



# stitch Nation

BY DEBBIE STOLLER™



## flower child

*Reminiscent of crochet fashions of Haight-Ashbury and the sixties, this comfortable top spans the seasons with a relaxed attitude.*

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Designed by Darla Sims.

Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, and X-Large are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 37 (41, 45, 49)"  
Finished Length: 25 (25½, 26, 26½)"

Stitch Nation by Debbie Stoller™ "Washable Ewe™": 5 (6, 6, 7) skeins 3365 Earth A, 1 (2, 2, 2) skeins 3706 Zinnia B, 1 skien 3215 Duckling C.

Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].  
Yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** One square = 5½" x 5½". In side net pattern, (sc, ch 5) 4 times = 4"; 4 rows of ch-5 spaces = 2". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

**Popcorn:** Work 5 sc in designated st, remove loop from hook, insert hook top of first sc, insert hook in dropped loop, draw yarn through.  
**Decrease Single Crochet (sc2tog):** [Insert hook in next st, yo, draw up a loop] twice, yo, draw yarn through 3 loops on hook.

### SWEATER

#### Flower Square (Make 28)

With C, ch 4; join with slip st to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, work 8 sc into ring; join to first sc.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, popcorn in same st, ch 4, \*popcorn in next st, ch 4; repeat from \* 6 times; slip st in first popcorn to join – 8 popcorns. Fasten off C.

**Round 3:** With right side facing, join B with a sc in any ch-4 space, (hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in same space (petal made), (sc, hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in each ch-4 space around; slip st in first sc to join. Fasten off B.

**Round 4:** With right side facing, join C with a sc in center tr of any petal, \*ch 5, sc in center tr of next petal, repeat from \* 7 times; slip st in first sc to join.

**Round 5:** Slip st in next 2 ch sts, ch 1, sc in same space, [ch 5, sc in same space] twice in same space (corner made), \*(ch 5, sc) in each of next 2 ch-5 spaces, [sc, ch 5] 3 times in next ch 5 space (corner made); repeat from \* twice, (ch 5, sc) in each of next 2 ch-5 spaces, ch 5; slip st in first sc to join.

**Round 6:** Slip st in next 2 ch sts, ch 1, sc in same space, \*ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* around, ending with ch 5; slip st in first sc to join.

**Round 7:** Ch 1, \*7 sc in next ch 5 space (corner made), 4 sc in each of next 3 ch-5 spaces; repeat from \* around; slip st in first sc to join. Fasten off C.

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## Back

With yarn needle and A, working through back loops only, whip stitch 2 squares together. Add 2 more squares to make one strip of 4 squares. Make 2 more strips of 4 squares. Whip stitch 3 strips together.

## Back Left Side

**Row 1:** With right side facing, join A with a sc in center sc in top left-hand corner 7-sc group, \*ch 5, skip next 3 sts, sc in next st; repeat from \* 20 times, working every 5th sc in seam, working last sc in center sc of last 7-sc corner, turn – 20 ch-5 loops.

**Rows 2 (2-4, 2-6, 2-8):** \*Ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* across. Fasten off A.

## Back Right Side

Starting in bottom right-hand corner sc, repeat back left side.

## Upper Back Yoke

**Row 1:** With right side facing, join A with sc in top right-hand ch-5 space of back, [ch 5, sc in next ch-5 space] 1 (2, 3, 4) times, \*ch 5, skip next 3 sts, sc in next st; repeat from \* 14 times working every 5th sc in seam, [ch 5, sc in next ch-5 space] 1 (2, 3, 4) times, turn – 19 (21, 23, 25) ch-5 spaces.

**Rows 2-4 (5, 6, 7):** \*Ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* across. Fasten off A.

## Left Shoulder

**Row 1:** \*Ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* 6 (7, 8, 9) times, turn, leaving remaining sts unworked.

**Row 2:** \*Ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* across. Fasten off A.

## Right Shoulder

Skip 5 ch-5 spaces to the left of last st made in row 1 of left shoulder, join A with a sc in next ch-5 space, repeat rows 1-2 of left shoulder.

## Front

Work same as Back through row 2 (3, 4, 5) of Upper Back Yoke.

## Left Shoulder

**Row 1:** \*Ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* 6 (7, 8, 9) times, turn.

**Row 2-4:** \*Ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* across. Fasten off A.

## Shoulder Seam

Holding front and back together with wrong side facing, make sc by inserting hook in first loop of both front and back at the same time, complete a sc, \*ch 2, working through double thickness, sc next 2 corresponding ch-5 spaces of front and back; repeat from \* across shoulder. Fasten off A. Repeat on other shoulder.

## Right Sleeves

Place a marker in 16th ch-5 space above bottom edge on each side of front and back.

**Row 1:** With right side facing, join A in marked ch-5 space on right-hand front edge, \*ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* 14 (15, 15, 16) times, ending in marked ch-5 space on back, turn – 15 (16, 16, 17) ch-5 spaces.

**Rows 2-10:** \*Ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* across, turn.

**Row 11:** Ch 5, work sc2tog over first 2 ch-5 spaces, \*ch 5, sc in next ch 5 space; repeat from \* across to within last 2 ch 5 spaces, work sc2tog over last 2 ch-5 spaces, turn – 13 (14, 14, 15) ch-5 spaces.

**Rows 12-16:** Work even in pattern.

**Row 17:** Repeat row 11 – 11 (12, 12, 13) ch-5 spaces.

Work even in pattern until sleeve measures 12½ (12½, 13, 13)“ or 5½” less than desired length, ending with wrong side row.

**Last Row:** Ch 1, 3 sc in first ch-5 space, 4 sc in each of next 9 (10, 10, 11) ch-5 spaces, 3 sc in last ch-5 space – 42 (46, 46, 50) sc. Fasten off A.

## Left Sleeve

Starting in marked ch-5 space on left-hand back side, repeat right sleeve.

## Sleeve Cuff

With yarn needle and A, whip st 2 squares together on sides to form a tube for each cuff.

## FINISHING

Seam right sleeve and side in one continuous seam in same manner as for shoulder seam. Whip stitch bottom of sleeve to cuff, easing in fullness to fit. Repeat on other sleeve and side.

## Sleeve Edging

**Round 1:** With right side facing, join A with a sc in seam on cuff edge, sc in each st around; slip st in first sc to join. Fasten off A.

## Neck Edging

**Round 1:** With right side facing, join A with a sc in shoulder seam, sc in each st around neck opening; slip st in first sc to join.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 3 sc in each ch-space around neck opening; slip st in first sc to join. Fasten off.

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Stitch Nation by Debbie Stoller™ "Washable Ewe™" available in 3.5 oz (100g), 155 yd (142m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, C, = color A, B, C; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); tr = treble crochet; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

