Lacy shell stitch cardigan

Size M · US terms



Finished size

About 41½ in (105.5 cm) at the bust and about 22¼ in (56.5 cm) long

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches, simple shaping and seams.

Yarn

Light (3)

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In shell stitch.

You will need

Yarn: blush, light (3) **about 1,425 yd (1,303 m), an estimate**

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

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	To fit bust	Bust	Length	Armhole depth	Sleeve	Upper sleeve	Back neck	Yarn, an estimate
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	34 in (86.5 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	about 1,200 yd (1,097 m)
Size S	33 in (84 cm)	35½ in (90 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	about 1,275 yd (1,166 m)
Size M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**41½ in (105.5 cm)**	**22¼ in (56.5 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**13 in (33 cm)**	**15¼ in (38.5 cm)**	**8¾ in (22 cm)**	**about 1,425 yd (1,303 m)**
Size L	41 in (104 cm)	43 in (109 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	about 1,525 yd (1,394 m)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	47½ in (120.5 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	about 1,675 yd (1,532 m)

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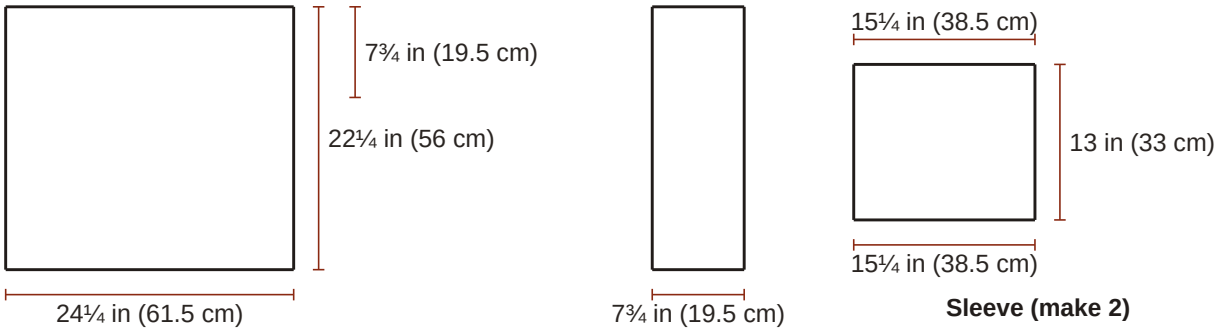
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	53½ in (136 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	about 1,825 yd (1,669 m)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	55 in (139.5 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	about 1,950 yd (1,783 m)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	59½ in (151 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	about 2,100 yd (1,920 m)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	65½ in (166.5 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	about 2,250 yd (2,057 m)

Schematic



Abbreviations

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

ch chain
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st stitch
RS right side

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.

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Gauge

16 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in shell stitch.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 26. Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Row 2: Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, [skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st] 4 times. Row 3: Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, [skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st] 3 times, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st. Rows 4 to 17: Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 7 more times. The swatch of 17 rows is about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high. Measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large.

Before you start

- Women's sizes.
- The finished bust is from 2 in (5 cm) to 5 in (12.5 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. It is meant to be worn open. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- 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.
- Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Mark the right side of each piece with a stitch marker or a scrap of yarn.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Stitches worked evenly along row ends: about 7 sc in every 5 rows.
- Sew every seam with the yarn needle and the same yarn.

Instructions

Chosen: Size M. 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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Back

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 98.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(97 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 16 times**	**(17 sc, 80 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 15 times**, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(81 dc, 16 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 64**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 64: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61
62 63 64

☐ **End** The back measures about 24¼ in (61.5 cm) wide and 22¼ in (56.5 cm) long. Fasten off.

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Front: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 32.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(6 sc, 25 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 4 times**, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(26 dc, 5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 64**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 64: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61
62 63 64

☐ **End**	The front measures about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) wide; the front edging adds about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to it later (the bust in the size list counts it). All 31 sts of the top edge are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 62.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(61 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 50 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 3 dc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 9 times**, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(51 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 38**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 38: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
33 34 35 36 37 38

☐ **End**	The sleeve measures about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) across the top and 13 in (33 cm) long. The foundation chain is the lower edge of the sleeve and the last row is its top edge. Fasten off.	

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Front edging

Work this at step 4 under Assembly.

The decreases fall at the two shoulder seams and turn the corners, so that the edging lies flat.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join the yarn at the lower corner of the right front edge (as worn).	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 89 sc evenly along the 64 row ends of the right front, up to the shoulder, work 35 sc evenly across the back neck, 89 sc evenly along the 64 row ends of the left front, down to the hem	**(213 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 87 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 31 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 87 sts	**(209 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 86 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 29 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 86 sts	**(205 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 85 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in next 85 sts	**(201 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Shoulders: lay the fronts on the back with right sides together and the side edges level. Sew the 31 shoulder sts of each front to the 31 sts at each end of the back, and leave the middle 35 sts of the back, about 8¾ in (22 cm), open for the neck.

2. Sleeves: place a marker on each side edge of the body 7½ in (19 cm) below the shoulder seam (about 22 rows), front and back; this is half the top edge of the sleeve. With right sides together, put the middle of the top edge of a sleeve at each shoulder seam and sew the top edge to the body between the markers.

3. Sides and sleeves: sew each side seam from the marker down to the hem, and each sleeve seam from the underarm to the lower edge.

4. Front edging: work it now, as written above.

Finishing

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

In all: 6 pieces; 15,640 stitches (6,208 in the back, 1,984 in each front, 2,318 in each sleeve, 828 in the front edging); 12 ends to weave in.

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