Extra small Chihuahua sweater

Adult, to fit chest 16 in (40.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 12 in (30.5 cm) at the neck and about 2 in (5 cm) deep
To fit neck 11 in (28 cm) and a chest of 16 in (40.5 cm), back 11 in (28 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Basic stitches in rows, raglan increases, a heart worked in two colors, a seam and ribs in rounds

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: cream, main color **about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, contrast **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 100 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	To fit chest	Yarn, an estimate	Neck (the turtleneck around)	Depth of the turtleneck, turned down	Chest	Length	Length under the belly	Leg around	Leg length
Teacup	10 in (25.5 cm)	about 110 yd (101 m)	8 in (20.5 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	1¼ in (3 cm)
Puppy	11½ in (29 cm)	about 140 yd (128 m)	9 in (23 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)
Small	13½ in (34.5 cm)	about 190 yd (174 m)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	2 in (5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)
Adult (this file)	**16 in (40.5 cm)**	**about 250 yd (229 m)**	**12 in (30.5 cm)**	**2 in (5 cm)**	**17½ in (44.5 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**7¾ in (19.5 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm)**	**1¾ in (4.5 cm)**

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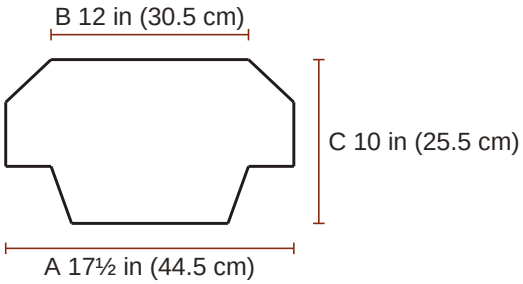
Schematic



Body
A the chest
B the neck (the turtleneck around)
C from top to bottom

Gauge

16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 25; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 28 rows of single crochet on 24 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Ribs (a row or round of double crochet (UK: treble), then post stitches): 16 sts and about 8.5 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm). The rib stretches.

Notes

- Four sizes for a Chihuahua or another very small dog. Measure the dog as it stands: the neck where a collar sits, the chest at its widest, just behind the front legs, and the back from the neck to the root of the tail.
- The chest is 1½ in (4 cm) wider than the dog and the turtleneck 1 in (2.5 cm) wider than the neck, by the size; the rib stretches. Choose by the finished measurement; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given. Let the dog wear it for a short time at first, and take it off when nobody is watching the dog.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.
- Odd-numbered rows of the turtleneck, of the yoke and body and of the back are right side rows.
- A ch-1 sp marks each of the four raglan lines; the ch-1 sps are counted apart from the stitches. To work into a ch-1 sp, insert the hook under the chain. Where a row says "ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp", the new ch 1 takes the place of the old one.
- The heart is worked in with two colors. Wind a small ball of yarn B, and use one ball of yarn A on each side of the heart. Work the last yarn over of a stitch with the color of the stitch that comes next. Let the yarn that rests hang on the wrong side of the work, and cross the old and the new yarn there at each change, so that no hole is left. Where fewer than 5 sts of one color lie between two parts of the other color, carry the other yarn loosely across them on the wrong side.
- The sleeves go over the front legs.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.

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- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.
- Length along the back, without the turtleneck 11 in (28 cm).
- Length under the belly, without the turtleneck 7¾ in (19.5 cm).

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

RS right side, the one that shows.

ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 24 times: work what is inside 24 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(48 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)): Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Turtleneck

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Work the foundation chain loosely: it is the edge that stretches over the head. With yarn B, ch 50.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(48 dc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 24 times**	(24 fpdcs, 24 bpdcs)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	
☐ **End**	Work the last yarn over of row 8 with yarn A and cut yarn B. Do not fasten off.	

