 5 mm hook and Feels Like Butta yarn, chain 105 plus 3 for the base chain (109 plus 3), [115 plus 3], *119 plus 3*. That is 108 (112, 118, 122) chains in total.

Row 1: Dc in the 4th ch from the hook, and dc in each ch until the end of the row. The first ch 3 counts as a dc. (106 dc: 105 worked dc plus the ch 3. M: 110 dc. L: 116 dc. XL: 120 dc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as a dc), dc in the 2nd dc from the previous row and in each dc until the end of the row. (106 dc. M: 110 dc. L: 116 dc. XL: 120 dc)

Rows 3 to 14 (for sizes L and XL, carry on until row 16): Repeat Row 2. (106 dc in every row. M: 110 dc. L: 116 dc. XL: 120 dc)

Row 15 (for sizes L and XL, row 17): Ch 1 (counts as a sc), sc in the 2nd dc from the previous row and in each dc until the end of the row. (106 sc. M: 110 sc. L: 116 sc. XL: 120 sc)

Row 16 (for sizes L and XL, row 18): [Ch 3, sk 1 st, sc in the next st] until the end of the row. This is the chain arch edging at the bottom of the top. (53 arches and 53 sc in size S. M: 55 arches and 55 sc. L: 58 arches and 58 sc. XL: 60 arches and 60 sc)

Fasten off and tidy up the loose ends.

STRAPS (make 2)

With the 5 mm hook and Feels Like Butta yarn, chain 50 (52), [54], *56*.

Row 1: Hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook, hdc in each ch until the end of the row. (49 hdc: 48 worked hdc plus the ch 2. M: 51 hdc. L: 53 hdc. XL: 55 hdc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as a hdc plus a ch sp), [sk 1 st, ch 1, hdc in the next st] until the end of the row.

Row 3: Ch 2 (counts as a hdc), hdc in the 2nd st and in each st until the end of the row.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew the strap onto the top.

FRONT TIE

With the 4 mm hook and Sirdar Cotton DK, chain 320. Fasten off and tidy up all loose ends.

TO MAKE UP THE TOP

Take the body of the top and fold it so that the seam is exactly at the center front, with the chain arch edging facing down. Place your straps at each side of the top, and count 14 (15), [16], *17* double crochet stitches from the armpit and attach the very edge of one strap to the top at that spot. Flip the top over with the strap, so as to sew the strap on the inside of the top, and sew the strap onto the top. Do the exact same on the back part of the top to secure the other side of the strap, again counting the right number of double crochet stitches for your size from the armpit. Repeat for the second strap on the other side of the top.

Once the straps are secured, place the top face up, with the seam at the center once again. Take the cotton lace chain, and measure it so that it is perfectly folded in two, and start lacing it into the top, starting from the bottom. Place each lace tie side between two double crochet stitches on either side of the top, and lace up the tie chain into each row, and tie it into a knot at the top of the project.

Tidy up all loose ends.

CARE

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

TIPS FOR A NEAT TOP

- Count every row. Every double crochet row has the same stitch count: 106 in size S, 110 in size M, 116 in size L, and 120 in size XL. If your count is off, check the row you just worked before going on.
- Check your gauge before Row 2. The strip should measure about 95 cm (37.5 in) long in size S once a few rows are worked. A strip that starts too narrow stays too narrow for every row.
- Keep the chain arch edging at the bottom. The arches face down when the top is folded, and the tie laces through them from the bottom up.
- Count the strap placement from the armpit on both sides. The straps sit 14 double crochet stitches from the armpit in size S, 15 in size M, 16 in size L, and 17 in size XL.
- Fold the tie chain in two before lacing it in, so both ends meet at the top for the knot.

VARIATIONS

- Make it longer: keep adding rows of double crochet before the single crochet row, until the strip is as tall as you want. The stitch count does not change.
- Make it wider: add chains to the starting chain in pairs, keeping the arch row even, so the strip reaches further around the body.
- Change the color: work the body in any soft solid color to show the double crochet, and use a contrasting cotton for the tie.
- Wear it layered: the lace up front looks lovely over a camisole, and the top pairs well with jeans or dungarees.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Selina Veronique Crochet: Crochet The Summer Skies Crop Top, https://www.selinaveronique.com/crochet-beautiful-summer-skies-dusty-pink-crop-top

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