



Bright & Beautiful Top

Reminiscent of the sixties, this updated top is perfect over a bathing suit, over leggings or with your skinny jeans. Crochet it in bright colors as shown or chose neutral shades for subtle style.

one size fits most women.

Working Measurements: Width around bust = 51"; length from shoulder = 35"; armhole depth = 8½"; sleeve length = 9½".

AUNT LYDIA'S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 4 balls each 431 Pumpkin **A** and 805 Blue Hawaii **B**; 2 balls each 494 Victory Red **C**, 484 Myrtle **D**, 458 Purple **E**, 422 Golden Yellow **F** and 451 Parakeet **G**.

Crochet Hook: 3.5mm [US E-4].
Yarn needle.

GAUGE: With 2 strands of thread held together, Rounds 1 and 2 = 2 1/8" across; Large Motif = 8 1/2" across. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

NOTES

Hold 2 strands of thread together throughout. After the First Motif, all others are joined while working Round 7 of Large Motif and Round 3 of Small Motif and ½ Motif.

Large Motif Color Arrangement

Motif 1: Rounds 1 and 2 = **A**; Rounds 3 and 4 = **C**; Rounds 5-7 = **B**.

Motif 2: Rounds 1 and 2 = **D**; Rounds 3 and 4 = **E**; Rounds 5-7 = **A**.

Motif 3: Rounds 1 and 2 = **F**; Rounds 3 and 4 = **D**; Rounds 5-7 = **A**.

Motif 4: Rounds 1 and 2 = **B**; Rounds 3 and 4 = **F**; Rounds 5-7 = **A**.

Motif 5: Rounds 1 and 2 = **C**; Rounds 3 and 4 = **E**; Rounds 5-7 = **A**.

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First Motif 1

With **A** ch 5; join with a slip stitch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3, work 15 dc in ring; join with a slip stitch to top of ch-3.

Round 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in same st as joining, [ch 1, skip next dc, 3 dc in next dc] 7 times, ch 1; join to top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Round 3: Join **C** in first dc of any 3-dc group; ch 1, sc in same st as joining, * ch 7, skip next dc, sc in next dc, sc in ch-1 space **, sc in next dc; repeat from * around, end at **; join to first sc.

Round 4: Ch 1, [(sc, hdc, 2 dc, 5 tr, 2 dc, hdc, sc) all in next ch-7 loop, skip next 3 sc] 8 times; join to first sc. Fasten off.

Round 5: Join **B** in 2nd tr of any 5-tr group; ch 2, [yo and draw up a loop, yo and through 2 loops] twice all in same tr, yo and through all 3 loops on hook – **beginning cluster** made; * ch 2; [yo and draw up a loop, yo and through 2 loops] 3 times all in next tr, yo and through all 4 loops on hook – **cluster** made; ch 3, cluster in same tr, ch 2, cluster in next tr **, ch 3, skip next 10 sts, cluster in next tr; repeat from * around, end at **; ch 1, hdc in beginning cluster to join and form last space.

Round 6: Ch 1, sc over hdc, ch 5, * (sc, ch 3, sc) all in next ch-3 space, ch 5; repeat from * around; sc in first space; ch 1, hdc in first sc to join and form last space.

Round 7: Ch 1, sc over hdc, * (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) all in next ch-5 space **, sc in next ch-3 space; repeat from * around, end at **; join to first sc. Fasten off.

Following diagram, join Large Motifs at 2 consecutive ch-3 spaces (above the 4 clusters of Round 5) on Round 7 as follows:

Joining Round 7: Ch 1, sc over hdc, [5 dc in next ch-5 space, ch 1, sc in **corresponding** ch-3 space of completed motif, ch 1, 5 dc in same ch-5 space on motif in progress, sc

in next ch-3 space on motif in progress] twice; * (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) all in next ch-5 space **, sc in next ch-3 space; repeat from * around , end at **: join to first sc. Fasten off.

Where 2 sides of motifs are joined, be sure to leave two ch-3 spaces free on each motif before joining the 2nd side – there will be eight ch-3 spaces free between 4 joined motifs.

Small Motif (See diagram for placement)

Rounds 1 and 2: With **F**, work same as for Large Motif.

Round 3: Join **G** in any ch-1 space; ch 1, sc in ch-1 space, * skip next dc, 3 dc in next dc, ch 1, sc in ch-3 space of Large Motif, ch 1, 3 dc in same dc on Small Motif, skip next dc **, sc in next ch-1 space; repeat from * around, joining to all 8 ch-3 spaces between joined Large Motifs, end at **: join to first sc. Fasten off.

Half Motif (See diagram for placement)

With **F**, ch 5; join with a slip st to form a ring.

Row 1 (Right Side): Ch 3, 8 dc in ring; TURN, DO NOT JOIN.

Row 2: Ch 4, skip first dc, * 3 dc in next dc **, ch 1, skip next dc; repeat from * across, end at **: ch-4, slip st in top of ch-3. Fasten off.

Row 3: With right side facing, join **G** in ch-4 space; ch 1, * (sc in space, skip next dc, 3 dc in next dc, ch 1, sc in ch-3 space of Large Motif, ch 1, 3 dc in same dc, skip next dc; repeat from * across, joining to 4 ch-3 spaces of Large Motifs; sc in last ch-4 space. Fasten off.

Lower Edging

With right side facing, join **B** in ring of any Half Motif.

Round 1: Ch 1, * sc in ring, ch 6, sc in sc of Round 3, ch 6, dtr in ch-3 space where motifs were joined, [ch 6, sc in ch-3 space] twice, ch 6, dtr in ch-3 space where motifs were joined, ch 6, sc in sc of Round 3, ch 6; repeat from * around; join to first sc.

Round 2: Ch 3, skip first sc, dc in each ch and st around; join to top of ch-3.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in joining, * skip next 2 dc, (2 dc, tr) in next dc, ch 2, (tr, 2 dc) in next dc, skip next 2 dc **, sc in next dc; repeat from * around, end at **: join to first sc. Fasten off.

Sleeve Edging

Round 1: Work same as Round 1 of Lower Edging EXCEPT work “ch 4” instead of “ch 6”.

Rounds 2 and 3: Work same as Rounds 2 and 3 of Lower Edging.

Neck Edging

Round 1: With right side facing, join **B** in ch-3 space where two Large Motifs were joined at shoulder; ch 1, sc in same space, * ch 6, dtr in next ch-3 space where motifs were joined , ch 6, sc in sc of Round 3 of Half Motif, ch 6, sc in ring, ch 6, sc in sc of Round 3 of Half Motif, ch 6, dtr in next ch-3 space where motifs were joined *, [ch 6, sc in next ch-3 space] twice **, repeat from * to * once more; ch 6, sc in next ch-3 space where two Large Motifs were joined; turn and repeat from * to **, then from * to * once more across opposite side of neck; ch 6; join to first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in each st and ch around; join. Fasten off.

Sew neck edges together, leaving center 12” open. Weave in ends.

AUNT LYDIA’S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10, Art. 154 available in white & ecru 400 yd (365 m); solid color 350 yd (320 m); shaded color 300 yd (274 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, C**, etc. = Color A, B, C, etc; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **dtr** = double treble crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **mm** = millimeter; **sc** = single crochet; **st** = stitch; **yo** = yarn over; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work in directions in brackets the number of times specified.

