

**SUPER SIMPLE SUMMER CROP TOP** 



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Size: 6 - 8 years

#### **MATERIALS:**

- Hook 3mm
- DMC Natura YUMMY Just cotton



A – Jaune Indien 302.89 1 ball



**B** – Sichuan 302.99 1 ball

Stitch markers

**SKILL LEVEL** – Beginner to intermediate Approximate project time: 6 - 8 hours

## ABBREVIATIONS - CROCHET TERMS

Written in UK Terms dc – double crochet

htr - half treble crochet

ss – slip stitch

ch – chain

inc row - increase row

#### **CHANGING YARN AND COLOUR**

When changing yarn, use/add new colour to your work on the last loop of your final stitch, then proceed as pattern directs.

Working in third loop of HTR – this is the loop behind the htr; working into it will give a ridge effect.

**MARKING YOUR STITCHES** – be sure to mark the first STITCH you make – not the ch – so you know exactly where finish your row. Marking will aid with your stitch count.

The crop top is a fairly free size and will accommodate a child from 4-6 years – this is a piece that can grow with the child by becoming more of a bikini top the older they get.





Should you wish to make this smaller, simply start with less of a foundation chain and reduce the number of rows in the body of the work.

### CORD - YARN B

The cord used is a simple slip stitch chain cord – chain to the required length, then ss back along your chain. Again, with the back strap cord you can make this cord as short or long as you require.

The body of the top is constructed using the simple principle of making a triangle and increasing at either end of your row.

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## YARN A

Foundation ch 25 plus 1

Row 1: second chain from hook dc (24dc)

turn

**Row 2:** ch1 (does NOT count as a stitch), dc across in each and every stitch to end (24dc) turn

**Row 3** inc row: ch 2 (counts as 1 htr), htr across to final stitch, 2 htr in final stich (25htr) turn

ROW 4 This round is worked in the third loop of the HTR of previous round: ch1 (does NOT count as a stitch), dc across to final stitch, 2dc in final stitch (26dc) turn

Repeat rows 2&3 till you have 68 stitches

This should be row 44 and a dc row

**Row 45**: ch 2 (counts as 1 htr), htr across in each and every stitch (68htr) turn

ROW 46: This round is worked in the third loop of the HTR of previous round: ch1 (does NOT count as a stitch), dc across in each and every stitch (68dc) turn

Row 47: repeat row 45

Row 48: repeat row 46

Row 49: repeat row 45

Row 50: repeat row 46

Row 51: repeat row 45

Row 52: repeat row 46

**Row 53:** ch1 (does NOT count as a stitch), dc across in each and every stitch to end (68dc)

turn. Fasten off, weave in ends.



### YARN B EDGING

DC evenly around top. Important: be sure to place 3 dc in each of the four corners.

Continue the next round with a simple picot, ss ch 3, \*sk 1 stitch, ss in next stitch, sk 1 stitch, ch 3 repeat from \* around ss into base of ch 3 made.

Fasten off, weave in ends.

### **FINISHING**

Fix and sew in the two neck cords, each 50cm in length – these are positioned at the top corners.

Create a long cord over 1 metre in length, weave the cord through either side of the picot in the last 6 rows.

