





Designed by Salena Baca

What you will need:

RED HEART* Fashion Soft™: 4 (5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) balls 4515 Caribbean

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 4.5mm [US 7]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 18 dc = 4" [10 cm]; 10½ rows = 4" [10 cm] in double crochet. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Fashion Soft™, Art. E845 available

in 5 oz (141 g), 381 yd (348 m) balls

SHOP KIT



Relax-and-Unwind Sweater

This crochet sweater gives you a roomy, relaxed attitude while looking great! Lower border detail adds just the right finish with easy cluster stitches. Lightweight yarn can be worn with a tank in warmer weather or a turtleneck in cooler weather. Pattern is given for sizes X-Small to 3X.

Directions are for size X-Small; changes for sizes Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X and 3X are in parentheses.

Bust: 49 (51, 53, 55, 58, 60, 62)" [124 (130, 134, 140, 147, 152, 157) cm] **Length:** 24 (25½, 26½, 27½, 29, 30, 31)" [61 (65, 67.5, 70, 74, 76.5, 79) cm]

NOTES

Body is worked in one piece from lower edge of Front, up over shoulders and neck and down opposite side to lower edge of Back. Body is folded in half and side seams are crocheted together. Stitches for Sleeves are picked up along row edges and are worked to cuff edge. Stitches for Lower Border are picked up around lower edge of Body and are worked in the round to lower edge. Sweater is meant to be worn oversized.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

dc2tog: [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook.

2-dc cluster: [Yarn over, insert hook in same stitch or space, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops on hook.

SWEATER BODY Front

Ch 112 (117, 122, 127, 132, 137, 142). **Row 1:** Dc in third ch from hook (2 skipped chains do not a count as a st), dc in each ch across – 110 (115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140) dc.

Rows 2-58 (61, 64, 67, 70, 73, 76): Ch 2 (does not count as a st here and throughout), turn, dc in each dc across -110 (115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140) dc.

Shape Neck

Row 59 (62, 65, 68, 71, 74, 77): Ch 2, turn, dc in first 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44) sts, ch 46 (47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52), skip 46 (47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52) sts (neck opening formed), dc in last 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44) sts – 110 (115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140) sts.



Back

Row 60 (63, 66, 69, 72, 75, 78): Ch 2, turn, dc in each dc and ch across sts – 110 (115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140) dc. Rows 61 (64, 67, 70, 73, 76, 79)-117 (123, 129, 135, 141, 147, 153): Ch 2, turn, dc in each dc across – 110 (115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140) dc. Fasten off.

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First Side Seam

Row 1: With right side facing, join yarn in edge of Row 1 alongside edge with a slip st, work 2 sc in each row to last row - 234 (246, 258, 270, 282, 294, 306) sc. Row 2: With right sides together, fold piece in half along Row 59, lining up side sts, ch 1, turn to work alongside edges working through both layers, sc in next 86 (90, 94, 98, 102, 106, 110) sc to join side seams, leave remaining sts unworked for armhole. Fasten off.

Second Side Seam

With right side facing, join yarn in first row on opposite side seam with a slip st and work as for First Side Seam. Turn piece right side out

SLEEVE

Round 1 (Right Side): With right side facing, join yarn in first unworked st at underarm with a slip st. ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st around, slip st in top of beginning ch-3 to join - 62 (66, 70, 74, 78, 82, 86) dc. Round 2: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 60 (64, 68, 72, 76, 80, 84) dc. **Round 3:** Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 58 (62, 66, 70, 74, 78, 82) dc. Round 4: Ch 3. dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 56 (60, 64, 68, 72, 76, 80) dc. Round 5: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 54 (58, 62, 66, 70, 74, 78) dc. Round 6: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 52 (56, 60, 64, 68, 72, 76) dc. Round 7: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 50 (54, 58, 62, 66, 70, 74) dc.

Round 8: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts. dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 48 (52, 56, 60, 64, 68, 72) dc. Round 9: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 46 (50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 70) dc. Round 10: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 44 (48, 52, 56, 60, 64, 68) dc. Round 11: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 42 (46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66) dc. Round 12: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 40 (44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 64) dc. Round 13: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 38 (42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62) dc. Round 14: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts. dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 36 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60) dc. Round 15: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts. dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 34 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58) dc. Round 16: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, slip st in top of ch-3 - 32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56) dc. Rounds 17-21: Ch 1, sc in each st around. slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Border

Round 1: (Right Side) With right side facing, join yarn in first st at side seam along lower edge of Body working along lower edge, ch 2, [dc in next 5 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, 2-dc cluster in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts] 22 (23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28) times around – 110 (115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140) dc and 22 (23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28) 2-dc clusters.

Round 2: Ch 2, [dc in next 5 dc, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, (2-dc cluster, ch 2, 2-dc cluster) in next 2-dc cluster, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space] 22 (23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28) times – 110 (115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140) dc and 44 (46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56) 2-dc clusters.

Round 3: Ch 2, [dc in next 5 dc, skip next ch-2 space, (2-dc cluster, ch 2, 2-dc cluster, ch 2, 2-dc cluster, ch 2, 2-dc cluster) in next ch-2 space between 2-dc clusters of previous round, skip next ch-2 space] 22 (23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28) times, slip st in first dc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

ch = chain; cm = centimeters; dc =
double crochet; mm = millimeters;
sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es);
tog = together; [] = work directions in
brackets the number of times specified.

See next page for schematic and alternate photo





