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Technique used: Crochet



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NaturallyCaron.com Spa

(75% Microdenier Acrylic/25% Bamboo;

4 (5, 5, 6, 6) skeins

Shown in: #0007 Naturally

One size US H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook, or size to
obtain gauge.

Stitch markers (or safety pins, or scraps of
contrasting yarn)

Yarn needle



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SIZES

Small (Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Bust 32 (36, 40, 44, 48)"/81.5 (91.5, 101.5, 112, 122) cm

Length 22 (22, 22, 22 1/2, 23)"/56 (56, 56, 57, 58.5) cm, measured from center back neck

GAUGE

In single crochet, 15 sts = 4"/10 cm;

One Motif = 5 1/2"/14 cm across at widest point;

In body pattern stitch, 4 repeats = 4"/10 cm and 5 rows = 3 1/2"/9 cm;

In body or sleeve trim, one trim arm repeat = 2 1/2"/6.5 cm wide x 3"/7.5 cm long.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (slip st)

SPECIAL TERMS

Fsc: Foundation single crochet (In this design, Fsc is used to add stitches at the underarms) –

Step 1: Ch 1 as directed, insert hook under the forward 2 loops of the stem of the previous stitch (2 strands just below the top loops of the sc) and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet").

Step 2: The following stitch is worked under the forward 2 loops of the stem of the previous stitch (into the "chain"). Insert hook into the face of the "chain" and under the nub at the back of the "chain", draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet"). Repeat for the length of underarm as directed.

dtr2tog: Double treble crochet 2 together – [Yarn over 3 times, insert hook in next indicated st and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 3 times] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

tr2tog: Triple treble crochet 2 together – [Yarn over 4 times, insert hook in next indicated st and draw up a loop, [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] 4 times] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

BODY PATTERN STITCH

Pattern Round: Ch 1, 4 sc in beginning ch-sp, (4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc) in each ch-5 sp around, 4 sc in same ch-sp as beginning; join with ch 2, dc in first sc (join counts as beginning ch-sp), do not turn.

Note: Pattern stitch will grow slightly in length and width, and will block to measurements. Garment provides generous amount of stretch when worn.

YOKE

Notes: Yoke is a ring of 7 (7, 7, 8, 8) motifs that are joined to each other as work progresses. Each motif has seven arms that are crocheted and numbered counterclockwise (see diagram). Arms 1 and 2 form the neck edge, arms 3 and 7 are joined to neighboring motifs, arms 4–6 form the lower edge of the yoke.

Tip: To keep the ring of motifs from twisting, use one long scrap of yarn to mark and stabilize the neck edge. After completing First Motif, loop and secure the yarn marker through arms 1 and 2. After joining Motif 2, loop end of yarn marker through arms 1 and 2, and so on.

First Motif

Ch 7; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, work 21 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc.

Arm 1

Row 1: Ch 8, place marker in first ch from hook.

Row 2 (RS): Work 16 sc over the ch-8 just made, sk first sc of ring, slip st in next sc, turn.

Row 3: Sk slip st, [ch 4, sk next 3 sc of arm, sc in next sc of arm] 4 times, turn. **Note:** The last sc may be difficult to see because it is squashed; the top loops are just past the marker.

Row 4 (RS): Do not ch 1, work 5 sc in each of the 4 ch-4 sps of arm, sk next sc of ring, slip st in next sc of ring, turn.

Arm 2

Row 1: Sk slip st, ch 8, sk next 6 sc of previous arm, sl st in next sc, turn.

Row 2 (RS): Do not ch 1, work 16 sc in ch-8 just made, slip st in next sc of ring, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: Work same as Rows 3 and 4 of arm 1.

Arms 3–6

Work as for arm 2 four more times.

Arm 7

Rows 1–3: Work same as Rows 1–3 of arm 2.

Row 4 (close motif): Do not ch 1, work 5 sc in the next 2 ch-4 sps of arm, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, insert hook from front to back in marked ch of arm 1, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook to close motif, 2 sc in same ch-4 sp, 5 sc in last ch-4 sp, sk next sc of ring; join with slip st in first sc of ring. Fasten off.

