Regency spencer jacket, high waist

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



Finished size

About 40 in (101.5 cm) at the bust and about 35½ in (90 cm) at the waist

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Close flat pieces, set-in sleeves gathered at the top, a double row of buttons

Yarn

Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: wine, main color — **about 1,400 yd (1,280 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: ivory, contrast — **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 420 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, stitch markers, pins, 8 buttons, 5/8 in (15 mm) across, a hook and eye 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	Yarn, an estimate	Bust (buttoned)	Waistband around (buttoned)	Length from the shoulder	Across the back above the armholes	Armhole depth	Sleeve to the underarm	Upper sleeve below the puff	Wrist around	Back neck	Collar height without the frill	Overlap of the fronts
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 1,205 yd (1,102 m)	32 in (81.5 cm)	27½ in (70 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 1,330 yd (1,216 m)	35½ in (90 cm)	31½ in (80 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 1,460 yd (1,335 m)**	**40 in (101.5 cm)**	**35½ in (90 cm)**	**13½ in (34.5 cm)**	**15½ in (39.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**17 in (43 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**7 in (18 cm)**	**6¾ in (17 cm)**	**1½ in (4 cm)**	**3¾ in (9.5 cm)**

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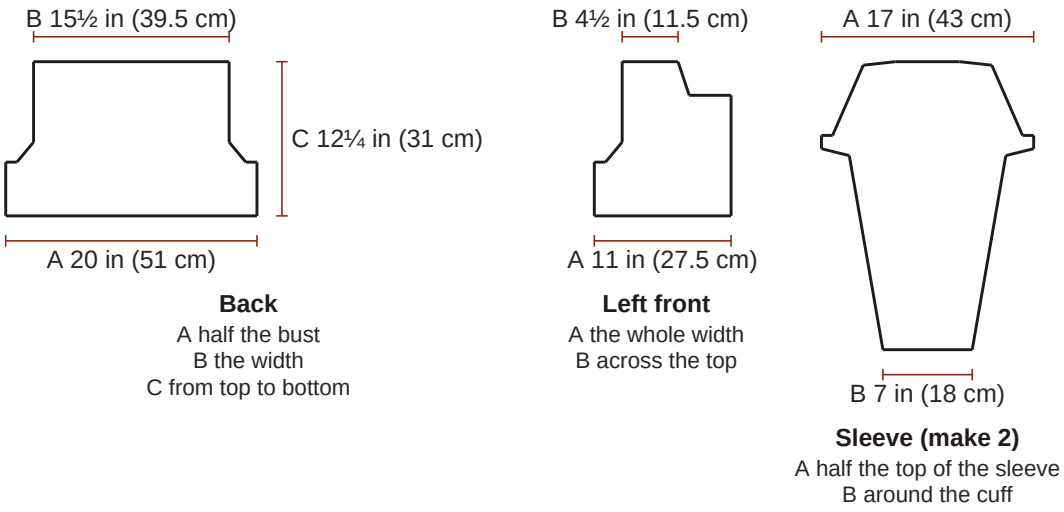
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,635 yd (1,495 m)	44½ in (113 cm)	39½ in (100.5 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 1,785 yd (1,632 m)	48 in (122 cm)	43½ in (110.5 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 2,010 yd (1,838 m)	51½ in (131 cm)	47½ in (120.5 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	1½ in (4 cm)	3¾ in (9.5 cm)

Schematic



Back
A half the bust
B the width
C from top to bottom

Left front
A the whole width
B across the top

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

Gauge

18 stitches and 15 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 28; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 22 rows of half double crochet on 27 sts, about 6 in (15 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. Single crochet of the waistband, the edgings and the collar: 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Frill: 9.5 rows of double crochet (UK: treble) to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- The finished bust is from 2½ in (6.5 cm) to 3½ in (9 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half double 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.
- The left front and the right front are named as worn. With the right side facing you, the rows of the left front begin at its side edge and end at its front edge, and the rows of the right front begin at its front edge and end at its side edge; on wrong side rows it is the other way about.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.

