Lace bolero with a fan border

M, to fit bust 37 in (94 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 39¾ in (101 cm) at the bust and about 14 in (35.5 cm) long

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

V-stitches and shells from the neck down in one piece, rounded fronts, a fan border

Yarn

Fine (2)

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: ivory, fine (2) **about 550 yd (503 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 1 button, 5/8 in (15 mm) across and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

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 bust	Bust	Length from the neck at the back	Yoke depth	Neck around, at the foundation chain	Upper sleeve (17 shells around)	Sleeve	Border	Yarn, an estimate
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	31¼ in (79.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 425 yd (389 m)
S	33 in (84 cm)	35½ in (90 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 475 yd (434 m)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**39¾ in (101 cm)**	**14 in (35.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**12¾ in (32.5 cm)**	**3¼ in (8.5 cm)**	**1¾ in (4.5 cm)**	**about 550 yd (503 m)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	44 in (112 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 625 yd (572 m)

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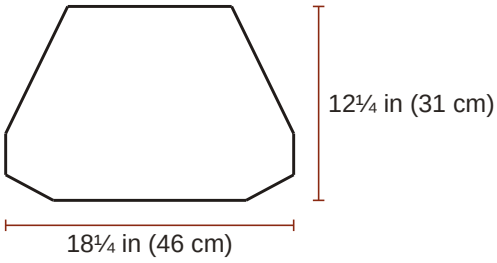
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	48¼ in (122.5 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 675 yd (617 m)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	52½ in (133.5 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 750 yd (686 m)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	56¾ in (144 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	1¾ in (4.5 cm)	about 825 yd (754 m)

Schematic



Body, laid flat, before the border

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)
tr treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
ch chain stitch
RS right side
Rnd round
st stitch
sp space

Special stitches

picot (see SPECIAL STITCHES): Ch 3, sl st in the first of the 3 chains. A picot is not a stitch and is not counted.

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ 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 29; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 14 rows of double crochet on 27 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. Lace: 15 shells (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) side by side in one row are 16 in (40.5 cm) wide, so that 1 shell is a little more than 1 in (about 2.7 cm). In the body and the sleeves a V takes the same width as a shell. Lace rows: 9.5 to 4 in (10 cm), the same as double crochet. Border: 18 sts and 21 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet).

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Before you start

- The finished bust is from 2¼ in (5.5 cm) to 3¾ in (9.5 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 border 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, unless the row says that it goes into a chain space. Work "dc in last st" into the last dc of the row below, never into the turning chain.
- A shell is (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc), worked in one st or one chain space. A V is (dc, ch 1, dc), (dc, ch 2, dc) or (dc, ch 3, dc), worked in the same way.
- To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain. Nothing is worked into the dc between the chain spaces, unless the row names them.
- In the first row of the body after the underarm chains, the stitches skipped beside an underarm are the last dc of the V before it and the first chains of the underarm: "next st" is then a chain, and the shell goes into it as into a stitch.
- To begin a sleeve, hold the piece with the right side facing and the opening of that sleeve uppermost.
- To work into the end of a row, work under the whole post of its edge dc.

Instructions

Chosen: M, to fit bust 37 in (94 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 tr is double treble.

Yoke

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 85.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(83 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 27 times**, dc in last st	**(56 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, dc in last st	**(56 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 27 times**, dc in last st	**(56 dc, 27 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 27 times**, dc in last st	**(56 dc, 27 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 27 times**, dc in last st	**(110 dc, 27 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 27 times**, dc in last st	**(110 dc, 54 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rows 8 to 10** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 54 times**, dc in last st **(110 dc, 54 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10

☐ **Row 11** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 54 times**, dc in last st **(110 dc, 54 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rows 12 to 14** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 54 times**, dc in last st **(110 dc, 54 ch-2 sps)**

A box for each row, 12 to 14: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14

☐ **Row 15** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 54 times**, dc in last st **(218 dc, 54 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Row 16** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 54 times**, dc in last st **(110 dc, 54 ch-3 sps)**

☐ **Row 17** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 54 times**, dc in last st **(218 dc, 54 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 18 to 19** — Repeat Rows 16 and 17, once more **(218 dc, 54 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

18 19

☐ **End** — Do not fasten off.