Motifs 2–6 (6, 6, 7, 7)

Note: Motifs are joined to neighboring motifs at the tips of arms 3 and 7 while working the joining row (Row 4). Arrange and join motifs to neighboring motifs as shown in assembly diagram.

Ch 7; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, work 21 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc.

Arms 1–6

Work as for arms 1–6 of First Motif.

Arm 7

Rows 1–3: Work same as Rows 1–3 of arm 2 of First Motif.

Row 4 (joining row): Do not ch 1, work 2 sc in first ch-4 sp, insert hook from front to back in 3rd sc at tip of arm 3 of previous motif, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook to join motifs, 3 sc in same ch-4 sp; 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, insert hook from front to back in marked ch of arm 1, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook to close motif, 2 sc in same ch-4 sp, 5 sc in last ch-4 sp, sk next sc of ring; join with slip st in first sc of ring. Fasten off.

Last Motif

Ch 7; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, work 21 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc.

Arms 1 and 2

Work as for arms 1 and 2 of First Motif.

Arm 3

Rows 1–3: Work same as Rows 1–3 of arm 2 of First Motif.

Row 4 (joining row) and close motif: Work 2 sc in first ch-4 sp, insert hook from front to back in 3rd sc at tip of arm 7 of First Motif, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook to join motifs, 3 sc in same ch-4 sp; work 5 sc in remaining 3 ch-4 sps, sk next sc of ring; slip st in next sc of ring.

Arms 4–7

Work as for arms 4–7 of Motif 6 (6, 6, 7, 7). Fasten off.

YOKE NECK EDGE

Note: Finishing the neck edge now makes Yoke more stable and allows you to try on and more accurately determine the body length as you crochet.

With RS of Yoke motif ring facing, join yarn with slip st in 3rd sc at tip of any arm 1.

Round 1 (RS): Ch 1, sc in same sc of arm 1, *ch 5, sk next 6 sc of arm 1, dc in next sc, ch 5; sc in 3rd sc at tip of arm 2, ch 1, dtr2tog over 7th sc following last sc made and 8th sc of arm 7 of next motif (8th sc following slip st join), ch 1; continuing on this motif, sc in 3rd sc at tip of arm 1; repeat from * around neck edge of remaining motifs omitting last sc; join with slip st in first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, *4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next dc, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dtr2tog, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next sc; repeat from * around omitting last sc; join with slip st in first sc—98 (98, 98, 112, 112) sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, working in opposite direction, *rev sc in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in same sc as beginning. Fasten off.

LOWER YOKE

Note: To keep things neat, it is advisable to weave in all ends now.

With RS of Yoke motif ring facing, and beginning at the tip of any arm 4 (first free arm past motif join) of any motif, join yarn with slip st in 3rd sc at tip of arm 4.

Round 1 (RS): Ch 8 (counts as dc, ch 5), *sk next 6 sc of arm 4, dc in next sc, ch 5; sc in 3rd sc at tip of arm 5, ch 5, sk next 6 sc of arm 5, dc in next sc, ch 5, dc in 3rd sc at tip of arm 6, ch 5, trtr2tog over 7th sc following last dc made and 8th sc of arm 3 of next motif (8th sc following slip st join), ch 5; dc in 3rd sc at tip of arm 4; repeat from * around lower edge of remaining motifs omitting last dc; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 2: Ch 1, 6 sc in each ch-5 sp around; join with slip st in first sc—252 (252, 252, 288, 288) sc. Fasten off.

Mark Center Front: Place a marker in any arm 5, in the sc from Round 1 (between 6-sc groups).

Size Small only:

With RS facing, beginning at center front marker, sk next 38 sc; join yarn with slip st in next sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next sc, [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 41 times; join with ch 2, sk last 4 sc, dc in first sc (join counts as beginning ch-sp)—42 ch-sps.

Size Medium only:

With RS facing, beginning at center front marker, sk next 38 sc; join yarn with slip st in next sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next sc, *[ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times, [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 4 times, [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 11 times*, [ch 5, sk next sc, sc

in next 2 sc] twice; repeat from * to * once more; ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc; join with ch 2, sk last sc, dc in first sc (join counts as beginning ch-sp)—50 ch-sps.