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- To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain.
- Where a foundation chain is picked up, the 1 ch that was skipped at the start of row 1 of the piece is left out.
- The jacket ends just under the bust. Try on the body pieces, pinned, before you work the waistband, and go up a size if the lower edge is too close.
- Sew every seam with the yarn needle and a new length of yarn A, about two and a half times as long as the seam, where no other end is named. Small stitches into both edges keep a seam flat.
- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch, **sp** space.

RS right side, the one that shows.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 82 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 16 times: work what is inside 16 times in all.

(90 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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.

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.

Back

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 91.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(90 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(90 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Row 17**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 4 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 82 sts, leave the last 4 sts unworked	(82 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 23**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(70 hdc)
	18 19 20 21 22 23	
☐ **Rows 24 to 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(70 hdc)
	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46	
☐ **End**	The back is about 20 in (51 cm) wide, 15½ in (39.5 cm) across above the armholes and 12¼ in (31 cm) long. The foundation chain is its lower edge. Fasten off.	

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Left front

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 50.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(49 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(49 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Row 17**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 4 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 45 sts	(45 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(44 hdc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(43 hdc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 23**	Repeat Rows 18 and 19, 2 more times (41, 39 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(39 hdc)
	20 21 22 23	
☐ **Rows 24 to 36**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(39 hdc)
	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 24 sts, leave the last 15 sts unworked	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 40 to 45**	Repeat Rows 38 and 39, 3 more times (22, 21, 20 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(20 hdc)
	40 41 42 43 44 45	
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
☐ **End**	The left front is about 11 in (28 cm) wide. The 15 sts of row 36 that row 37 leaves free are the front of the neck, and the 20 sts of row 46 are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

Right front

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 50.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(49 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(49 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 45 sts, leave the last 4 sts unworked	(45 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(43 hdc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 23**	Repeat Rows 18 and 19, 2 more times (41, 39 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(39 hdc)
	20 21 22 23	

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☐ **Rows 24 to 36**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(39 hdc)
	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36	
☐ **Row 37**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 15 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 24 sts	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 40 to 45**	Repeat Rows 38 and 39, 3 more times (22, 21, 20 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(20 hdc)
	40 41 42 43 44 45	
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(20 hdc)
☐ **End**	The right front is about 11 in (28 cm) wide. The 15 sts of row 36 that row 37 leaves free are the front of the neck, and the 20 sts of row 46 are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	The sleeve is close from the wrist to row 58. Row 59 widens it for the full part at the shoulder, and row 86 gathers its top. With yarn A, ch 33.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(32 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(34 hdc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 51**	Repeat Rows 4 to 7, 11 more times (36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(56 hdc)
	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	
☐ **Rows 52 to 58**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(56 hdc)
	52 53 54 55 56 57 58	
☐ **Row 59**	Ch 1, turn; [hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st] twice, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 16 times**, [hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st] twice	(76 hdc)
☐ **Rows 60 to 64**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(76 hdc)
	60 61 62 63 64	
☐ **Row 65**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 4 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 68 sts, leave the last 4 sts unworked	(68 hdc)
☐ **Row 66**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(66 hdc)
☐ **Row 67**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(66 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 68 to 83** 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83	Repeat Rows 66 and 67, 8 more times (64, 62, 60, 58, 56, 54, 52, 50 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(50 hdc)
☐ **Rows 84 to 85** 84 85	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 86**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog 23 times	(23 hdc)
☐ **End**	The sleeve is about 7 in (18 cm) around at the wrist, 12½ in (32 cm) at row 58 and 17 in (43 cm) in the full part, 17 in (43 cm) long to the underarm, with a cap 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high. Fasten off.	

Waistband

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 2 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the ch at the front corner of the left front, at the right-hand end of the lower edge, with that edge uppermost; ch 1, then work these edges in order: sc in each of the 49 chs of the foundation chain of the left front, along their free side (49 sc); sc in each of the 90 chs of the foundation chain of the back, along their free side (90 sc); sc in each of the 49 chs of the foundation chain of the right front, along their free side (49 sc). There are 188 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 20 times**, sc in next 4 sts	(168 sc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 7** 3 4 5 6 7	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(168 sc)
☐ **End**	The waistband is about 37¼ in (94.5 cm) long and 1¼ in (3 cm) deep. Its decreases draw in the bodice under the bust. Fasten off.	

