



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 6 (7, 7, 8, 9, 9) balls 9440 Light Grey Heather

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5.0mm [US H-8]

Susan Bates® Split lock stitch markers

Yarn needle

GAUGE: 15 sts = 4" (10 cm); 10 rows in Body pattern = 3¼" (8.5 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.



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



Deep Vee Vest

If you like wearing the oversized and comfortable trend, the relaxed attitude of this crocheted vest is for you! The pattern is written for a wide range of sizes and has plenty of ease.

Directions are given for women's size **S**. Changes for **M, L, XL, 2X** and **3X** are in parentheses.

To fit bust: 34 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54)" (86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 117, 127, 137) cm)

Finished bust: 45 (49, 53, 57, 61, 65)" (114.5 (124.5, 134.5, 145, 155, 165) cm)

Length including ribbing: 28 (28½, 29, 29½, 30, 30½)" (71 (72.5, 73.5, 75, 76, 77.5) cm)

NOTE

- Vest is meant to be worn with 11-13" (28-33 cm) of ease.
- Vest is worked in one piece from the right side to the left side, then sewn together at the side seams.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

Crab Stitch: Sc in last st of previous row or round, * sc in next st to the RIGHT of last st worked; repeat from * to end of row or round (reversing normal direction of work).

BODY PATTERN

Worked over any number of sts.

Row 1 (wrong side): Ch 1, sc in back loop only of each st across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, working in remaining loop of sts 2 rows below, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first st, * tr in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in back loop only of each st across, turn.

Row 6: Ch 3 (counts as a dc now and throughout), working in remaining back loop of sts 2 rows below, dc in each st across, turn.

Rows 7-10: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in each st across, turn.

Repeat Rows 1-10 for Body pattern.

RIGHT SIDE OF FRONT AND BACK

Ch 193 (197, 201, 205, 209, 213).

Row 1 (wrong (wrong, wrong, right, right, right) side): Sk 3 ch (counts as 1 dc), dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—191 (195, 199, 203, 207, 211) dc.

Next 1 (3, 5, 0, 2, 4) rows: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Work 19 (19, 19, 29, 29, 29) evenly in Body pattern beginning with Row 1 for 19 (19, 19, 29, 29, 29) rows, and ending after a Row 9.

CENTER FRONT Shape Neck

Row 1 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc now and throughout, dc in each of next 89 (91, 93, 95, 97, 99) sts, hdc in each of next 3 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, skip 5 sts, mark next st to be used later for center back, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 95 (97, 99, 101, 103, 105) sts.

Row 2: Ch 1, slip st in each of first 5 sts, sc in back loop of each st across, turn – 90 (92, 94, 96, 98, 100) sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, working in remaining back loops of sts 2 rows below, sc in each of first 85 (87, 89, 91, 93, 95) sts, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 85 (87, 89, 91, 93, 95) sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, slip st in each of first 5 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, * tr in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across, turn – 80 (82, 84, 86, 88, 90) sts.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in each of first 75 (77, 79, 81, 83, 85) sts, turn, leaving remaining

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sts unworked – 75 (77, 79, 81, 83, 85) sc.

Row 6: Ch 1, slip st in first 5 sts, sc in back loop of each st across, turn – 70 (72, 74, 76, 78, 80) sc.

Row 7: Ch 3, working in remaining back loops of sts 2 rows below, dc in each of next 59 (61, 63, 65, 67, 69) sts, hdc in each of next 3 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 65 (67, 69, 71, 73, 75) sts.

Row 8: Ch 1, slip st in each of first 5 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 3 sts, dc in each remaining st across, turn – 60 (62, 64, 66, 68, 70) sts.

Row 9: Ch 3, dc in each of next 49 (51, 53, 55, 57, 59) sts, hdc in each of next 3 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 55 (57, 59, 61, 63, 65) sts.

Row 10: Ch 1, slip st in each of first 5 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 3 sts, dc in each remaining st across, turn – 50 (52, 54, 56, 58, 60) sts.

Row 11: Ch 3, dc in each of next 39 (41, 43, 45, 47, 49) sts, hdc in each of next 3 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 45 (47, 49, 51, 53, 55) sts.

Row 12: Ch 1, slip st in each of first 5 sts, sc in back loop only of each st across, turn – 40 (42, 44, 46, 48, 50) sts.

Rows 13-16: Work Rows 2-5 of Body pattern.

Remove hook and elongate last loop to keep it from unraveling.

Join a 2nd strand of yarn with slip st in last st 2 rows below (at neck edge), ch 5, then fasten off.

Pick up dropped loop at end of last row.

Row 17: Ch 3, working in remaining back loops of sts 2 rows below, dc in each dc across, hdc in each of next 3 ch, sc in each of last 2 ch, turn – 45 (47, 49, 51,

53, 55) sts.

Row 18: Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, hdc in each of next 3 ch, dc in each remaining st across, turn – 50 (52, 54, 56, 58, 60) sts.

Remove hook and elongate last loop to keep it from unraveling.