Size Large only:

With RS facing, beginning at center front marker, sk next 38 sc; join yarn with slip st in next sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next sc, **[ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times, [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 4 times, *[ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 3 times, [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice; repeat from * once more; [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 3 times**; [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice; repeat from ** to ** once more; ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc; join with ch 2, sk last sc, dc in first sc (join counts as beginning ch-sp)—54 ch-sps.

Size X-Large only:

With RS facing, beginning at center front marker, sk next 44 sc; join yarn with slip st in next sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next sc, *[ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 7 times, [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 4 times, [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times, [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice. [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times*; [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice; repeat from * to * once more; ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc; join with ch 2, sk last sc, dc in first sc (join counts as beginning ch-sp)—58 ch-sps.

Round 4: Work Pattern Round of Body Pattern Stitch.

Size XX-Large only:

With RS facing, beginning at center front marker, sk next 44 sc; join yarn with slip st in next sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next sc, *[ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice, [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 7 times, [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 4 times, [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times, [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice. [ch 5, sk next 4 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times*; [ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc] twice; repeat from * to * once more; ch 5, sk next sc, sc in next 2 sc; join with ch 4, sc in first sc (join counts as beginning ch-sp)—58 ch-sps.

Round 4: Ch 1, 2 sc in beginning ch-sp, *2 sc in next ch-5 sp, [ch 5, 2 sc in same ch-5 sp] twice, (4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc) in next 9 ch-5 sps, **2 sc in next ch-5 sp, [ch 5, 2 sc in same ch-5 sp] twice; repeat from ** once more, (4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc) in next 16 ch-5 sps*, 2 sc in next ch-5 sp, [ch 5, 2 sc in same ch-5 sp] twice; repeat from * to * once more; (2 sc, ch 5, 2 sc) in same ch-sp as beginning; join with ch 2, dc in first sc (join counts as beginning ch-sp)—66 ch-sps.

BODY—All Sizes

Notes: Work continues in joined rounds with RS always facing.

Divide for Armholes

Round 1: Ch 1, 4 sc in beginning ch-sp, *ch 1, Fsc 8 (8, 8, 12, 12) for underarm, sk next 8 (10, 10, 11, 13) ch-5 sps for armhole*; (4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc) in next 13 (15, 17, 18, 20) ch-5 sps across back; rep from * to * once more for other underarm, (4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc) in next 12 (14, 16, 17, 19) ch-5 sps across front, 4 sc in same ch-sp as beginning; join with ch 2, dc in first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 4 dc in beginning ch-sp, *sc in first sc of underarm foundation, [ch 5, sk next 2 sc, sc in next 2 sc] 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) times, ch 5, sk next 2 sc, sc in last sc of underarm*, (4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc) in next 13 (15, 17, 18, 20) ch-5 sps; repeat from * to * once more across other underarm, (4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc) in next 12 (14, 16, 17, 19) ch-5 sps, 4 sc in same ch-sp as beginning; join with ch 2, dc in first sc—30 (34, 38, 42, 46) ch-sps.

Rounds 3–17: Work Pattern Round of Body Pattern Stitch 15 times or for desired body length before trim.

Body Trim

Note: Trim is similar to one arm of a motif, with repeats worked sideways around lower edge.

First Trim Arm

Row 1: Ch 1, 4 sc in beginning ch-sp, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 10, place marker in first ch from hook.

Row 2 (RS): Work 20 sc over ch-10 just made, 4 sc in same ch-5 sp of body, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp of body, turn.

Row 3: Ch 4, sk next 11 sc, sc in next sc, [ch 4, sk next 3 sc, sc in next sc] 4 times, turn.

Row 4: Do not ch 1, 5 sc in next 5 ch-4 sps, 4 sc in same ch-5 sp of body, 4 sc in next ch-5 sp of body, turn.

Second Trim Arm

Row 1: Ch 10, sk next 15 sc, slip st in next sc, turn.

Rows 2–4: Work Rows 2–4 of first trim arm.

Repeat Rows 1–4 of second trim arm 12 (14, 16, 18, 20) more times around.

Last Trim Arm

Rows 1–3: Work Rows 1–3 of second trim arm.

