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V-Topper

with

SIMPLY SOFT

designed by Reneé Barnes
TECHNIQUE USED: Crochet

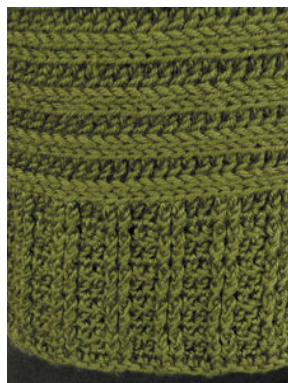


SIZES
S/M (L/1X, 2X/3X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Chest 40 (47, 54)"/101.5 (119.5, 137)cm
Length 25"/63.5cm, measured from back neck
Note: V-Topper is oversized

MATERIALS
Caron International's Simply Soft® (100% Acrylic): 24 (29, 34) oz
Shown in: #9758 Forest Floor
One size US H-8 (5mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge (for post stitch ribbing only).
One size US I-9 (5.5mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.
Stitch markers
Yarn needle

GAUGE
In rib pattern, with larger hook, 28 sts and 18 rows = 8"/20.5cm



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STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc),
single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st)

schematic

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SPECIAL TERMS

dsst: Double slip stitch—Insert hook in same dc (dc that was just worked into), yarn over and draw up a loop; insert hook into next dc, yarn over and draw loop through dc and through the 2 loops on hook.

BPdc: Back-post double crochet—Yarn over, insert hook from back to front and then to back again around post of stitch, yarn over and draw up loop, complete as dc.

FPdc: Front-post double crochet—Yarn over, insert hook from front to back and then to front again around post of stitch, yarn over and draw up loop, complete as dc.

NOTES

1. V-Topper is made in one piece from lower back edge, up over shoulders and down to lower front edge.
2. When work reaches armhole, sleeve chains are added to each end of row to form base of sleeves.
3. When work reaches neck, stitches are left unworked for back neck, and the fronts are worked separately until neck is shaped. Then work continues in one piece down to lower front edge.
4. Dc rows are worked in the back loops only. For added stability, work the first and last st in both loops.

TOPPER

Beginning at lower back edge, with smaller hook, ch 72 (84, 96).

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across, turn—70 (82, 94) dc.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in next dc, *FPdc around next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in next dc, *BPdc around next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Rows 4-9: Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times.

Row 10: Ch 3, dc in next dc, *FPdc around next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Change to larger hook.

Row 11: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Row 12: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each st across, turn.

Rows 13-22: Repeat last 2 rows 5 more times.

Shape Sleeves

Row 23: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, ch 22 (for sleeve), turn.

Remove loop from hook. Do not fasten off. Set current ball of yarn aside.

Attach other sleeve chain: With separate ball of yarn, join yarn with sl st at beginning of Row 23 (at opposite end of Row 23 from the ch 22 sleeve chain just made), ch 20 (for sleeve). Fasten off. Insert hook back in dropped loop from original ball of yarn (at other end of Row

23).

Row 24: Dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 18 ch; working in back loops only, dc in each dsst across to other sleeve ch, dc in 20 ch of other sleeve ch, turn—110 (122, 134) dc.

Row 25: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Row 26: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each st across, turn.

Rows 27–50: Repeat last 2 rows 12 more times.

Row 51: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Divide for Neck – First Front

Place a stitch marker in the 38th (44th, 50th) st and the 72nd (78th, 84th) st. These markers indicate the beginning and end of the back neck.

Row 52: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each st to first marked st, dc in marked st, turn; leave the remaining sts unworked (for neck and second front)—38 (44, 50) dc.

Row 53: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Row 54: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each st across to last st, 2 dc in last st, turn—39 (45, 51) dc.

Row 55: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Rows 56–59: Repeat last 2 rows twice—41 (47, 53) dc.

Row 60: Ch 3, turn, working in back loops only, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 dc in last 2 sts, turn—43 (49, 55) dc.

Row 61: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Rows 62–71: Repeat last 2 rows 5 more times—53 (59, 65) dc.

Row 72: Ch 3, turn, working in back loops only, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, 2 dc in last 2 sts—55 (61, 67) dc.

Fasten off.

Second Front

Sk 34 unworked sts following first front (for neck). Join yarn with sl st in next st (at marker). Remove the neck markers.

Row 52: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each st across, turn—38 (44, 50) dc.

