Puff sleeve cardigan with flowers

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



Finished size
About 40½ in (103 cm) at the bust and about 18½ in (47 cm) long
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Basic stitches, simple shaping, small flowers sewn on

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: soft lavender, main	**about 1,800 yd (1,646 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, contrast	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lemon, color 3	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, 5 buttons, ¾ in (20 mm) across, stitch markers 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.

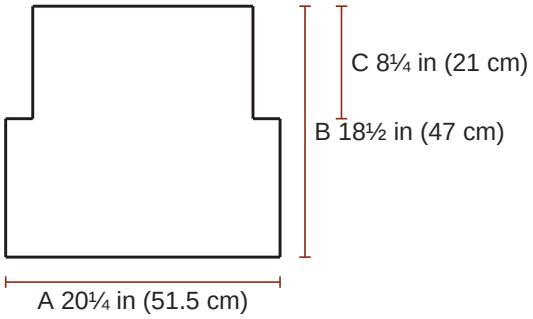
Sizes

Size	To fit bust	Bust (buttoned)	Length	Armhole depth	Sleeve	Sleeve at its fullest	Cuff around	Back neck	Yarn, an estimate
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	32½ in (82.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	about 1,565 yd (1,431 m)
S	33 in (84 cm)	36½ in (92.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	about 1,740 yd (1,591 m)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**40½ in (103 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**8¼ in (21 cm)**	**20½ in (52 cm)**	**21¼ in (54 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**7¼ in (18.5 cm)**	**about 1,940 yd (1,774 m)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	44½ in (113 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	about 2,065 yd (1,888 m)

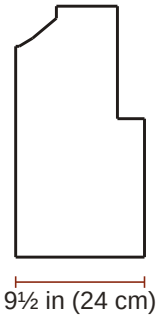
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1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	48½ in (123 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	about 2,215 yd (2,025 m)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	52½ in (133.5 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	23¾ in (60.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	about 2,415 yd (2,208 m)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	56½ in (143.5 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	25 in (63.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	about 2,565 yd (2,345 m)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	60½ in (153.5 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	about 2,790 yd (2,551 m)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	64½ in (164 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm)	28¾ in (73 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	about 3,015 yd (2,757 m)

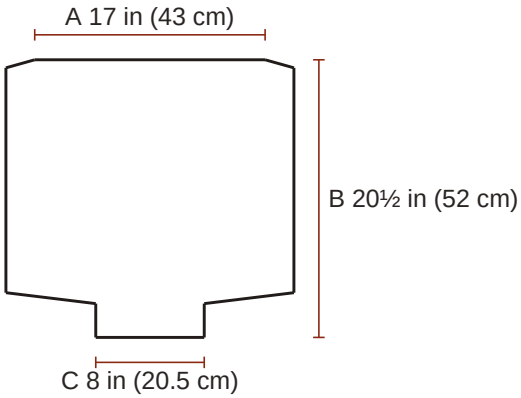
Schematic



Back
A half the bust
B the length
C the armhole



Left front



Sleeve (make 2)
A half the top of the sleeve
B the sleeve
C half the cuff

Abbreviations

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

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

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 or round.

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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 or round.

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rows 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. Ribs: worked sideways, 17 rows and 16 sts to 4 in (10 cm), so a rib of 8 sts is about 2 in (5 cm) deep and a rib of 10 sts is about 2½ in (6.5 cm) deep. Single crochet rows: about 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- The finished bust is 3½ in (9 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain, ch 1 in every row, 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.
- The ribs are worked sideways in single crochet in the back loop (UK: double crochet). The pieces are worked up from a long edge of a rib. The rib draws in: it is a little narrower than the piece above it.
- Sew every seam with the yarn needle and yarn A: cut a length about three times as long as the seam.
- 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. 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, hdc is half treble and sl st is slip stitch.

Back hem rib

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 81**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	**(8 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 81: tick them off as you go.

2	3	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	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81							

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Back

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold a back hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (81 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(81 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 28: tick them off as you go.

2 3 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

☐ **Row 29**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 8 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 65 sts, leave the last 8 sts unworked	**(65 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 30 to 56**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(65 hdc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 56: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **End**	The back measures about 20¼ in (51.5 cm) wide and 18½ in (47 cm) long, with the rib, and 16¼ in (41.5 cm) across above the armholes. Fasten off.	

Front hem rib: make 2, one for each front

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	**(8 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 38: tick them off as you go.

2 3 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**	Fasten off.	

Left front

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	As worn. On right side rows the side edge is at the beginning of the row and the front edge at its end. Hold a front hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (38 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(38 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 28: tick them off as you go.

2 3 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

☐ **Row 29**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 8 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 30 sts	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 30 to 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(30 hdc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 46: tick them off as you go.

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 25 sts, leave the last 5 sts unworked	**(25 hdc)**

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☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(23 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 50 to 53**	Repeat Rows 48 and 49, 2 more times (21, 19 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	**(19 hdc)**

A box for each row, 50 to 53: tick them off as you go.

50 51 52 53

☐ **Row 54**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 55 to 56**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**

A box for each row, 55 to 56: tick them off as you go.

55 56

☐ **End**	The front measures about 9½ in (24 cm) wide above the hem rib; the button bands, one over the other, add about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to the bust later (the size list counts it). The 18 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off.

