# Mandala circle vest

Size M · US terms



Finished size
**About 37½ in (95 cm) wide and about 14½ in (37 cm) wide**
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill
**Easy**
Rounds of basic stitches and two chained armholes.

Yarn
**Medium (4), 4 colors**

Hook
**5.5 mm (US I-9)**

Gauge
**13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**
In double crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: plum, the main color | **about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: mustard, the second color | **about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: cream, the third color | **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: sage, the fourth color | **about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate** |

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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 | Bust | Across the circle | Across the back | Armhole | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **XS** | 29 in (73.5 cm) | 34¼ in (87 cm) | 12¾ in (32.5 cm) | 7½ in (19 cm) | about 680 yd (621 m) |
| **Size S** | 33 in (84 cm) | 35¼ in (89.5 cm) | 13½ in (34.5 cm) | 8 in (20.5 cm) | about 735 yd (672 m) |
| **Size M (this file)** | **37 in (94 cm)** | **37½ in (95 cm)** | **14½ in (37 cm)** | **8½ in (21.5 cm)** | **about 855 yd (782 m)** |
| **Size L** | 41 in (104 cm) | 37½ in (95 cm) | 14¾ in (37.5 cm) | 9 in (23 cm) | about 855 yd (782 m) |
| **1X** | 45 in (114.5 cm) | 38¾ in (98.5 cm) | 15¾ in (40 cm) | 9½ in (24 cm) | about 880 yd (805 m) |
| **2X** | 49 in (124.5 cm) | 39¾ in (101 cm) | 16 in (40.5 cm) | 9¾ in (25 cm) | about 930 yd (851 m) |
| **3X** | 53 in (134.5 cm) | 39¾ in (101 cm) | 16 in (40.5 cm) | 10½ in (26.5 cm) | about 935 yd (856 m) |
| **4X** | 57 in (145 cm) | 42¼ in (107.5 cm) | 17 in (43 cm) | 11 in (28 cm) | about 1,030 yd (942 m) |
| **5X** | 61 in (155 cm) | 42¼ in (107.5 cm) | 17¼ in (44 cm) | 11½ in (29 cm) | about 1,030 yd (942 m) |


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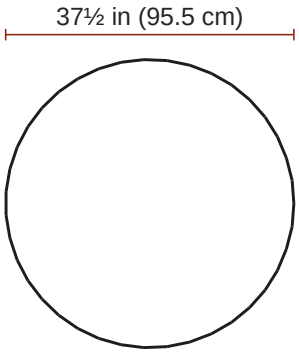
## Schematic




**Circle**

## Abbreviations

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

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| **ch** | chain |
| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **dc** | double crochet (UK tr, treble) |
| **sp** | space |
| **st** | stitch |
| **rnd** | round |

### Special stitches

**puff (puff stitch):** Yarn over, insert the hook in the stitch or space named, yarn over and pull up a tall loop; do this 3 times in the same place (7 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 7 loops. It leaves 1 puff for the next row.

## Gauge

**13 stitches and 7 rounds 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 22; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 10 rows of double crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 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.

## Before you start

- Women's sizes.
- A round vest hangs open and has no bust measurement of its own. Choose by the distance across the back; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- The chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base.


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- The vest is worked from the middle of the circle out. The rounds begin and end on the line from the middle to the lower edge, and the two armholes lie one on each side of the upper back. Worn, the part above the armholes folds back as a collar.
- Pull the loops of each puff up to the height of a double crochet (UK: treble), so that the puff rounds are as tall as the others.
- 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 after 6 rnds or fewer, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.

## 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

### Circle

**Yarns in order of use: A, plum; B, mustard; C, cream; D, sage.**

Colors, counted from rnd 1: 2 rnds yarn A, 1 rnd yarn B, 1 rnd yarn C, 1 rnd yarn A, 1 rnd yarn D, 1 rnd yarn C; repeat these 7 rnds to rnd 32 (the last repeat stops part way); rnd 33 yarn B.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With yarn A, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 2; 12 dc in ring; join with sl st in first dc | **(12 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 2; 2 dc in each of next 12 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(24 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | **Yarn B.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(36 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | **Yarn C.** Ch 2; **[**puff in next st, ch 1, skip next st, puff in next st, ch 1**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first puff | **(24 puffs, 24 ch-1 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | **Yarn A.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(60 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | **Yarn D.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(72 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | **Yarn C.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(84 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | **Yarn A.** Ch 2; **[[**puff in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 3 times**, puff in next st, ch 1**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first puff | **(48 puffs, 48 ch-1 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 9** | Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, [dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp] twice**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(108 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | **Yarn B.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(120 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 11** | **Yarn C.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(132 dc)** |


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| ☐ **Rnd 12** | **Yarn A.** Ch 2;<br>**[[**puff in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 5 times**, puff in next st, ch 1**] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first puff | **(72 puffs, 72 ch-1 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 13** | **Yarn D.** Ch 2;<br>**[[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp] twice, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp,<br>**[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first dc | **(156 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 14** | **Yarn C.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(168 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 15** | **Yarn A.** Ch 2; dc in next 40 sts, ch 28 (armhole), skip next 28 sts, dc in next 32 sts,<br>ch 28 (armhole), skip next 28 sts, dc in next 40 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(112 dc, 56 ch)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 16** | Ch 2;<br>**[[**puff in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 3 times**, puff in next st, ch 1**] 24 times**;<br>join with sl st in first puff. Work into each armhole ch as into a st | **(96 puffs, 96 ch-1 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 17** | **Yarn B.** Ch 2;<br>**[[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp,<br>**[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first dc | **(204 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 18** | **Yarn C.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 16 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(216 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 19** | **Yarn A.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 8 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 9 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(228 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 20** | **Yarn D.** Ch 2;<br>**[[**puff in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 9 times**, puff in next st, ch 1**] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first puff | **(120 puffs, 120 ch-1 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 21** | **Yarn C.** Ch 2;<br>**[[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp,<br>**[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first dc | **(252 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 22** | **Yarn A.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 20 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(264 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 23** | Ch 2; **[**dc in next 10 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 11 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(276 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 24** | **Yarn B.** Ch 2;<br>**[[**puff in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 11 times**, puff in next st, ch 1**] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first puff | **(144 puffs, 144 ch-1 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 25** | **Yarn C.** Ch 2;<br>**[[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp,<br>**[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first dc | **(300 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 26** | **Yarn A.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 24 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(312 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 27** | **Yarn D.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 12 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 13 sts**] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first dc | **(324 dc)** |


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| ☐ **Rnd 28** | **Yarn C.** Ch 2;<br>**[[**puff in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 13 times**, puff in next st, ch 1**] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first puff | **(168 puffs, 168 ch-1 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 29** | **Yarn A.** Ch 2;<br>**[[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp,<br>**[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first dc | **(348 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 30** | Ch 2; **[**dc in next 28 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(360 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 31** | **Yarn B.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 14 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 15 sts**] 12 times**;<br>join with sl st in first dc | **(372 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 32** | **Yarn C.** Ch 2; **[**dc in next 30 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc | **(384 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 33** | **Yarn B.** Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 64 times**;<br>join with sl st in first sc | **(64 sc, 320 dc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

### Armhole edging: make 2

**Yarn B, mustard.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With the right side facing, join yarn B in the first of the 28 skipped sts of an armhole. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Ch 1, sc in each of the 28 skipped sts, then sc in each of the 28 chs along their free side;<br>join with sl st in first sc | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. | |

### Putting it together

Armhole 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: 3 pieces; 12 ends to weave in.

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