Watermelon halter top

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



Finished size

About 6½ in (16.5 cm) at the neck edge across and about 11¾ in (30 cm) deep

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill

Easy

Half double crochet with increases, color changes, a little embroidery

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: melon	**about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: fern	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chocolate	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 110 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

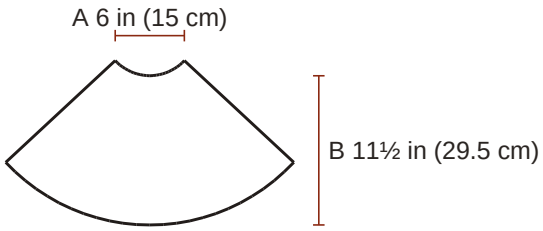
Sizes

Size	Chest	Yarn, an estimate	Neck edge across, with the edging	Depth, neck to hem at middle of front	Along the curved hem, with the edging	Each neck tie long	Each back tie long
Girls 4	23 in (58.5 cm)	about 120 yd (110 m)	4 in (10 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)
Girls 6	25 in (63.5 cm)	about 135 yd (123 m)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)
Girls 8	26½ in (67.5 cm)	about 155 yd (142 m)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	13 in (33 cm)
Girls 10	28 in (71 cm)	about 170 yd (155 m)	5 in (12.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)
Girls 12	30 in (76 cm)	about 190 yd (174 m)	5 in (12.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)
Girls 14	31½ in (80 cm)	about 200 yd (183 m)	5½ in (14 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)

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Women XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 205 yd (187 m)	5 in (12.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)
Women S	33 in (84 cm)	about 230 yd (210 m)	5½ in (14 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)
Women M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 265 yd (242 m)**	**6½ in (16.5 cm)**	**11¾ in (30 cm)**	**25½ in (65 cm)**	**20 in (51 cm)**	**17 in (43 cm)**
Women L	41 in (104 cm)	about 310 yd (283 m)	7½ in (19 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	27½ in (70 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)

Schematic



Slice, without the edging
A across the top
B the depth, neck to hem at middle of front

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. Edging: 16 sts to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet (UK: double crochet).

Instructions

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hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **st** stitch.
2 hdc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Hdc in next 5 sts: one in each.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
(24 hdc): the row now has 24; a check, not a step. Not 24? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

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Slice

Yarn A, melon.

☐ **Start**	The slice is worked from the neck to the hem. The foundation chain is the neck edge and the last row is the hem. The rows grow by 2 sts each and lie as curves, as the rings of a round do; the two straight edges, made of the row ends, are the arm edges. With yarn A, ch 25. Colors: rows 1 to 34 yarn A; rows 35 and 36 yarn B; rows 37 to 39 yarn C.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts	(26 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts	(30 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts	(32 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts	(34 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts	(38 hdc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 30 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts	(42 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts	(44 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts	(46 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 34 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 11 sts	(50 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 40 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts	(54 hdc)

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☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts	(58 hdc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 44 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 32 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 13 sts	(62 hdc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 20 sts	(64 hdc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 48 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts	(66 hdc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 34 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts	(68 hdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 22 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts	(70 hdc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 7 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 54 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts	(72 hdc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 38 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts	(74 hdc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 24 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 24 sts	(76 hdc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 8 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 58 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts	(78 hdc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 40 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 18 sts	(80 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 26 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 26 sts	(82 hdc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 9 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 62 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts	(84 hdc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 44 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 19 sts	(86 hdc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 28 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 28 sts	(88 hdc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 66 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts	(90 hdc)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 21 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 46 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 21 sts	(92 hdc)

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☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 30 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 30 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 30 sts	(94 hdc)
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 10 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 72 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts	(96 hdc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 22 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 50 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 22 sts	(98 hdc)
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 32 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 32 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 32 sts	(100 hdc)
☐	Fasten off. The 100 sts of row 39 are the curved hem.	

Neck tie: make 2

Yarn C, fern.

☐ **Start**	With yarn C, ch 93.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(92 sl sts)
☐	Each neck tie is about 20 in (51 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Back tie: make 2

Yarn C, fern.

☐ **Start**	With yarn C, ch 79.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(78 sl sts)
☐	Each back tie is about 17 in (43 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Edging of the arm edges and the neck: Hold the slice with the right side facing and the arm edge that is at the right, when the neck is at the top, uppermost; the hem is at your right. Join yarn C in the end of row 39, at the hem; ch 1, then in order: with yarn C along rows 37 to 39 of the slice, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (4 sc); with yarn B along rows 35 to 36 of the slice, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (2 sc); with yarn A along rows 1 to 34 of the slice, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows] 5 times (39 sc); with yarn A sc in each of the 24 chs of the foundation chain of the slice, along their free side (24 sc); with yarn A along rows 1 to 34 of the slice, [sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 5 times, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (39 sc); with yarn B along rows 35 to 36 of the slice, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (2 sc); with yarn C along rows 37 to 39 of the slice, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row (4 sc). There are 114 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row, and the only row of the edging. Fasten off.

2. Seeds: with yarn D embroider 14 seeds on the right side of the slice, one at each st named here, counted along the row from either arm edge without the edging: row 10 (42 sts), sts 12 and 31; row 16 (54 sts), sts 8, 22, 33 and 47; row 22 (66 sts), sts 5, 20, 47 and 62; row 29 (80 sts), sts 15, 34, 47 and 66. Each seed is one lazy daisy stitch, about ½ in (1.5 cm) long, its point toward the neck and its round end toward the hem. Bring the needle up from the back at the foot of the st named, which is its neck side, and draw the yarn through; put the needle back in at the same place and bring it up again ½ in (1.5 cm) nearer the hem, inside the loop that the yarn makes; draw the loop up until it is a

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narrow drop, and take the needle down just outside the round end of the loop, so that the small stitch holds it. Work a second lazy daisy stitch over the first, in the same places, so that the seed is full.

3. Neck ties: the edging has 114 sts; sts 46 to 69 of it are the neck. Sew the end of a neck tie that has the long yarn end to the wrong side of the edging behind st 46, and the other neck tie behind st 69, each with that yarn end.

4. Back ties: sew the end of a back tie that has the long yarn end to the wrong side of the edging behind st 2, and the other back tie behind st 113, each with that yarn end. These are the two hem corners.

5. To wear it, tie the neck ties in a bow behind the neck and the back ties in a bow behind the back. The back stays open.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 2,758 stitches (2,418 in the slice, 92 in each neck tie, 78 in each back tie).

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.

Notes

- Girls' sizes 4 to 14, by the chest, and women's sizes XS to L, by the bust. A young child wears ties at the neck only with someone watching.
- The top covers the front and reaches around the sides below the arms; the back is open between its two hem corners, and the back ties close it as far as you like. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half 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.
- Two stitches in one stitch are an increase. Every row from row 2 on has 2 increases, so that the slice lies flat as a part of a ring. All the rows are the same from both ends, so the words are the same for right side and wrong side rows. Odd-numbered rows are right side rows.
- Edging in three yarns: "with yarn C" and the like say which yarn the sts that follow are worked with. Change to another yarn by working the last yarn over of the st before with it, and cut the yarn that is no longer used, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm). Yarns B and C are each joined twice, once at each side of the slice.
- 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.

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