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Yoke and body

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	The rows go from one side of the belly, over the back, to the other side of the belly. Row 9 sets the four raglan lines, rows 10 to 20 grow, and row 21 leaves the two front legs open. The heart is in rows 25 to 35. At the end of row 35 go on with the ball of yarn A that hangs there; cut yarn B and the other ball of yarn A, leaving ends of about 6 in (15 cm). Go on from row 8 of the turtleneck.
☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, ch 1, sc in next 22 sts, ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, ch 1, sc in next 7 sts (48 sc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, sc in each st across (50 sc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, sc in each st across (56 sc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 12 to 19** 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19	Repeat Rows 10 and 11, 4 more times (64, 72, 80, 88 sc; 4 ch-1 sps at the ends of the repeats) (88 sc; 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (sc, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, sc in each st across (90 sc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 6 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 16 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 6 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 16 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), sc in each st across (58 sc, 12 ch)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st and each ch across (70 sc)
☐ **Rows 23 to 24** 23 24	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across (70 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 31 sts, with B sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 4 sts, with B sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 31 sts (70 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 30 sts, with B sc in next 4 sts, with A sc in next 2 sts, with B sc in next 4 sts, with A sc in next 30 sts (70 sc)
☐ **Rows 27 to 29** 27 28 29	Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 29 sts, with B sc in next 12 sts, with A sc in next 29 sts (70 sc)

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☐ **Rows 30 to 31** 30 31	Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 30 sts, with B sc in next 10 sts, with A sc in next 30 sts	(70 sc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 31 sts, with B sc in next 8 sts, with A sc in next 31 sts	(70 sc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 32 sts, with B sc in next 6 sts, with A sc in next 32 sts	(70 sc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 33 sts, with B sc in next 4 sts, with A sc in next 33 sts	(70 sc)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; with A sc in next 34 sts, with B sc in next 2 sts, with A sc in next 34 sts	(70 sc)
☐ **Rows 36 to 38** 36 37 38	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(70 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	The back is worked on the middle 48 of the 70 sts of row 38 of the yoke and body. With the right side facing and row 38 uppermost, leave the first 11 sts at the right-hand end for the belly and join yarn A in the next st; the first st of row 1 goes in that same st. The last 11 sts of row 38 are left for the belly too.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; sc in each st across	(48 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(48 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(46 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 11** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 4 more times (44, 42, 40, 38 sc at the ends of the repeats)	(38 sc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 16** 12 13 14 15 16	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(38 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Hem

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 2 of Assembly. With the right side facing and the tail end uppermost, join yarn B at the belly seam, in the first st of row 38 of the yoke and body to the left of the seam. Ch 1 and work around the lower edge: sc in each of the first 11 free sts of row 38 of the yoke and body (11 sc); along rows 1 to 16 of the back, sc in the end of each of the next 16 rows (16 sc); 3 sc in the first of the 38 sts of row 16 of the back, sc in each of the next 36 sts and 3 sc in the last st (42 sc); along rows 1 to 16 of the back, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 16 rows (16 sc); sc in each of the last 11 free sts of row 38 of the yoke and body (11 sc). There are 96 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(96 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 48 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(48 fpdcs, 48 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2, one at each leg opening

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Work these at step 3 of Assembly. Hold the body with the turtleneck uppermost and the underarm below the leg opening. The sts that go into the underarm chs go into their free side. Colors: rnds 1 to 4 yarn A; rnds 5 and 6 yarn B. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm; ch 1, sc in that ch and in each of the next 2 underarm chs, sc in the ch-1 sp, sc in each of the 16 sleeve sts, sc in the next ch-1 sp and sc in each of the 3 underarm chs left (24 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(12 fpdcs, 12 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. If a small hole is left at either end of the underarm, close it with the yarn ends.	

Assembly

1. Belly seam: lay the two side edges of the piece edge to edge, with the right side outward, and whipstitch them together flat from the foundation chain of the turtleneck to row 38, row end to row end: rows 1 to 8 with about 14 in (35 cm) of yarn B and rows 9 to 38 with about 22 in (55 cm) of yarn A. The seam is the middle of the throat and the belly.

2. Hem: work it now, as written above.

3. Sleeve: work both now, as written above.

4. Turn the top half of the turtleneck down over the lower half, to the outside.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends on the inside. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

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