Row 4 (close trim round): Do not ch 1, 5 sc in next 3 ch-4 sps, 3 sc in next ch-4 sp, insert hook from front to back in marked ch of first trim arm, yarn over and draw through all loops on hook to close trim round, 2 sc in same ch-4 sp, 5 sc in remaining ch-4 sp; join with slip st in first sc of trim. Fasten off.

SLEEVES

With RS facing, join yarn with slip st in 8th (8th, 8th, 12th, 12th) ch of one underarm foundation (this should be the last ch of the underarm foundation).

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in same ch, (4 sc, ch 5, 4 sc) in next 8 (10, 10, 11, 13) ch-5 sps around armhole, sc in first ch of underarm foundation, [ch 5, sk next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch] 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) times; join with ch 2, sk last 2 ch, dc in first sc—10 (12, 12, 14, 16) ch-sps.

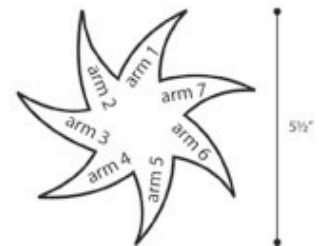
Rounds 2–21: Work Pattern Round of Body Pattern Stitch 20 times or until sleeve measures desired length before trim.

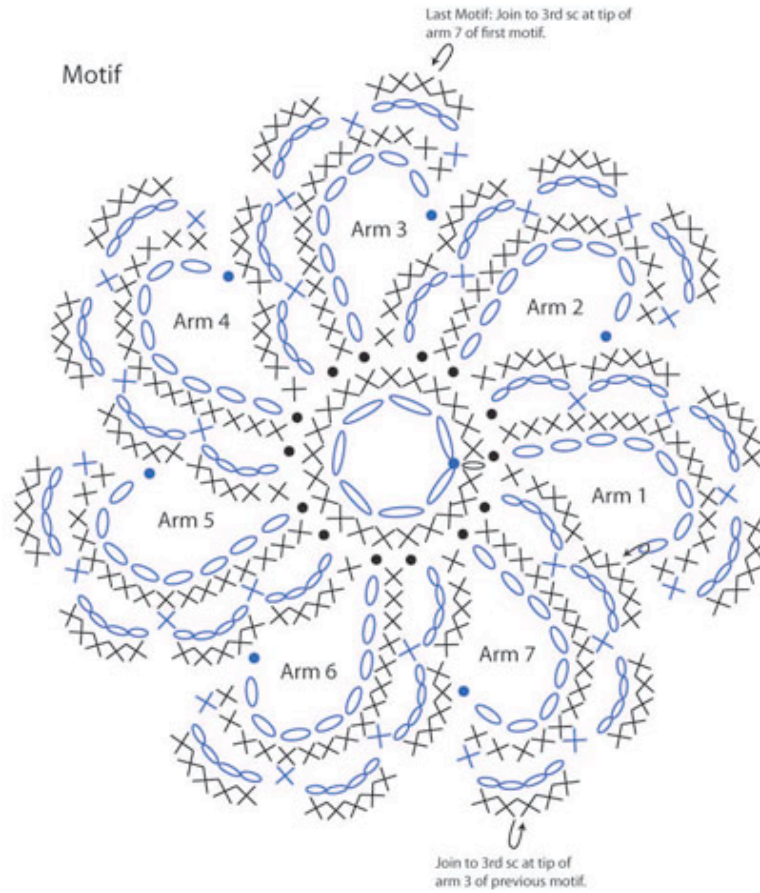
Sleeve Trim

Work trim around sleeve edge in the same manner as body trim, working 5 (6, 6, 7, 8) arms. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Work second sleeve on opposite armhole in same manner.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends. Block top, as desired.





Body Pattern Stitch
(reduced sample of pattern)

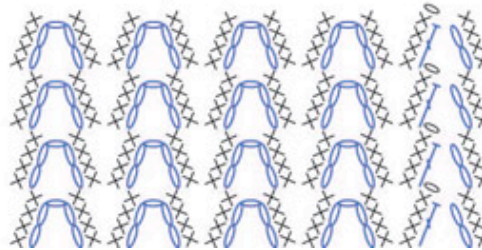


Diagram Key

- = slip stitch (sl st)
- = chain (ch)
- X = single crochet (sc)
- ↻ = join (arm 7 to arm 1 and motif to motif)

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