



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Luster Sheen®: 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) balls 915 Cherry Red

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook:
4mm [US G-6]

Stitch markers, yarn needle

GAUGE: 3 pattern repeats (3 shells and the following single crochets) = 4½" (11.5 cm); 10 rows = 4" (10 cm) in pattern. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Luster Sheen®, Art. E794 available in 3.5 oz (100 g), 307 yd (281 m) solid color and 3 oz (85 g), 261 yd (239 m) multicolor balls

Shell Stitch Top

Here's a timeless top that can be worn all year round—on its own when it's warm and under a another jacket or sweater when the weather is colder. The comfortable yarn is a favorite with crocheters!

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

To Fit Bust: 30-34 (34-37, 37-40, 40-43, 43-46, 46-50)" (76-86.5 (86.5-94, 94-101.5, 101.5-109, 109-117, 117-127) cm)

Finished Bust: 33 (36, 39, 42, 45, 48)" (84 (91.5, 99, 106.5, 114.5, 122) cm)

Finished Length: 20 (21, 22, 23, 24, 25)" (51 (53.5, 56, 58.5, 61, 63.5) cm)

Special Stitches

beg-half-shell = Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in indicated stitch.

half-shell = 3 dc in indicated stitch.

sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

shell = 6 dc in indicated stitch.

Notes

1. Top is worked in two pieces: Front and Back.
2. Front and Back are sewn together and then sleeves are worked directly into the armholes.

FRONT

Ch 70 (76, 82, 88, 94, 100).

Row 1: Work 2 dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as first dc – first half-shell made), *skip next 2 ch, sc in next ch, skip next 2 ch, shell in next ch; repeat from * to last 6 ch, skip next 2 ch, sc in next ch, skip next 2 ch, half-shell in last ch, turn—10 (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) shells and 2 half shells (one at beginning of row and one at end of row).

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * across working last sc in top of beginning ch, turn—11 (12, 13, 14, 15, 16) shells.

Row 3: Beg-half-shell in first sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * to last sc, half-shell in last sc, turn—10 (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) shells and 2 half shells.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * across working last sc in top of beginning ch, turn. Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures about 13 (13½, 14, 14½, 15, 15½)" (33 (34.5, 35.5, 37, 38, 39.5) cm) from beginning, end with a Row 4.

Shape Armholes

Row 1: Slip st in each st to 3rd dc of first shell, (slip st, ch 1, sc) in 3rd dc of first shell, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * working last sc in 3rd dc of last shell, turn; leave last 4 sts unworked—10 (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) shells. Repeat last row 1 (1, 2, 2, 3, 3) more times—9 (10, 10, 11, 11, 12) shells.

First Shoulder

Row 1: Beg-half-shell in first sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, [shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell] 2 times, half-shell in next sc, turn; leave remaining sts unworked for front neck and second shoulder—2 shells and 2 half-shells.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * across working last sc in top of beginning ch, turn—3 shells.

Row 3: Beg-half-shell in first sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * to last sc, half-shell in last sc, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows until armhole measures about 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½)" (18 (19, 20.5, 21.5, 23, 24) cm).

Fasten off.

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SHOP KIT



Second Shoulder

Row 1: Skip next 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6) unworked shells following first shoulder, join yarn in next sc, beg-half-shell in same sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * to last sc, half-shell in last sc—2 shells and 2 half-shells.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * across working last sc in top of beginning ch, turn—3 shells.

Row 3: Beg-half-shell in first sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * to last sc, half-shell in last sc, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows until armhole measures about 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½)” (18 (19, 20.5, 21.5, 23, 24) cm).

Fasten off.

BACK

Work same as Front until armhole shaping is complete—9 (10, 10, 11, 11, 12) shells.

Row 1: Beg-half-shell in first sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * to last sc, half-shell in last sc, turn—8 (9, 9, 10, 10, 11) shells and 2 half shells.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * across working last sc in top of beginning ch, turn—9 (10, 10, 11, 11, 12) shells.

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures about 19 (20, 21, 22, 23, 24)” (48.5 (51, 53.5, 56, 58.5, 61) cm) from beginning, end with a Row 2.

First Shoulder

Row 1: Beg-half-shell in first sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, [shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell] 2 times, half-shell in 3rd dc of next shell; leave remaining sts unworked for front neck and second shoulder—2 shells and 2 half-shells.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * across working last sc in top of beginning ch, turn—3 shells.

Fasten off.

Second Shoulder

Row 1: Skip next 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6) unworked shells following first shoulder, join yarn in next sc, beg-half-shell in same sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * to last sc, half-shell in last sc—2 shells and 2 half-shells.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * across working last sc in top of beginning ch, turn—3 shells.

Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY

Sew side and shoulder seams.

SLEEVES (work 2)

Place a marker in armhole edge at underarm. Place 8 (9, 10, 11, 11, 12) more stitch markers evenly spaced around armhole edge—9 (10, 11, 12, 12, 13) stitch markers placed. Remove markers as you come to them when working Round 1.

Round 1 (right side): From right side, working in armhole edge, join yarn with sc at underarm (at first marker), shell about half way between sc just made and next marker, *sc at next marker, shell about half way between sc just made and next marker; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc, do not turn—9 (10, 11, 12, 12, 13) shells.

Round 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), 5 dc in same sc as joining (first shell made), sc in 3rd dc of next shell, *shell in next sc, sc in 3rd dc of next shell; repeat from * around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch, do not turn.

Round 3: Slip st in next dc, (slip st, sc) in next dc (3rd dc of first shell), shell in next sc, *sc in 3rd dc of next shell, shell in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc, do not turn.

Repeat last 2 rounds until sleeve measures about 2½ (3, 3½, 3½, 4, 4)” (6.5 (7.5, 9, 9, 10, 10) cm) or to desired length. Fasten off. Repeat for second Sleeve.

FINISHING

Neck Edging

Round 1 (right side): From right side, join yarn with sc in neck edge at one shoulder seam, work sc evenly spaced all the way around neck edge ensuring that you have an even number of sts; join with slip st in first sc, do not turn.

Rounds 2 and 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with slip st in first sc, do not turn.

Note: Customize the fit of the neck by working more or fewer decreases (sc2tog) in Round 4, as needed.

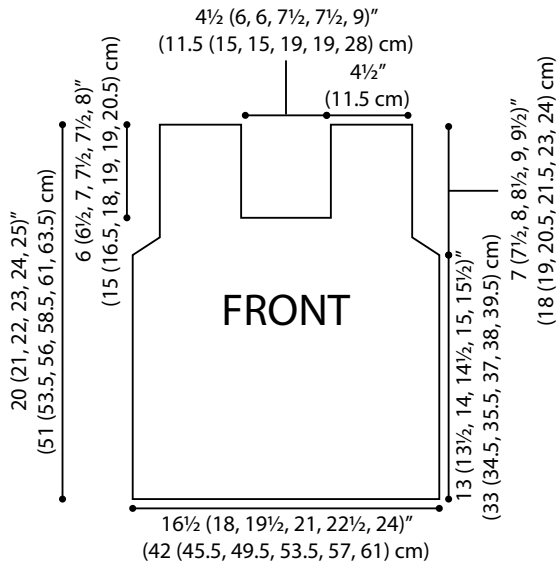
Round 4: Ch 1, working loosely, *sc2tog; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; **dc** = 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 Schematics on next page



Note: Sleeves are worked directly into armholes



13½ (15, 16½, 18, 18, 19½)"
(34.5 (38, 42, 45.5, 45.5, 49.5) cm)