Row 53: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Row 54: Ch 3, working in back loops only, 2 dc in next st, dc in each remaining st across, turn—39 (45, 51) dc.

Row 55: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Rows 56–59: Repeat last 2 rows twice—41 (47, 53) dc.

Row 60: Ch 3, working in back loops only, 2 dc in next 2 sts, dc in each remaining st across, turn—43 (49, 55) dc.

Row 61: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Rows 62–71: Repeat last 2 rows 5 more times—53 (59, 65) dc.

Row 72: Ch 3, working in back loops only, 2 dc in next 2 sts, dc in each remaining st across, turn—55 (61, 67) dc.

Join Fronts

Row 73: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across sts of second front and then across sts of first front to last dc of first front, sl st in last dc of first front, turn—110 (122, 134) sts.

Row 74: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 75: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in

last dc, turn.

Rows 76–85: Repeat last 2 rows 5 more times.

Row 86: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each st across.

Fasten off.

Shape Sleeves

Place a stitch marker in the 21st st and the 90th (102nd, 114th) st.

These markers indicate the ends of the sleeves.

Row 87: Sk the first 20 dc and join yarn with sc in 21st st (marked), *dsst; repeat from * across to next marked dc, sl st in marked dc, turn; leave remaining 20 dc unworked—70 (82, 94) sts. Remove the sleeve markers.

Row 88: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 89: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Rows 90–99: Repeat last 2 rows 5 more times.

Change to smaller hook.

Row 100: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Row 101: Ch 3, dc in next dc, *BPdc around next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Row 102: Ch 3, dc in next dc, *FPdc around next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Rows 103–108: Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times.

Row 109: Ch 3, dc in next dc, *BPdc around next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * across.

Fasten off.

HOOD

With larger hook, ch 40.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across, turn—38 dc.

Row 2: Sc in first dc, *dsst; repeat from * across to last dc, sl st in last dc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, working in back loops only, dc in each st across, turn.

Rows 4–57: Repeat last 2 rows 27 more times.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Work seams with larger hook.

Seam Hood: Fold hood in half, bringing RS together and first row to meet last row. Working through both thicknesses, sc across one long edge for back seam (seam the side edges, don't sc first row to last row). Fasten off.

Attach Hood: With RS together and matching center back of hood to center back neck of sweater, working through both thicknesses, sc evenly across to attach hood to back neck of sweater. Fasten off.

Seam Sleeves and Sides: With RS together, match lower edges of sleeves, underarms, and side edges of sweater, working through both thicknesses, sc evenly across sleeve and side edges to seam. Fasten off.

Neck and Hood Edging

With RS facing and smaller hook, join yarn with sl st in V at center front of sweater.

Row 1: Ch 3, dc evenly around neck and hood edge all the way around to the center front again, turn. **Note:** For best results, ensure that you have a multiple of 4 sts + 2, worked around the edge.

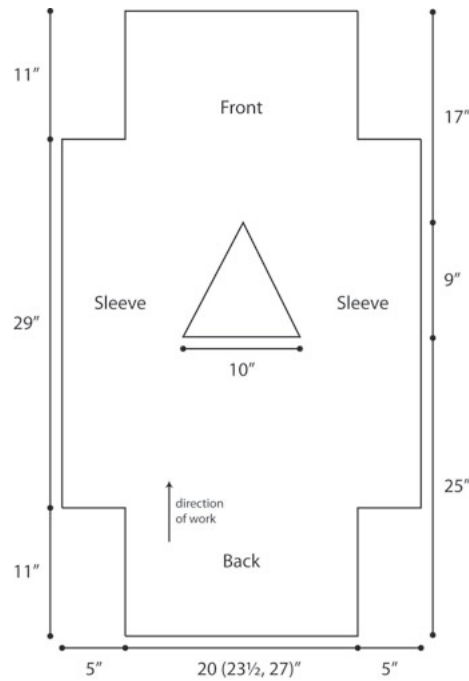
Row 2: Ch 3, dc in next dc, *BPdc around next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in next dc; *FPdc around next 2 dc, dc in next 2 dc; repeat from * across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Overlap the front edges and sew together.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

Drawstring: Make a chain 72" long. Starting at the lower front edge of the V-neck, weave the drawstring up the side of the V, through the hood, and down the other side of the V. Weave it along the edge, under the post stitches. Pull drawstring to desired tightness and tie in front



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