Join a 2nd strand of yarn with slip st in top of last st of last row, ch 5, then fasten off.

Pick up dropped loop at end of last row

Row 19: Ch 3, dc in each st to last 5 ch, hdc in each of next 3 ch, sc in each of last 2 ch, turn – 55 (57, 59, 61, 63, 65) sts.

Rows 20-21: Repeat Rows 18 and 19 – 65 (67, 69, 71, 73, 75) sts at end of last row.

Row 22: Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 4 ch, sc in back loop only of each st across, turn – 70 (72, 74, 76, 78, 80) sc.

Remove hook and elongate last loop to keep it from unraveling.

Join a 2nd strand of yarn with slip st in top of last st of last row, ch 5, then fasten off.

Pick up dropped loop at end of last row.

Row 23: Ch 1, working in remaining back loop of sts 2 rows below, sc in each sc across, sc in each of last 5 ch, turn – 75 (77, 79, 81, 83, 85) sts.

Row 24: Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, [sc in next ch, tr in next ch] twice, sc in next st, * tr in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across, turn – 80 (82, 84, 86, 88, 90) sts.

Remove hook and elongate last loop to keep it from unraveling.

Join a 2nd strand of yarn with slip st in top of last st of last row, ch 5, then

fasten off.

Pick up dropped loop at end of last row.

Row 25: Ch 1, sc in each st to last 5 ch, sc in each of last 5 ch, turn – 85 (87, 89, 91, 93, 95) sc.

Row 26: Ch 6, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 4 ch, sc in back loop only of each st across, turn – 90 (92, 94, 96, 98, 100) sc.

Remove hook and elongate last loop to keep it from unraveling.

Join a 2nd strand of yarn with slip st in top of last st of last row, ch 5, then fasten off.



CENTER BACK

With right side facing, join a 2nd strand of yarn with slip st in marked st from first row of center front.

Row 1: Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc now and throughout), dc in each st across, turn – 91 (93, 95, 97, 99, 101) dc.

Work evenly in Body pattern for 25 more rows, ending after a pattern Row 5.

Fasten off.

LEFT SIDE OF FRONT AND BACK

Pick up dropped loop at end of last row of Front.

Row 1 (right side): Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc now and throughout), working in remaining back loops of sts 2 rows below, dc in each st across to last 5 ch, hdc in each of next 3 ch, sc in each of last 2 ch, ch 5, then working in remaining back loops of sts 2 rows below on Back, dc in each st across, turn – 191 (195, 199, 203, 207, 211) sts including 5 ch sts.

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn – 191 (195, 199, 203, 207, 211) dc.

Starting with a pattern Row 8, work evenly in Body pattern for 19 (19, 19, 29, 29, 29) rows, ending after a pattern Row 6.

Next 1 (3, 5, 0, 2, 4) rows: Ch 3, dc in each st across, turn.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Fold piece in half across shoulders. Place a marker 9 (9½, 10, 10½, 11, 11)'' (23 (24, 25.5, 26.5, 28, 28) cm) below shoulder on each side of Front and Back to mark armholes. Starting at bottom edge, sew side seams to markers.

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ARMHOLE EDGING

With right side facing, join yarn with a slip st in seam at bottom of one armhole opening.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc evenly around armhole; join with a slip st in first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, work in Crab st around, join with a slip st in first sc.

Fasten off.

Work edging around other armhole the same way.

BOTTOM EDGING

With right side facing, join yarn with a slip st at one side seam on bottom edge, ch 1, work 166 (180, 194, 208, 222, 236) sc evenly spaced around, join with a slip st in first sc. Do not fasten off.

Ribbing

Ch 11.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, slip st in each of next 2 sc on bottom edging, turn - 10 sc and 2 slip sts.

Row 2: Skip 2 slip sts, sc in back loop only of each sc across, turn - 10 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in back loop only of each sc across, slip st in each of next 2 sc on edging, turn - 10 sc and 2 slip sts.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 around bottom edge, ending after a Row 2.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Working in back loops of sts in last row and matching sts, sew last row to bottom of foundation ch using yarn tail.

NECK EDGING

With right side facing, join yarn with a slip st in first Right Front st at center neck.

Round 1: Ch 1, work 142 sc evenly spaced around neck opening, work 4

sc across edges of 5 rows at center of neck, join with a slip st in first sc. Do not fasten off.

Ribbing

Ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, slip st in each of next 2 sc on edging, turn - 5 sc and 2 slip sts.

Row 2: Skip 2 slip sts, sc in back loop only of each sc across, turn - 5 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in back loop only of each sc across, slip st in each of next 2 sc on edging, turn - 5 sc and 2 slip sts.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 around neck edge, until the last Left Front st at center neck has been worked, ending after a Row 2.

Leave center 4 sc sts unworked.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Overlapping right side of ribbing over left side, sew each edge of ribbing to 4 sc sts at center neck using yarn tail. Sew top edge of right side ribbing to left side ribbing behind it only where they overlap.

Weave in all loose ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

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



Front

Back

