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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 4) balls 4614 Black **A**, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) ball each 4601 Off White **B** and 9440 Light Grey Heather **C**

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4" (10 cm); 8 rows = 4" (10 cm) in double crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4oz (113g), 212 yd (194m) balls

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Four Square Retro Vest

Similar vests inspired by popular 1970s fashions are being seen on today's designer runways. This one was adapted from our collection of "Rib Tickler Vests" published in 1970. Crochet your own at a fraction of the designer version cost and choose the colors you desire.

Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, 1X, 2X and 3X are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 34 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54)" [86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 117, 127, 137) cm]

Finished Length: 20 (20, 21, 21, 23, 23)" [51 (51, 53.5, 53.5, 58.5, 58.5) cm]

Special Stitches

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 3 loops on hook.

picot = Ch 3, slip st in 3rd ch from hook.

Notes

1. Granny square is made in joined rounds with right side facing. Four granny squares are sewn together for center panel of front.
2. Side edging and armhole shaping are worked across sides of center panel. Lower section is worked across lower edges of center panel, side edgings, and armhole shaping.
3. Shoulders are worked across top edge of front and back. Front and back are sewn together at side edges and shoulders and finished with picot edging.
4. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Cut old color.

VEST

Granny Square (make 4)

With **A**, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc—8 sc.

Round 2: Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), dc in next sc, [ch 1, dc in next sc] 6 times, ch 1; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—8 dc and 8 ch-1 spaces.

Round 3: Slip st in first ch-1 space, ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), 2 dc in same space, *ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-1 space, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 space; repeat from * twice, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in last ch-1 space, ch 1; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—36 dc, 8 ch-1 spaces, and 4 ch-3 spaces. Fasten off.

Round 4: With right side facing, join **B** with slip st any ch-3 space, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same space, *[ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 space] twice, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 space; repeat from * twice, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 space] twice, ch 1; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—48 dc, 12 ch-1 spaces, and 4 ch-3 spaces. Fasten off.

Round 5: With right side facing, join **C** with slip st any ch-3 space, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same space (corner made), *[ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 space] 3 times, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 space (corner made); repeat from * twice, [ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 space] 3 times, ch 1; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—60 dc, 16 ch-1 spaces, and 4 ch-3 space corners. Fasten off.

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FRONT

Panel

With right sides facing, sew granny squares together to form the center square.

Edging Round: Join **A** with sc in any outer ch-3 space corner, 2 sc in same corner, evenly space 32 sc across to next outer corner, *3 sc in corner, evenly space 32 sc across to next outer corner; repeat from * twice; join with slip st in first sc—128 sc and four 3-sc groups. Fasten off.

Set Up Row (right side): With right side facing, join **C** with slip st in center st of 3-sc group at lower corner, ch 3, working up first side, dc in each st across to center st of next 3-sc group, 3 dc in center st; working across top edge, dc in next 7 sts, hdc in next 20 sts, dc in each st across to center st of next 3-sc group, 3 dc in center st; working down other side, dc in each st across to center st of next 3-sc group, dc in center st; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—20 hdc, 88 dc, and two 3-dc groups.

First Side Edging

Row 1 (wrong side): Ch 3, dc in each st to center st of first 3-dc group, dc in center st; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—37 dc.

Sizes Medium, Large, 1X, 2X, and 3X only:

Row 2 (2–5, 2–6, 2–6, 2–6): Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

Second Side Edging

Row 1 (wrong side): With wrong side facing and working in unworked sts of other edge, join **C** with slip st in center st of 3-dc group at top corner of Set Up Row, dc in each st across, turn—37 dc.

Work remaining rows for all sizes same as first side edging.

First Armhole Shaping

Row 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **A** with slip st in first st of 2nd side edging, ch 3, dc in each st across to last 6 sts, dc2tog; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—32 dc.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each remaining st; change to **C**, turn—31 dc.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each st to last 2 sts, dc2tog, turn—30 dc.

Row 4: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each remaining st; change to **A** in sizes Medium, 1X, 2X, and 3X only, turn—29 dc.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3—28 dc.
Fasten off sizes Small and Large only.

Sizes Medium, 1X, 2X, and 3X only:

Row 6: Repeat Row 4; change to **C** in sizes 2X and 3X only, turn—27 dc. Fasten off size Medium and 1X only.

Sizes 2X, and 3X only:

Rows 7 and 8 (7–10): Repeat Rows 3 and 4 once (twice)—25 (23) dc.
Fasten off.

Second Armhole Shaping

Row 1 (right side): With right side of first edge facing, skip ends of rows and first 4 sts, join **A** with slip st in next st, ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each remaining st across, turn —32 dc.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog working 2nd “leg” in top of beginning ch; change to **C**, turn—31 dc.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each remaining st, turn—30 dc.

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Row 4: Ch 3, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog working 2nd “leg” in top of beginning ch; change to **A** in sizes Medium, 1X, 2X, and 3X only, turn—29 dc.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3—28 dc.

Fasten off sizes Small and Large only.

Sizes Medium, 1X, 2X, and 3X only:

Row 6: Repeat Row 4; change to **C** in sizes 2X and 3X only, turn—27 dc. Fasten off size Medium and 1X only.

Sizes 2X, and 3X only:

Rows 7 and 8 (7–10): Repeat Rows 3 and 4 once (twice)—25 (23) dc.

Fasten off.

First Shoulder

Size Small only:

Row 1 (right side): With right side facing and working in ends of rows, join **A** with slip st in first row at top edge, ch 3, 2 dc in first st, dc in next 7 sts; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—10 dc.

