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designed by Kimberly K. McAlindin
TECHNIQUE USED: Crochet



EASY

SIZES

S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

To Fit Bust 34 (38, 42, 46, 50)"/86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 117, 127)cm

Length 17 1/2 (18, 18 1/2, 20 1/2, 21)"/44.5 (45.5, 47, 52, 53.5)cm

Note: Fabric is very stretchy widthwise. Finished bust (not at all stretched) will measure about 27 (31, 35, 39, 43)"/68.5 (78.5, 89, 99, 109)cm, but will stretch to fit as listed above.

MATERIALS

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[Caron International's Simply Soft Party](#) (99% Acrylic/1% Polyester): 3oz/85g, 171yds/156m): #0007 Black Sparkle: 2 (3, 3, 4, 4) balls

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[One size US F-5 \(3.75mm\) crochet hook](#), or size to obtain gauge



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schematic

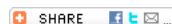




One size US I-9 (5.5mm) (for edging only).

Stitch marker

Yarn needle



GAUGE

In pattern, 6 pattern repeats = 6"/15cm and 5 rows = 2 3/4"/7cm, using smaller hook. **Notes:** One pattern repeat consists of one ch-5 sp and one sc. The gauge given is as "crocheted". As work progresses and when garment is blocked (if desired) and worn, the gauge becomes closer to 4 pattern repeats = 5"/12.5cm.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st), treble crochet (tr)

SPECIAL STITCHES

Fsc: Foundation single crochet (This technique creates a foundation chain and a row of single crochet stitches in one) –

Step 1: Place a slip knot on hook, ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet").

Step 2: Insert hook into the "chain" of the previous stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet"). Repeat for the length of foundation.

rev sc: Reverse single crochet—Work single crochet in opposite direction by inserting hook in next stitch (to the right if right-handed, and to the left if left-handed), yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

NOTE

Vest is worked in one piece from lower edge up to underarm. The piece is divided for armholes. The back and fronts are then worked separately up to shoulders.

VEST

Beginning at lower edge, with smaller hook, Fsc 108 (124, 140, 156, 172).

Note: If you prefer to begin vest with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: Ch 109 (125, 141, 157, 173). Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—108 (124, 140, 156, 172) sc. Then proceed to Row 1 of instructions.

Row 1: *Ch 5, sk next 3 Fsc, sc in next Fsc; repeat from * across, turn—27 (31, 35, 39, 43) ch-5 sps.

Row 2: Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures 9 (9, 9, 11, 11)"/23 (23, 23, 28, 28)cm from beginning.

FIRST FRONT

Row 1 (WS): Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, [ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp] 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) times; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—7 (8, 9, 10, 11) ch-5 sps.

Repeat last row 2 (2, 2, 0, 0) more time(s).

Shape Neck

Row 1: Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across to last ch-5 sp, ch 3, sc in last ch-5 sp, turn.

Row 2: Ch 5, sk first ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn—6 (7, 8, 9, 10) ch-5 sps.

Rows 3–10 (12, 12, 14, 16): Repeat last 2 rows 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) more times—2 (2, 3, 3, 3) ch-5 sps.

Row 11 (13, 13, 15, 17): Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn.

Repeat last row until armhole measures 8 1/2 (9, 9 1/2, 9 1/2, 10)"/21.5 (23, 24, 24, 25.5)cm.

Fasten off.

BACK

With WS facing and smaller hook, sk 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) unworked ch-5 sps following first front; join yarn with sc in next unworked ch-5 sp.

Row 1 (WS): [Ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp] 11 (13, 15, 15, 17) times; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—11 (13, 15, 15, 17) ch-5 sps.

Row 2: Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until back has 2 fewer rows than first front.

Shape First Shoulder

Next Row: Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, [ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp] 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) times; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—2 (2, 2, 3, 3) ch-5 sps.

Next Row: Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn.

Fasten off.

Shape Second Shoulder

Sk 6 (8, 10, 8, 10) unworked ch-5 sps following first shoulder, join yarn with sc in next unworked ch-5 sp.

Next 2 Rows: Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn—2 (2, 2, 3, 3) ch-5 sps.

Fasten off.

SECOND FRONT

With WS facing and smaller hook, sk 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) unworked ch-5 sps following back; join yarn with sc in next unworked ch-5 sp.

Row 1: Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn—7 (8, 9, 10, 11) ch-5 sps.

Repeat last row 2 (2, 2, 0, 0) more time(s).

Shape Neck

Row 1: Ch 3, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across to ch-3 sp; leave ch-3 sp unworked, turn—6 (7, 8, 9, 10) ch-5 sps.

