



## Casual Summer Top

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DESCRIPTION SIZING

This fun and stylish piece is the perfect piece for cooler summer days.

Crocheted in Caron Simply Soft.

### Abbreviations

**Ch(s)** = Chain(s)

**Dc** = double crochet

**Dc2tog** = (Yoh. Draw up a loop in next st. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.

**RS** = right side

**sc** = single crochet

**Sl st** = Slip stitch

**WS** = wrong side

### Details & Instructions

#### MEASUREMENTS

Finished bust measurement

**S** 48 ins [122 cm]

**M** 52 ins [132 cm]

**L** 56 ins [142 cm]

**XL** 60 ins [152.5 cm]

**2XL** 64 ins [162.5 cm]

**3XL** 68 ins [172.5 cm]

**4XL** 72 ins [183 cm]

## Finished length measurement

<b>S</b>	<b>16 ins [40.5 cm]</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>17 ins [43 cm]</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>18 ins [45.5 cm]</b>
<b>XL</b>	<b>19 ins [48.5 cm]</b>
<b>2XL</b>	<b>20 ins [51 cm]</b>
<b>3XL</b>	<b>21 ins [53.5 cm]</b>
<b>4XL</b>	<b>22 ins [56 cm]</b>

## MATERIALS

### Top

Simply Soft (170 g/6. oz; 288 m/315 yds)

	Sizes	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
<b>Main Color (MC)</b>								
 Light Country Blue (9709)		2	3	3	4	4	4	5

Note: Top is designed to be very oversized at bust, with about 14" of ease. It is designed to be cropped length. One crochet hook size US I-9 (5.5 mm), or size to obtain gauge. Stitch markers. Yarn needle

### GAUGE

In pattern, 16 sts and 9 rows = 4 1/2"/11.5cm, after blocking. **Note:** 3 pattern repeats = about 7"/18cm. One pattern repeat consists of 3 dc and the ch-sps and sts worked before the next 3 dc.

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### SPECIAL STITCHES

**Fsc:** Foundation single crochet (This technique creates a foundation chain and a row of single crochet stitches in one) –

Step 1: Place a slip knot on hook, ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet").

Step 2: Insert hook into the "chain" of the previous stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet"). Repeat for the length of foundation.

#### NOTE

Before beginning garment, it is very important to swatch and block your swatch to ensure correct gauge.

#### HELPFUL

To increase or decrease the width of the top, add or subtract a multiple of 8 sts in the Foundation Row.

To lengthen the top, work additional repeats of Rows 2 and 3 before neck shaping. End with a Row 2 (RS) before beginning the neck shaping.

If increasing the width, or lengthening the top, be sure to purchase extra yarn.

#### BACK

**Foundation Row:** Fsc 83 (**91**, 99, **107**, 115, **123**, 131) sts, turn.

**Row 1:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st here and throughout), dc in first 3 sc, \*ch 4, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc, ch 4, sk next 2 sc, dc in next 3 sc; repeat from \* across, turn—10 (**11**, 12, **13**, 14, **15**, 16) pattern repeats.

**Row 2 (RS):** Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, \*ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from \* across, turn.

Mark this side as RS.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, \*ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from \* across, turn.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until piece measures 15 (16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21)"/38 (40.5, 43, 45.5, 48.5, 51, 53.5)cm from beginning, or 1 1/2.5cm less than desired length, end with a RS row (Row 2).

### **Shape Neck and First Shoulder**

#### **Sizes S (L, 1X, 3X) Only**

**Row 1 (WS):** Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, turn—3 (4, 4, 5) pattern repeats.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

#### **Sizes M (2X, 4X) Only**

**Row 1 (WS):** Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc2tog over next 2 dc, turn—3 1/2 (4 1/2, 5 1/2) pattern repeats.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, dc in first 6 dc, [ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

### **Shape Neck and Second Shoulder**

#### **Sizes S (L, 1X, 3X) Only**

With WS facing, sk next 8 (8, 10, 10) unworked ch-2 sps following first shoulder, join yarn with sl st in next dc.

**Row 1 (WS):** Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in next 2 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, turn—3 (4, 4, 5) pattern repeats.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 4, 5) times working the last dc in the top of the beginning ch, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

#### **Sizes M (2X, 4X) Only**

With WS facing, sk next 8 (10, 10) unworked ch-2 sps following first shoulder, join yarn with sl st in next dc.

**Row 1 (WS):** Ch 1, beginning in same dc as join, dc2tog over first 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, turn—3 1/2 (4 1/2, 5 1/2) pattern repeats.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, dc in last 3 dc, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

### **FRONT**

Work same as back until piece measures 14 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20)"/35.5 (38, 40.5, 43, 45.5, 48.5 51)cm from beginning.

#### **Sizes S (L, 1X, 3X) Only**

##### **Shape Neck and Shoulders**

Work same as neck and shoulders of back. Do not fasten off. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 once more. **Note:** Front should measure about same as back. Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

#### **Sizes M (2X, 4X) Only**

##### **Shape Neck and First Shoulder**

Work same as neck and first shoulder of back. Do not fasten off.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, dc in last 3 dc, turn.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2 of neck and first shoulder of back.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

##### **Shape Neck and Second Shoulder**

Work same as neck and second shoulder of back. Do not fasten off.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, dc in first 6 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, turn—3 1/2 (4 1/2, 5 1/2) pattern repeats.

**Row 4:** Repeat Row 2 of neck and second shoulder of back.  
Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

## FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements shown in schematic. Sew shoulder seams, taking care to match the ch-2 sps and the dc groups. Place markers on front and back, 8 (8, 8 1/2, 9, 9, 10, 10)"/20.5 (20.5, 21.5, 23, 23, 25.5, 25.5)cm below shoulder seam (for armholes). Sew sides together, taking care to match rows, from lower edge up to markers. Remove markers.

### Neck Edging

With RS facing, join yarn with sl st in shoulder seam.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, sc evenly around neck edge; join with sl st in beginning ch-1. Note: Designer recommends working 1 sc in each dc, 2 sc in each ch-2 sp, and 2 sc in each dc row edge.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in beginning ch-1. Note: If a snugger neck is desired, repeat Round 2. Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