Sizes Medium, Large, 1X, 2X, and 3X only:

Row 1 (right side): With right side facing and working in ends of rows, join **A** with slip st in first row at top edge, ch 3, 2 dc in next row, dc in next 0 (3, 4, 4, 4) rows; working in sts, dc in next 7 (4, 3, 3, 3) sts; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—10 dc.

All sizes:

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in each st across; change to **C**, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: Ch 3, dc in each st across; change to **A** at end of Row 4, turn.

Rows 5 and 6: Repeat Row 2.

Row 7: Ch 3, dc in each st across.

Fasten off sizes Small and Medium only.

Sizes Large, 1X, 2X, and 3X only:

Row 8: Ch 3, dc in each st across; change to **A**, turn.

Row 9: Ch 3, dc in each st across. Fasten off.

Second Shoulder

Size Small only:

Row 1 (right side): With right side of top edge facing, skip first 20 unworked sts, join **A** with slip st in next st, ch 3, dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in last st, dc in first row, turn—10 dc.

Sizes Medium, Large, 1X, 2X, and 3X only:

Row 1 (right side): With right side of top edge facing, skip first 22 (28, 30, 30, 30) unworked sts, join **A** with slip st in next st, ch 3, dc in next 6 (3, 2, 2, 2) sts; working in ends of rows, dc in next 0 (3, 4, 4, 4) row(s), 2 dc in next row, dc in next row, turn—10 dc. Work same as Rows 2–7 of first shoulder.

Sizes Large, 1X, 2X, and 3X only:

Work same as Rows 8 and 9 of first shoulder.

Lower Section

Row 1 (right side): With right side of lower edge facing, join **A** with slip st in first row, ch 3, working across ends of rows and in unworked sts of Edging Round, evenly space 59 (65, 73, 79, 87, 93) dc across, turn—60 (66, 74, 80, 88, 94) dc.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in each st across; change to **C**, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: Ch 3, dc in each st across; change to **A** at end of Row 4, turn.

Rows 5 and 6: Ch 3, dc in each st across; change to **C** at end of Row 6, turn.

Rows 7–10: Repeat Rows 3–6.

Row 11: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off sizes Small, Medium, Large, and 1X only.

Sizes 2X, and 3X only:

Rows 12: Ch 3, dc in each st across; change to **A**, turn.

Rows 13 and 14: Repeat Rows 5 and 6.

Row 15: Ch 3, dc in each st across. Fasten off.

BACK

With **A**, ch 62 (68, 76, 82, 90, 96).

Row 1 (right side): Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—60 (66, 74, 80, 88, 94) dc.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn. Repeat Row 2 until back measures 13 (12½, 13, 12½, 14, 13½)” [33 (32, 33, 32, 35.5, 34.5) cm] ending on a wrong side row.

Armhole Shaping

Row 1 (right side): Slip st in first 4 (6, 7, 8, 9, 12) sts, ch 3, dc in each st across to last 4 (6, 7, 8, 9, 12) sts; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—52 (56, 60, 64, 70, 70) dc.

Rows 2–7 (7, 6, 8, 11, 11): Ch 3, dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog working 2nd “leg” in top of beginning ch, turn—40 (42, 48, 50, 50, 50) dc.

Row(s) 8 (8 and 9, 7 and 8, 9 and 10, 12 and 13, 12–14): Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn. Fasten off.

First Shoulder

Row 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **A** with slip st in first st at top edge, ch 3, 2 dc in first st, dc in next 7 sts; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—10 dc.

Rows 2–5: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn. Fasten off sizes 2X and 3X only.

Sizes Small, Medium, Large and 1X only:

Row 6: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off sizes Small and Medium only.

Sizes Large and 1X only:

Row 7: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off size 1X only.

Size Large only:

Row 8: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off.

Second Shoulder

Row 1 (right side): With right side of top edge facing, skip first 22 (24, 30, 32, 32, 32) unworked sts, join **A** with slip st in next st, ch 3, dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in last st, dc in first row, turn—10 dc.

Work remaining rows for all sizes same as first shoulder.

FINISHING

Sew front and back together at shoulders and side edges.

Neck Edging

Round 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **A** with sc at shoulder seam, evenly space 93 (97, 127, 127, 119, 119) sc around; join with slip st in first sc—96 (100, 128, 128, 120, 120) sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 2 sc, *picot, skip next sc, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * around to last st, picot, skip last st; join with slip st in first sc—72 (75, 96, 96, 90, 90) sc and 24 (25, 32, 32, 30, 30) picots. Fasten off.

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Armhole Edging (work twice)

Round 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **A** with sc in upper edge of side seam, working in ends of rows, evenly space 67 (71, 83, 83, 83, 83) sc around armhole; join with slip st in first sc—68 (72, 84, 84, 84, 84) sc.

Round 2: Work same as Round 2 of neck edging—51 (54, 63, 63, 63, 63) sc and 17 (15, 21, 21, 21, 21) picots.

Lower Edging

Round 1 (right side): With right side of lower section facing, join **A** with sc in any st near side seam, evenly space 119 (131, 147, 159, 175, 187) sc around; join with slip st in first sc—120 (132, 148, 160, 176, 188) sc.

Round 2: Work same as Round 2 of neck edging—90 (99, 111, 120, 132, 141) sc and 30 (33, 37, 40, 44, 47) picots.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.;
ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet;
st(s) = stitch(es); **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

See Front & Back Schematics on next page



Single Square Retro Vest



Detail of Four Square Retro Vest