Rows 3–10 (12, 12, 14, 16): Repeat last 2 rows 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) more times—2 (2, 3, 3, 3) ch-5 sps.

Row 11 (13, 13, 15, 17): Ch 5, sc in first ch-5 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn.

Repeat last row until armhole measures 8 1/2 (9, 9 1/2, 9 1/2, 10)"/21.5 (23, 24, 24, 25.5)cm.

Fasten off.

FINISHING

Seam shoulders: Fold fronts over back, with RS of fabric facing each

other and stitches of shoulders matching. Working through both thicknesses, join yarn with sc in first sc of shoulder, sc in each sc and 3 sc in each ch-5 sp across shoulder to seam. Repeat to sc other shoulder seam.

Front Edging

With RS facing and smaller hook, join yarn with sl st in lower front corner of vest.

Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, working in ends of rows, *(sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-5 sp at end of row, ch 1; repeat from * up front edge, across back neck, and down other front edge, ending with sc in ch-5 sp at end of last row, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, *ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * across, sc in last sc, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *ch 1, sk next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * across to last 2 sc, ch 1, sk next sc, sc in last sc, turn.

Rows 4 and 5: Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

Fasten off.

Lower Edging

With RS facing, larger hook and 2 strands of yarn held together, join yarn with sl st in edge of last row of front edging, ch 1, rev sc in end of next 3 rows, sk end of next row; working across chain side of Fsc row, *rev sc in next 2 ch, sk next ch; repeat from * across to ends of rows of front edging, sk first end of row, rev sc in end of next 3 rows, sl st in end of last row. Fasten off. **Note:** You may need to work an additional rev sc or two before reaching the ends of rows of front edging, to come out even.

Armhole Edging

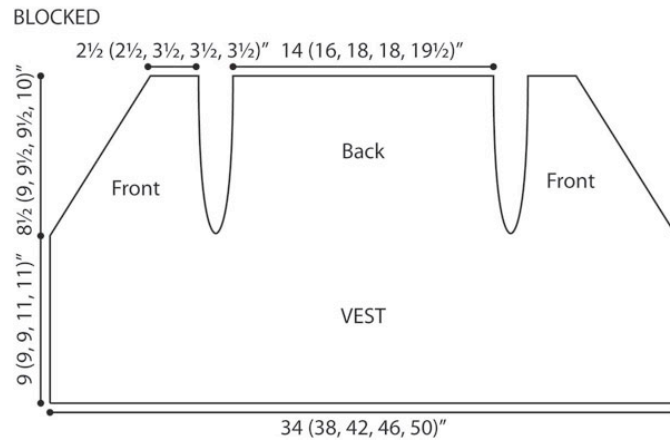
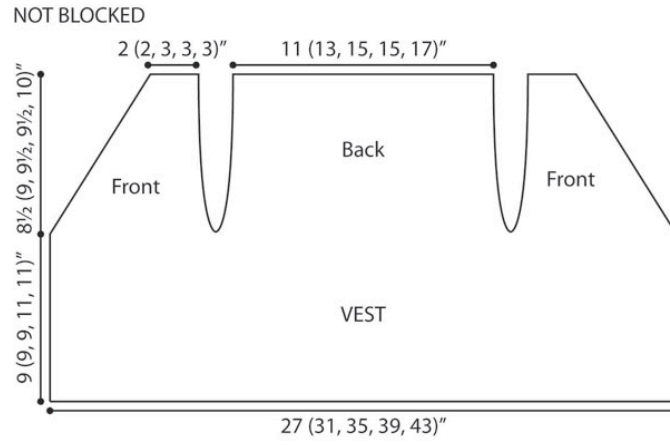
With RS facing, join yarn with sl st in armhole at underarm, ch 1, sc evenly spaced around armhole; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Repeat around other armhole.

Tie

With smaller hook, ch 100, working in back bumps, sl st in each ch across. Fasten off.

Tassels (make 2): Wrap yarn around four fingers about 5 times. Cut end. Thread a length of yarn under the top of the wraps and tie a knot to secure top of tassel. Slip wraps off fingers. Tie a length of yarn around wraps about 1/2"/1.5cm below top of tassel for tassel neck. Thread ends of tassel neck tie into body of tassel. Cut strands at lower edge of tassel and trim. Tie one tassel to each end of tie. Thread tie through ch-1 sps of Row 5 of front edging, beginning at neck shaping, and weaving downwards for about 3"/7.5 cm.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.



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