Body

☐ **Foundation** — Go on from row 19 of the yoke.

☐ **Row 20** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, ch 5 (underarm), skip next 11 shells (one sleeve), **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 16 times**, ch 5 (underarm), skip next 11 shells (one sleeve), **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, dc in last st **(66 dc, 32 ch-3 sps, 10 ch)**

☐ **Row 21** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 8 times**, skip next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 16 times**, skip next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 8 times**, dc in last st **(138 dc, 34 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Row 22** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 34 times**, dc in last st **(70 dc, 34 ch-3 sps)**

☐ **Row 23** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 34 times**, dc in last st **(138 dc, 34 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Row 24** — Ch 2, turn; dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 32 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, leave the last 3 sts unworked **(66 dc, 32 ch-3 sps)**

☐ **Row 25** — Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 32 times**, dc in last st **(130 dc, 32 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Row 26**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 30 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, leave the last 3 sts unworked	**(62 dc, 30 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 30 times**, dc in last st	**(122 dc, 30 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 28 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, leave the last 3 sts unworked	**(58 dc, 28 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next ch-3 sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 26 times**, dc in next ch-3 sp, leave the last 2 sts unworked	**(106 dc, 26 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	The fronts are rounded by the rows that begin and end with a dc in a chain space. Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join the yarn in the 3rd of the 5 chs of an underarm, along their free side. Rnd 1 is worked on the 3 chs from that ch to the end of the underarm, the 11 shells of row 19 of the yoke that were skipped, and the 2 chs that are left.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; (dc, ch 3, dc) in the joining ch, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**, leave the last 4 sts unworked; join with sl st in first dc	**(24 dc, 12 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 2; (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 11 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(48 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next dc and in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 3, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(24 dc, 12 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 2; (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp**] 11 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(48 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 4 sts, (tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr) in next st, skip next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 42 tr, 36 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 2, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 6 times] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 42 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, **[**skip next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, picot**] 6 times**, skip next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(78 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Fan border

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join the yarn in the st of row 29 of the body that lies at the lower end of the left front (as worn). Rnd 1 goes along row 29, up the 29 row ends of the right front, along the 83 chs of the neck and down the 29 row ends of the left front.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 2 sts**] 26 times**, sc in next st, now up the right front, 3 sc in the end of each of next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of next row, 3 sc in the end of next row, 2 sc in the end of next row, 3 sc in the end of next row, [2 sc in the end of each of next 9 rows, sc in the end of next row] twice, 2 sc in the end of each of next 3 rows, now along the neck, sc in each of next 83 chs, now down the left front, [2 sc in the end of each of next 9 rows, sc in the end of next row] twice, 2 sc in the end of each of next 3 rows, 3 sc in the end of next row, 2 sc in the end of next row, 3 sc in the end of next row, 2 sc in the end of next row, 3 sc in the end of each of next 2 rows; join with sl st in first sc **(335 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in next 191 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 83 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 59 sts; join with sl st in first sc **(339 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 26 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 7 times**, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 85 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 60 sts; join with sl st in first sc **(350 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 4 sts, (tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr) in next st, skip next 4 sts**] 35 times**; join with sl st in first sc **(35 sc, 245 tr, 210 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 2, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 6 times] 35 times**; join with sl st in first sc **(35 sc, 245 dc, 210 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, **[**skip next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, picot**] 6 times**, skip next st**] 35 times**; join with sl st in first sc **(455 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Assembly

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

2. Button: lay the fans of the right front border (as worn) over the left front border at the neck. Sew the button, with the sewing thread, to the single crochet rounds of the left front border, just below the neck corner. It goes through a ch-2 sp beside the middle dc of the first whole fan below the neck corner of the right front; no other buttonhole is needed.

Finishing

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

In all: 6,160 stitches (2,279 in the yoke, 966 in the body, 438 in each sleeve, 2,039 in the fan border).

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