Girls' halter top

Size 6 · US terms



Finished size

About 24 in (61 cm) at the body and about 6 in (15 cm) at the body below the bib

To fit a chest of 25 in (63.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches, simple shaping and seams.

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: butter, the main color	**about 195 yd (178 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, the second color	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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

Sizes

Size	Chest	Body	Body below the bib	Bib height	Bib across the bottom	Bib across the top	Yarn, an estimate
Size 2	21 in (53.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	about 170 yd (156 m)
Size 4	23 in (58.5 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	about 205 yd (188 m)
Size 6 (this file)	**25 in (63.5 cm)**	**24 in (61 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**	**about 235 yd (215 m)**
Size 8	26½ in (67.5 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	about 320 yd (292 m)
Size 10	28 in (71 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	about 345 yd (315 m)
Size 12	30 in (76 cm)	30 in (76 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	about 395 yd (361 m)
Size 14	31½ in (80 cm)	33 in (84 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	about 475 yd (435 m)

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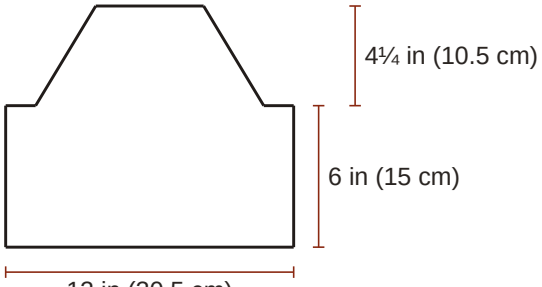
Schematic



Top, laid flat

Abbreviations

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

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

Special stitches

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [Yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops. It leaves 1 hdc2tog for the next row.

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double 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 20 rows of half 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. Shell rounds: 1 sc with 1 shell of 5 dc, worked over 6 sts, is 1½ in (3.8 cm) wide; 11.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- Child's sizes.
- The finished chest is from 1 in (2.5 cm) narrower to 1½ in (4 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The body is worked in rounds from its lower edge up. The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The bib is worked back and forth in rows; its row 1 is a right side row.

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- The chain at the start of a round or row (ch 1 for single and half double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base, unless the round says otherwise.
- The sizes of the bib are of the bib itself; the top edging adds about ½ in (1.5 cm) at the top and at each side.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Stitches worked evenly along row ends: about 6 sc in every 5 rows.

Instructions

Chosen: Size 6. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Body

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 96; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; hdc in each ch around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(96 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 18**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	**(96 hdc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Bib

Yarn A, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	Lay the body flat, right side facing, with the beginning of the rounds at the right-hand side edge. Count 5 sts to the left along the front from that edge and leave them unworked. Join yarn A in the next st; that st is the first of the 38 sts of the bib, which is worked in rows on the next 38 sts.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	**(38 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(34 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(32 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(28 hdc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(26 hdc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(22 hdc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(20 hdc)**

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☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Top edging

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the middle of the back.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, sc in each of the next 29 sts to the bib, 17 sc evenly up the side of the bib, sc in each of the 18 sts across its top, 17 sc evenly down the other side and sc in each of the last 29 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(110 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(110 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Lower edging

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the top so that the foundation chain is uppermost. With the right side facing, join yarn B in the foundation chain at the start of rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc, 80 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neck tie: make 2

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 70.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(69 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Each neck tie is about 15 in (38 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Sew one end of each neck tie to a top corner of the bib, on the wrong side of the top edging.

Finishing

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

In all: 6 pieces; 2,658 stitches (1,728 in the body, 380 in the bib, 220 in the top edging, 192 in the lower edging, 69 in each neck tie); 12 ends to weave in.

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