Shell stitch short sleeve top

Size M · US terms



Finished size
About 39½ in (100.5 cm) at the bust and about 18¾ in (47.5 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: rose, light (3) **about 1,000 yd (914 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)	30½ in (77.5 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	about 775 yd (709 m)
Size S	33 in (84 cm)	36½ in (92.5 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	about 900 yd (823 m)
Size M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**39½ in (100.5 cm)**	**18¾ in (47.5 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**5½ in (14 cm)**	**15¼ in (38.5 cm)**	**10¾ in (27.5 cm)**	**about 1,000 yd (914 m)**
Size L	41 in (104 cm)	42½ in (108 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	about 1,075 yd (983 m)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	48½ in (123 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	about 1,200 yd (1,097 m)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	51½ in (131 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	about 1,300 yd (1,189 m)

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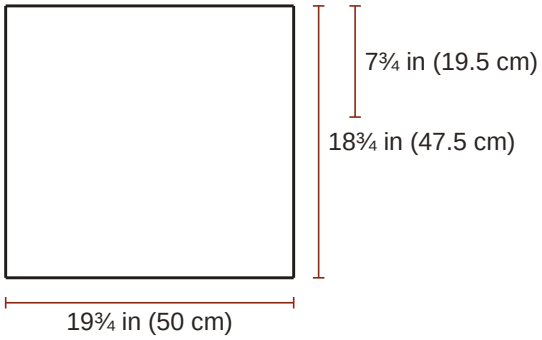
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	54½ in (138.5 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	about 1,375 yd (1,257 m)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	60½ in (153.5 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	about 1,525 yd (1,394 m)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	63½ in (161.5 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	about 1,625 yd (1,486 m)

Schematic



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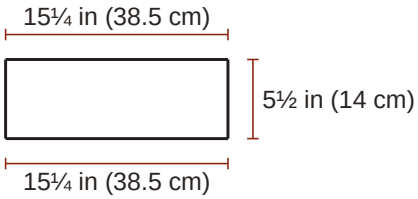

Sleeve (make 2)

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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 6 in (15 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.

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- The finished bust is from 1½ in (4 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 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.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.
- Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Mark the right side of each piece with a stitch marker or a scrap of yarn.
- 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Back

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 80.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(79 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**] 13 times**	**(14 sc, 65 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**] 12 times**, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(66 dc, 13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 54**	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 54: 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

☐ **End** The back measures about 19¾ in (50 cm) wide and 18¾ in (47.5 cm) long. Fasten off.

Front

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 80.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(79 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**] 13 times**	**(14 sc, 65 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**] 12 times**, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(66 dc, 13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 54**	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 54: 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

☐ **End** The front is the same as the back. Fasten off.

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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 16**	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 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **End**	The sleeve measures about 15¼ in (38.5 cm) across the top and 5½ in (14 cm) long. The foundation chain is the lower edge of the sleeve and the last row is its top edge. Fasten off.	

Neckband

Work this at step 2 under Assembly.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join the yarn at the right shoulder seam (as worn).	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, sc in each of the 43 open sts of the back neck and in each of the 43 open sts of the front neck; join with sl st in first sc	**(86 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(86 sc)**

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

☐ 2 ☐ 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Shoulders: lay the front on the back with right sides together. Sew the 18 sts at each end of the top edge together, and leave the middle 43 sts of the back open for the neck.

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

3. 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.

4. 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.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 10,742 stitches (4,266 in the back, 4,266 in the front, 976 in each sleeve, 258 in the neckband); 10 ends to weave in.

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