Right front edging

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 3 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the lower corner of the right front edge, as worn, in the end of row 7 of the waistband; ch 1, then work these edges in order: along rows 1 to 7 of the waistband, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (6 sc); along rows 1 to 36 of the right front, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 7 times, sc in the end of the next row (43 sc). There are 49 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(49 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 3, skip next 3 sts, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**, ch 3, skip next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(37 sc, 4 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, **[**3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 3 sts	(49 sc)

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(49 sc)
☐ **End**	The 4 ch-3 sps of row 3 are the buttonholes. The edging is about 1 in (2.5 cm) wide. Fasten off.	

Left front edging

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 3 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the neck corner of the left front edge, as worn; ch 1, then work these edges in order: along rows 1 to 36 of the left front, met from the last of them, sc in the end of the next row, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 7 times (43 sc); along rows 1 to 7 of the waistband, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (6 sc). There are 49 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(49 sc)
☐ **End**	The edging is about 1 in (2.5 cm) wide. Fasten off.	

Collar and frill

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 4 of Assembly. The free sts of row 36 are the 15 sts of each front that row 37 left. The inner free sts are the 11 of them that are nearest the shoulder; the 4 at the front edge stay free, so that the two ends of the collar meet at the middle of the front when the jacket is closed. Colors: rows 1 to 8 yarn A; rows 9 to 12 yarn B. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the free st of row 36 of the right front that is the 5th from its front edge, the edging not counted; ch 1, then work these edges in order: sc in each of the 11 inner free sts of row 36 of the right front (11 sc); up the neck edge, along rows 37 to 46 of the right front, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, sc in the end of the next row (13 sc); across the back neck, sc in each of the 30 middle sts of row 46 of the back (30 sc); down the neck edge, along rows 37 to 46 of the left front, met from the last of them, sc in the end of the next row, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 3 times (13 sc); sc in each of the 11 inner free sts of row 36 of the left front (11 sc). There are 78 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 8** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(78 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in each of next 78 sts	(156 dc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 78 times**	(234 dc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across	(235 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st**] 117 times**	(118 sc, 117 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Rows 1 to 8 are the collar, about 1½ in (3.8 cm) high; rows 9 to 12 are the frill, about 1¼ in (3 cm) deep, which ripples and falls over the collar. Fasten off.	

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Assembly

1. Shoulders and sides: lay the left front and the right front on the back with right sides together and the side edges level. Sew the 20 sts of row 46 of each front to the 20 sts at that end of row 46 of the back, one to one, with yarn A. The middle 30 sts of the back stay open for the neck. Sew each side seam, the ends of rows 1 to 16 of the back to the ends of rows 1 to 16 of the front, row to row.

2. Waistband: work it now, as written above.

3. Front edgings: work the right front edging and the left front edging now, as written above.

4. Collar and frill: work them now, as written above.

5. Sleeves: with right sides together and yarn A, sew each sleeve seam, row end to row end, from the foundation chain to row 64. Put a sleeve into an armhole with right sides together: the sleeve seam at the side seam, the 4 sts left unworked at each side of the sleeve on the 4 sts left unworked by the back and by the front, and the middle of the 23 sts of row 86 at the shoulder seam. Pin the cap between these places. Its edge, measured along its row ends and across its top, is about 1 in (2.5 cm) longer than the edge of the armhole, and this ease is spread over the top of the cap. Sew it in, and the second sleeve into the other armhole.

6. Buttons, with sewing thread: lap the right front over the left front until the two ends of the collar meet, and pin it. Sew 4 buttons to the left front, one under each buttonhole: each lies in the 11th st from the left front edging. Sew the other 4 buttons to the right front, each level with a buttonhole and in the 11th st from the right front edging; they are for show and make the second row.

7. Hook and eye: sew the hook to the inside of the right end of the collar, as worn, at its lower edge, and the eye to the inside of the left end, so that the two ends meet edge to edge.

Finishing

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

In all: 3 pieces; 19,115 stitches (3,552 in the back, 1,790 in the left front, 1,790 in the right front, 4,653 in each sleeve, 1,008 in the waistband, 184 in the right front edging, 196 in the left front edging, 1,289 in the collar and frill).

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