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TECHNIQUE USED: Crochet



SIZES: Small 3-4 (Medium 5-6, Large 7-8, X-Large 9-10)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 26 (27, 28, 30)"

Length: 10 1/2 (13 1/2, 16, 18)"

MATERIALS

Caron International's Simply Soft (100% acrylic; 6oz/170g, 315yd/288m skein): 2 (2, 2, 3) skeins (MC); 1 skein (C)

[Caron International's Simply Soft Brites](#) (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, 315 yds/288 m): 1 skein each (A) and (B).

Shown in: #9747 Iris (MC), #9605 Mango (A); #9604 Watermelon (B); #9748 Rubine Red (C)

For open mesh pattern only – one size US H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge

For size 3-4 and 5-6 bodice motifs only – one size US F-5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge

For size 7-8 and 9-10 bodice motifs only – one size US G-6 (4 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge

8 safety pins

Yarn needle

GAUGE

In open mesh pattern, using US size H-8 hook, 12 1/2 sts and 8 rows = 4"/10 cm.

Motif with size US F-5 (3.75 mm) hook = 2 1/2"/6.5 cm square.

Motif with size US G-6 (4 mm) hook = 2 3/4"/7 cm square.

SPECIAL TERMS

Working in spaces between stitches: Insert hook below through the space between the stitches of previous row or round instead of through top loops of stitches.

Single crochet 2 stitches together (sc2tog): * Insert hook in next st, yo and pull through; repeat from * once, yo and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

ABBREVIATIONS

Right side (RS)

Wrong side (WS)

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (slip st)

BODICE

Motif (make 10)

Using smaller size hook needed for size and A, ch 2.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in second ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 2: With RS facing, join B with slip st in any sc, ch 3 (counts as a dc), dc in same sc; * ch 1, 2 dc in next sc; repeat from * around, ch 1; join with slip st in third ch of beginning ch-3—12 dc and 6 ch spaces. Fasten off.

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join C in any dc, ch 1, sc in same dc, sc in next dc; * 2 sc in ch-1 space, sc in next 2 dc; repeat from * around, ending 2 sc in last ch-1 space; join with slip st in first sc—24 sc. Fasten off.

Rnd 4: With RS facing, join MC in any sc, ch 1, sc in same sc, sc in next 2 sc; * hdc in next sc, 3 dc in next sc, hdc in next sc **, sc in next 3 sc; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc, 8 hdc, 12 dc. Fasten off.

Assembly

To join Motifs, hold 2 Motifs with RS together. Working in back loops [the inside loops] of both edges at the same time and using MC, slip st across from corner to corner. Fasten off.

Join 4 Motifs for front strip; join 4 more Motifs for back strip. For shoulders, join one Motif to first Motif of each strip; then join remaining Motif to last Motif of each strip.

NOTE

The stitches for the Body and Sleeve rows are worked in spaces between stitches (see Special Terms), forming a slightly open mesh pattern.

BODY FRONT

Row 1: Working across bottom edge of Bodice front, with RS facing and larger hook, join MC in center dc at corner, ch 3 (counts as dc); work 35 more dc evenly across, turn—36 sts.

Row 2 (WS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each space across, turn.

Row 3 (Inc): Ch 3, 2 dc in space before next dc, dc in each space across to last space, 2 dc in last space, turn—38 sts.

Raglan shaping is established in Rows 2 and 3. Repeat last 2 rows 1 (2, 3, 4) times more—40 (42, 44, 46) sts. Place a safety pin on each end of last inc row. Work even rows until piece measures 8 (10, 12, 14)" from first row.

Fasten off.

BODY BACK

Work as for Body Front.

SLEEVES

Row 1: With RS facing and larger hook, join MC in same center dc of corner as Body Front or Back, ch 3 (counts as dc), work 26 more dc evenly across to center dc of next corner, turn—27 sts.

Repeat raglan shaping as for Front for 2 (3, 4, 5) times total—31 (33, 35, 37) sts. Place a safety pin on each end of last inc row.

Next row: Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in each space across, turn.

Repeat last row until piece measures 4 1/2 (5 1/2, 6 1/2, 7 1/2)" from first row, ending with RS row. At end of last row, join with slip st in third ch of beginning ch-2. Do not turn or fasten off.

Cuff

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining slip st, (sc2tog 3 times, sc in next sc) around, ending sc2tog 1 (2, 3, 0) times, sc in 0 (0, 0, 1) sc, join with slip st in first sc—18 (19, 20, 22) sts.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Matching safety pins, sew front and back to sleeves along raglan shaping. Sew remaining underarm and side seams. Weave in loose ends.

Tie Belt (optional)

With a double strand of MC and larger hook, ch 300 (300, 350, 400).

Fasten off. Fold in half and tie ends into over-hand knots. Weave through any dc row on Body below raglan shaping.

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