Girls' bolero with a tie

6, to fit chest 25 in (63.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 27½ in (70 cm) at the chest and about 12 in (30.5 cm) long
To fit a chest of 25 in (63.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
One piece from the neck down in double crochet, rounded fronts, gathered sleeves

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: raspberry, main — **about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, contrast — **about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
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	Chest (fronts laid edge to edge)	Length at the back	Yoke depth	Sleeve around, at rnd 1 (the underarm)	Sleeve around, at rnd 2	Sleeve band around	Sleeve from the underarm	Neck around, at the foundation chain	Yarn, an estimate
2	21 in (53.5 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	about 325 yd (297 m)
4	23 in (58.5 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	about 355 yd (325 m)
6 (this file)	**25 in (63.5 cm)**	**27½ in (70 cm)**	**12 in (30.5 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm)**	**9¾ in (25 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**3¾ in (9.5 cm)**	**14½ in (37 cm)**	**about 410 yd (375 m)**
8	26½ in (67.5 cm)	29½ in (75 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	about 465 yd (425 m)

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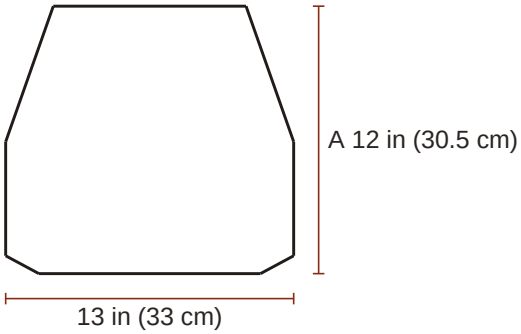
10	28 in (71 cm)	31½ in (80 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	about 495 yd (453 m)
12	30 in (76 cm)	33½ in (85 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	about 575 yd (526 m)
14	31½ in (80 cm)	34½ in (87.5 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	about 630 yd (576 m)

Schematic



Body, laid flat
A the length at the back

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sl st slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
ch chain stitch
RS right side
WS wrong side
Rnd round
st stitch
sp space

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. It leaves 1 sc2tog for the next row or round.

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together (UK treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 dc2tog for the next row or round.

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Gauge

16 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 26; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 13 rows of double 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. Edging: 16 sts and 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet). The last round, of 5-dc scallops, is about 3/8 in (1 cm) high.

Before you start

- The finished chest is from 2½ in (6.5 cm) to 3½ in (9 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- Worked from the neck down in one piece. The yoke and the body are worked back and forth in rows; row 1 is a right side row, and so is every odd row. The sleeves and the edging are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The chain at the start of a row or a round (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base, and the last stitch of a row into the last stitch of the row below, never into the turning chain.
- A ch-1 sp marks each of the four raglan lines. The ch-1 sps are counted apart from the stitches.
- At the underarms, work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next row. The sleeves are worked into the free side of these chains: to begin one, hold the piece with the right side facing and the opening of that sleeve uppermost.
- In the rows that round the fronts, the sl sts at the beginning are counted apart. The number of sts left unworked at the end of a row is the number of sl sts at the beginning of the same row, added to the number of sl sts at the beginning of the row below (none, if that row has no sl sts). The sl sts of the row below lie at this end, and nothing is worked into them.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- To work into the end of a row, insert the hook under two threads at the side of its edge stitch.
- The right front is the one on the right of the child who wears it.
- 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.

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Instructions

Chosen: 6, to fit chest 25 in (63.5 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms dc is treble, sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and hdc is half treble.

Yoke

Yarn A, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 60.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(58 dc)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 10 sts, ch 1, dc in next 9 sts, ch 1, dc in next 20 sts, ch 1, dc in next 9 sts, ch 1, dc in next 10 sts	**(58 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, dc in each st across	**(74 dc; 4 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

3 4

☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; [dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp] twice, dc in each st across	**(86 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 10**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, dc in each st across	**(126 dc; 4 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 6 to 10: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10

☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; [dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp] twice, dc in each st across	**(138 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 13**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, dc in each st across	**(154 dc; 4 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

12 13

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Body

Yarn A, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 13 of the yoke.	
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 6 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 31 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), dc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 6 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 31 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), dc in each st across	**(92 dc, 12 ch)**
☐ **Rows 15 to 16**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	**(104 dc)**

A box for each row, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

15 16

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☐ **Rows 17 to 20**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	**(96 dc)**

A box for each row, 17 to 20: tick them off as you go.

17 18 19 20

☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 88 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, leave the last 2 sts unworked	**(2 sl sts, 2 sc, 2 hdc, 88 dc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 2 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 84 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, leave the last 4 sts unworked	**(2 sl sts, 2 sc, 2 hdc, 84 dc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 3 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 78 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, leave the last 5 sts unworked	**(3 sl sts, 2 sc, 2 hdc, 78 dc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in next 6 sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in next 66 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, leave the last 9 sts unworked	**(6 sl sts, 2 sc, 2 hdc, 66 dc)**
☐ **End**	The fronts are rounded by rows 17 to 24, alike at both edges. Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 8 yarn A; rnds 9 and 10 yarn B. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm; ch 2, dc in that ch and in each of the next 2 underarm chs, dc in the ch-1 sp, dc in each of the 31 sleeve sts, dc in the next ch-1 sp and dc in each of the 3 underarm chs left (39 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**2 dc in next st**] 3 times**, **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 18 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 6**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(60 dc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 6: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; **[**sc2tog**] 12 times**, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc2tog	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 9**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 9: tick them off as you go.

8 9

☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 30 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Edging

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B in the st of row 24 of the body that lies at the lower end of the left front (as worn): the first st of that row that is not a sl st, counted from the left front edge. Rnd 1 goes along the 70 sts of row 24, up the right front, along the 58 chs of the neck and down the left front. The free sts of a front are the sts left unworked at the end of a row and the sl sts at its beginning.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each of next 70 sts of the last row, now up the right front, sc in the end of next row, sc in each of next 6 free sts, sc in the end of next row, sc in each of next 3 free sts, sc in the end of next row, sc in each of next 2 free sts, sc in the end of next row, sc in each of next 2 free sts, [2 sc in the end of each of next 7 rows, sc in the end of next row] twice, 2 sc in the end of each of next 4 rows, now along the neck, sc in each of next 58 chs, now down the left front, 2 sc in the end of each of next 4 rows, [sc in the end of next row, 2 sc in the end of each of next 7 rows] twice, sc in each of next 2 free sts, sc in the end of next row, sc in each of next 2 free sts, sc in the end of next row, sc in each of next 3 free sts, sc in the end of next row, sc in each of next 6 free sts, sc in the end of next row; join with sl st in first sc **(238 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 69 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 58 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 54 sts; join with sl st in first sc **(246 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 41 times**; join with sl st in first sc **(41 sc, 205 dc)**
☐ **End**	The two groups of 3 sc in rnd 2 turn the corners of the neck. The other 4 increases of rnd 2 lie along the lower edge, alike from both of its ends. Fasten off.

Tie: make 2

Yarn B, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 45.
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across **(44 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Each tie is about 9½ in (24 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing. This end and the yarn end from the start of the chain lie together at one end of the tie. There is no yarn end at the other end, which stays free.

Assembly

1. Close any small gaps at the underarms with the yarn ends there.

2. Ties: sew one tie to each front. Lay the end of the tie that has the two yarn ends on the wrong side of the front, behind rnd 1 of the edging, level with row 11 of the yoke, and sew it on with its long yarn end. Tie the free ends in a bow.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces; 3,087 stitches (340 in the yoke, 1,041 in the body, 444 in each sleeve, 730 in the edging, 44 in each tie).

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