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RED HEART

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Essentials Stripes™: 3 (3, 3, 4, 4) balls
7950 Pixie Stripe
Note For size 14, depending on your gauge, you may need an additional ball.

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
6.5mm [US K-10½]

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 12 dc = 4" (10 cm); 7 rows = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

5 BULKY

RED HEART® Soft Essentials Stripes™, Art E857 available in 4 oz (113 g), 110 yd (101 m) balls

Adorable Girl's Shrug

Add this easy shrug to your list of ideas to crochet for a young miss, sizes 6 to 14. The yarn is a bulky weight available in solids and prints--very drapey and comfy soft.

SHOP KIT

Directions are for size 6. Changes for sizes 8, 10, 12, and 14 are in parentheses.

Shrug measures: 24 (25, 26, 28, 30)" [61 (63.5, 66, 71, 76) cm] wide from armhole to armhole and 14 (15, 16, 17, 18)" [35.5 (38, 40.5, 43, 45.5) cm] long, without Edging.

Special Stitches
Fdc (foundation double crochet) =
Step 1: Ch 3, yarn over, insert hook in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch count as first dc), yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (first fdc completed).
Step 2: *Yarn over, insert hook into the "chain" of the previous stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (the "double crochet"). Repeat from * for the length of foundation.
Shell = [Ch 1, dc] 5 times in indicated stitch.

Special Technique
Join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

SHRUG
Body Panel
Foundation Row (right side): Work 73 (75, 79, 85, 91) fdc, turn—73 (75, 79, 85, 91) dc.
Row 1: Ch 1 loosely, dc in first 2 sts, *ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc; repeat from * across to last st, dc in last st, turn—37 (38, 40, 43, 46) dc and 36 (37, 39, 42, 45) ch-1 spaces.

Row 2: Ch 1 loosely, dc in each dc and ch-1 space across, turn—73 (75, 79, 85, 91) dc.

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Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 14 (15, 16, 17, 18)″ [35.5 (38, 40.5, 43, 45.5) cm], ending on Row 2. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing sleeve seam.

FINISHING

Referring to schematic, fold piece in half widthwise and pin ends of rows together across short edges, leaving 4 (4½, 5, 5½, 6)″ [10 (11.5, 12.5, 14, 15) cm] opening for armhole. Adjust armhole opening as needed for wearer's comfort and seam pinned edges together.

Edging Round: With right side of long edge facing, join yarn with sc in first dc near seam, skip next 2 dc, shell in next dc, *ch 1, skip next 2 dc, sc in next dc, skip next 2 dc, shell in next dc; repeat from * around, skipping more or less dc as needed to work shell pattern evenly around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends. Wet block, if desired.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

See next page for schematics

BODY PANEL

14 (15, 16, 17, 18)"
35.5 (38, 40.5, 43, 45.5) cm

24 (25, 26, 28, 30)" [61 (63.5, 66, 71, 76) cm]

Body Opening

Armhole

Armhole

Body Opening

4 (4½, 5, 5½, 6)"
10 (11.5, 12.5, 14, 15) cm

Armhole

Armhole

Fold