Right front

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	As worn. On right side rows the front edge is at the beginning of the row and the side edge at its end. Hold a front hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (38 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(38 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 28: tick them off as you go.

2 3 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

☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 30 sts, leave the last 8 sts unworked	**(30 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 30 to 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(30 hdc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 46: tick them off as you go.

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

☐ **Row 47**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 5 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 25 sts	**(25 hdc)**
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	**(23 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 50 to 53**	Repeat Rows 48 and 49, 2 more times (21, 19 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	**(19 hdc)**

A box for each row, 50 to 53: tick them off as you go.

50 51 52 53

☐ **Row 54**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(18 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 55 to 56**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(18 hdc)**

A box for each row, 55 to 56: tick them off as you go.

55 56

☐ **End**	The front measures about 9½ in (24 cm) wide above the hem rib; the button bands, one over the other, add about 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to the bust later (the size list counts it). The 18 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off.

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Cuff rib: make 2

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 34: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold a cuff rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (34 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 hdc in next st, 3 hdc in next st**] 17 times**	**(85 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 60**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(85 hdc)**

A box for each row, 3 to 60: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 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

☐ **Row 61**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog**] 17 times**	**(68 hdc)**
☐ **End**	The last row gathers the top of the sleeve. The sleeve measures about 21¼ in (54 cm) across just below it, 17 in (43 cm) across the top and 20½ in (52 cm) long, with the cuff. Fasten off.	

Flower: make 52

Yarns in order of use: C, lemon; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 3; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnd 1 yarn C; rnd 2 yarn B. Yarn B is joined as rnd 2 says.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Fasten off yarn C; join yarn B with a sl st in the first sc of the round, ch 2; puff in the same sc as the sl st (the ch 2 before it does not count as a stitch), ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 2**] 5 times**; join with sl st in first puff	**(6 puffs, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Each flower is about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) across. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

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Button band

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 6 of the finishing. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the neck end of the left front edge (as worn); ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 46 rows of the straight front edge, with 2 sc in the 3rd, 8th, 13th, 18th, 24th, 29th, 34th, 39th and 44th of them (55 sc), from the neck down, and sc in each of the 8 sts along the end of the front hem rib; 63 sc in all. This is row 1.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Buttonhole band

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 6 of the finishing. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the lower corner of the right front edge (as worn); ch 1, sc in each of the 8 sts along the end of the front hem rib, and sc in the end of each of the 46 rows of the straight front edge, with 2 sc in the 3rd, 8th, 13th, 18th, 24th, 29th, 34th, 39th and 44th of them (55 sc), up to the neck; 63 sc in all. This is row 1.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(63 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts**] 4 times**, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(53 sc, 5 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 12 sts**] 4 times**, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	**(63 sc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(63 sc)**

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

5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neck edging

Yarn A, soft lavender.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 6 of the finishing. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the neck corner of the buttonhole band on the right front (as worn); ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 6 band rows, sc in each of the 5 sts left at the right front neck, sc in the end of each of the 10 rows of the right neck edge, up to the shoulder, with 2 sc in the 3rd and 8th of them (12 sc), sc in each of the 29 sts of the back neck, sc in the end of each of the 10 rows of the left neck edge, down from the shoulder, with 2 sc in the 3rd and 8th of them (12 sc), sc in each of the 5 sts left at the left front neck and sc in the end of each of the 6 band rows; 75 sc in all. This is row 1.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(75 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Assembly

1. Flowers on the fronts: lay each front with its right side up. Count the rows from row 1, just above the rib, and the stitches from the front edge. Sew a flower with its middle over each of these stitches: on row 7, over sts 5 and 25; on row 11, over st 15; on row 18, over st 20; on row 22, over st 10; on row 28, over sts 5 and 25; on row 32, over st 15; on row 38, over st 20; on row 42, over st 10. With the end of yarn left on it, sew the flower down with a small stitch through the top of each of its 6 puffs.

2. Flowers on the sleeves: in the same way, on each sleeve, the rows counted from row 1, just above the cuff rib, and the stitches from the right-hand edge: on row 9, over sts 11, 32, 54 and 75; on row 20, over sts 21 and 65; on row 30, over sts 11, 32, 54 and 75; on row 41, over sts 21 and 65; on row 52, over sts 11, 32, 54 and 75.

3. Shoulders: lay the fronts on the back with right sides together and the side edges level. Sew the 18 shoulder sts of each front to the 18 sts at that end of the back. The middle 29 sts of the back stay open for the neck.

4. Sleeves: with right sides together, put the middle of the top edge of a sleeve at a shoulder seam. Sew 34 sts of the top edge to the 28 row ends of the armhole of the front and the other 34 sts to the 28 row ends of the armhole of the back, about 6 sts to every 5 row ends. Then sew the last 7 row ends of each side edge of the sleeve to the 8 sts left at the underarm of the body.

5. Sides and sleeves: fold the cardigan at the shoulders, right sides together. Sew each sleeve seam from the cuff edge to the underarm, row end to row end, and each side seam from the underarm down to the lower edge.

6. Bands: work the button band, the buttonhole band and then the neck edging, as written above. Sew the 5 buttons to the button band, each against a buttonhole, with the sewing thread.

Finishing

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

In all: 57 pieces.

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