



Love to Layer Tank

*Add this easy to crochet top to your wardrobe.
Wear it over a blouse or tee, under a
business jacket or on its own.*

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

To Fit Bust: 30-32 (33-35, 36-38, 39-41)"

Finished Bust: 30 (33, 36, 39)"

Finished Length: 17 (17½, 18, 18½)"

**Aunt Lydia's® "Fashion Crochet Thread", Size
3:** 5 (6, 6, 7) balls each 926 Bridal White

Crochet Hooks: 3.5mm [US E-4]

Yarn needle.

GAUGE: 24 hdc = 4"; 16 rows = 4" in pattern st. **CHECK
YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

TANK

Back

Ch 62 (68, 74, 80).

Foundation Row (Wrong Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 1, skip next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from * across, turn—31 (34, 37, 40) sc and 30 (33, 36, 39) ch-1 spaces.

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 1 (does not count as a st), hdc in first sc, 3 hdc in each ch-1 space across, hdc in last sc, turn—92 (101, 110, 119) hdc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first hdc, *ch 1, skip next 3-hdc group, sc in space between skipped 3-hdc group and next 3-hdc group; repeat from * across to last 3-hdc group, ch 1, skip last 3-hdc group, sc in last hdc, turn, Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 10" from beginning, end with a Right Side row (a Row 1). Fasten off.

Shape Armholes

With Wrong Side facing, skip first 4 (7, 7, 7) hdc, join thread with slip st in space before next 3-hdc group.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Ch 1, sc in same space as join, *ch 1, skip next 3-hdc group, sc in space between skipped 3-hdc group and next 3-hdc group; repeat from * across, leaving last 4 (7, 7, 7) hdc unworked, turn—29 (30, 33, 36) sc and 28 (29, 32, 35) ch-1 spaces.

Row 2: Ch 1, hdc in first sc, skip next ch-1 space, *3 hdc in each ch-1 space across to last ch-1 space, skip last ch-1 space, hdc in last sc, turn—80 (83, 92, 101) hdc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first hdc, *ch 1, skip next 3-hdc group, sc in space between skipped 3-hdc group and next 3-hdc group; repeat from * across to last 3-hdc group, ch 1, skip last 3-hdc group, sc in last hdc, turn—27 (28, 31, 34) sc and 26 (27, 30, 33) ch-1 spaces.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2—74 (77, 86, 95) hdc.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3—25 (26, 29, 32) sc and 24 (25, 28, 31) ch-1 spaces.

Row 6: Ch 1 (does not count as a st), hdc in first sc, 3 hdc in each ch-1 space across, hdc in last sc, turn. Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 16½ (17, 17½, 18)" from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row (a Row 5). Do not fasten off. **Note:** Armhole should measure 6½ (7, 7½, 8)".

Shape First Shoulder

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 1, hdc in first sc, 3 hdc in each of next 4 (4, 5, 5) ch-1 spaces, hdc in next sc—14 (14, 17, 17) hdc. Fasten off.

ch-1 spaces following first shoulder, join thread with slip st in next sc.

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 1, hdc in same sc as join, 3 hdc in each ch-1 space across, hdc in last sc—14 (14, 17, 17) hdc. Fasten off.

Front

Work same as back until piece measures about 14½ (15, 15½, 16)” from beginning, end with a Wrong Side row. Do not fasten off. **Note:** Armhole should measure about 4½ (5, 5½, 6)”.

Shape First Shoulder

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 1, hdc in first sc, 3 hdc in each of next 7 (7, 8, 8) ch-1 spaces, hdc in next sc, turn—23 (23, 26, 26) hdc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first hdc, *ch 1, skip next 3-hdc group, sc in space between skipped 3-hdc group and next 3-hdc group; repeat from * across to last 3-hdc group, ch 1, skip last 3-hdc group, sc in last hdc, turn—8 (8, 9, 9) sc and 7 (7, 8, 8) ch-1 spaces.

Row 3: Ch 1, hdc in first sc, 3 hdc in each ch-1 space across to last ch-1 space, hdc in last ch-1 space, hdc in last sc, turn—21 (21, 24, 24) hdc.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first hdc, ch 1, skip next 4 hdc, sc in space between last skipped hdc and next 3-hdc group, *ch 1, skip next 3-hdc group, sc in space between last skipped 3-hdc group and next 3-hdc group; repeat from * across to last 3-hdc group, ch 1, skip last 3-hdc group, sc in last hdc, turn—7 (7, 8, 8) sc and 6 (6, 7, 7) ch-1 spaces.

Rows 5–8: Repeat Rows 3 and 4 twice—5 (5, 6, 6) sc and 4 (4, 5, 5) ch-1 spaces.

If needed, repeat Rows 1 and 2 of back (working even in pattern st) until piece measures same as back, end with a Right Side row. Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder

With Right Side facing, skip next 10 (11, 12, 15) unworked ch-1 spaces following first shoulder, join thread with slip st in next sc.

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 1, hdc in same sc as join, 3 hdc in each ch-1 space across, hdc in last sc—23 (23, 26, 26) hdc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first hdc, *ch 1, skip next 3-hdc group, sc in space between skipped 3-hdc group and next 3-hdc group; repeat from * across to last 3-hdc group, ch 1, skip last 3-hdc group, sc in last hdc, turn—8 (8, 9, 9) sc and 7 (7, 8, 8) ch-1 spaces.

Row 3: Ch 1, hdc in first sc, hdc in first ch-1 space, 3 hdc in each remaining ch-1 space across, hdc in last sc, turn—21 (21, 24, 24) hdc.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in first hdc, *ch 1, skip next 3-hdc group, sc in space between last skipped 3-hdc group and next 3-hdc group; repeat from * across to last 5 hdc, ch 1, skip

Rows 5–8: Repeat Rows 3 and 4 twice—5 (5, 6, 6) sc and 4 (4, 5, 5) ch-1 spaces.

If needed, repeat Rows 1 and 2 of back (working even in pattern st) until piece measures same as back, end with a Right Side row. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder and side seams.

Armhole Edging

Round 1 (Right Side): With Right Side facing, join thread with slip st in armhole edge at underarm, ch 1, sc evenly spaced around armhole; join with slip st in first sc.

Note: For best results, work an even number of sc around the armhole.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as join, (sc, ch 3, slip st) in next sc (picot made), *sc in next sc, (sc, ch 3, slip st) in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat around other armhole.

Neck Edging: With Right Side facing, join thread with slip st in neck edge at shoulder seam, and work same as armhole edging.

Lower Edging: With Right Side facing, join thread with slip st in lower edge at side seam, and work same as armhole edging.

Weave in ends. Block lightly, if desired.

AUNT LYDIA'S® “Fashion Crochet Thread”, Size 3,
Art. 182 available in solid color 150 yd balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: ch = chain; hdc = half double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); () = work directions in parentheses into same st; * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

