Off-the-shoulder ruffle top

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



Finished size
About 39 in (99 cm) at the bust and about 46 in (117 cm) at the neckline
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches in rounds, V-stitch lace and shells

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: coral, main — **about 850 yd (777 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, contrast — **about 70 yd (64 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.

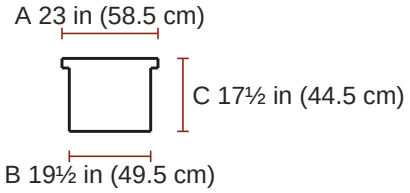
Sizes

Size	To fit bust	Bust	Neckline before it is drawn in	Length from the neckline	Ruffle depth	Ruffle around its lower edge	Armhole around	Yarn, an estimate
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	31 in (78.5 cm)	37 in (94 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	55½ in (141 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	about 735 yd (672 m)
S	33 in (84 cm)	35 in (89 cm)	42 in (106.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	63 in (160 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	about 815 yd (745 m)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**39 in (99 cm)**	**46 in (117 cm)**	**17½ in (44.5 cm)**	**5¾ in (14.5 cm)**	**69 in (175.5 cm)**	**13½ in (34.5 cm)**	**about 920 yd (841 m)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	43 in (109 cm)	50 in (127 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	75 in (190.5 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	about 1,025 yd (937 m)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	47 in (119.5 cm)	55 in (139.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	82½ in (209.5 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	about 1,130 yd (1,033 m)

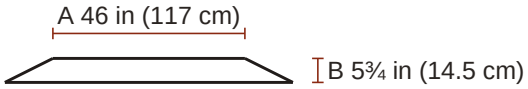
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2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	51 in (129.5 cm)	60 in (152.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	90 in (228.5 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	about 1,235 yd (1,129 m)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	55 in (139.5 cm)	65 in (165 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	5¾ in (14.5 cm)	97½ in (247.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	about 1,340 yd (1,225 m)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	59 in (150 cm)	69 in (175.5 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	103½ in (263 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	about 1,620 yd (1,481 m)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	63 in (160 cm)	74 in (188 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	111 in (282 cm)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	about 1,750 yd (1,600 m)

Schematic



Top, laid flat, without the ruffle
A half the neckline before it is drawn in
B half the bust
C the length from the neckline



Ruffle, spread out
A the neckline before it is drawn in
B the ruffle depth

Abbreviations

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

sl st slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
ch chain stitch
Rnd round
st stitch
sp space
back loop only under the one loop of the stitch that is farther from you

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. Shell rounds (rounds of 5 dc and 1 sc in turn): about 11.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Single crochet (UK: double crochet) rounds: about 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). V-stitch rounds: each V (dc, ch 1, dc) counts as 3 sts; the rounds are as tall as rounds of double crochet.

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Before you start

- The finished bust is 2 in (5 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- Worked from the neckline down in rounds. The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you. The rounds of the band and of the body begin at the middle of the back.
- 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. Where a round begins with a sl st in a chain space, its first stitch or group goes in that space.
- The neckline goes around the body and both arms, below the shoulders; the cord draws it in. Put the top on with the cord let out, and draw the cord in afterward.
- V-stitch (V): (dc, ch 1, dc) worked in one stitch or in one ch-1 space.
- At the underarms, work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next round. The armhole edgings are worked into the free side of these chains.
- Rnd 4 of the band is worked in the back loops only of rnd 3; the front loops stay free for the ruffle.
- 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.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.

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

Band

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 184; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	**(184 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 92 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(92 dc, 92 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 92 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(184 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; dc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(184 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(184 dc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

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Body

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from rnd 6 of the band. Colors: rnds 7 to 38 yarn A; rnd 39 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2; dc in next 29 sts, ch 20 (underarm), skip next 34 sts (one armhole), dc in next 58 sts, ch 20 (underarm), skip next 34 sts (one armhole), dc in next 29 sts; join with sl st in first dc	**(116 dc, 40 ch)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 37**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	**(156 dc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 37: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **Rnd 38**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(156 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 39**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 26 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(26 sc, 130 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ruffle

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 to 12 yarn A; rnd 13 yarn B. This is worked in the front loops of rnd 3 of the band, which were left free by rnd 4. With the right side facing and the neckline toward you, join yarn A in the free front loop of the first st of rnd 3, at the middle of the back; ch 2, dc in the free front loop of each of the 184 sts of rnd 3 (184 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1. The ruffle lies over the body, right side out.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 92 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(184 dc, 92 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 1, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 91 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(184 dc, 92 ch-1 sps)**

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

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; sc in same sp, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 45 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc, 230 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2; **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 92 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(184 dc, 92 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10**	Repeat Rnds 3 to 6, once more	**(184 dc, 92 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 7 to 10: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10

☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 2; (dc, ch 1, dc) in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 91 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(184 dc, 92 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 11 to 12: tick them off as you go.

11 12

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☐ **Rnd 13**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; sc in same sp, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 45 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc, 230 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Armhole edging: make 2

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm, along the free side of the chs; ch 1, sc in that ch and in each of the next 9 underarm chs, sc in each of the 34 sts of rnd 6 of the band that were skipped, and sc in each of the 10 underarm chs left (54 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cord

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 378.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(377 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	The cord is about 82 in (208.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

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

2. Cord: rnd 2 of the band has 92 ch-1 sps, counted from the beginning of the rnd at the middle of the back; the middle of the front lies between sps 46 and 47. Take one end of the cord in from the outside to the inside through sp 47, out through sp 48, and on in this way, in and out through every sp around the back and to the front again; the last time it comes out through sp 46. Draw the neckline in to the length you like, and tie the two ends in a bow on the outside, at the middle of the front.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 9,037 stitches (1,012 in the band, 5,148 in the body, 2,392 in the ruffle, 54 in each armhole edging, 377 in the cord).

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