

EASY SUMMER TOP WITH SHORT SLEEVES

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<https://nedandmimi.com/flamingo-summer-crochet-top-free-pattern/>



YARN I USED

PREMIER COTTON FAIR, WEIGHT #2, 100gr balls

3 balls of A and 1 ball of B for XL

50% COTTON & 50% ACRYLIC

HOOK I USED

3.5 mm

mla PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

CROCHETED BOTTOM UP

1. MAKE BODY ACCORDING TO ORIGINAL PATTERN,

(The back of this top does not have lace pattern, continue with alternating sc and dc rows)

2 change to contrasting color for lace (see note)

3.SLEEVES ARE CROCHETED ONTO THE BODY

4. BEGIN WITH LACE PATTERN AT SHOULDER,

(center of 3 chains should be at shoulder seam), attach lace color w sc, (ch 3 -skip 3 sts -sc); attach body color and sc around; join to lace color and work row 2 of lace (sc-ch2-sc); ch 3-sk 3 sc (of body color) DC, joining with body color; with body color dc around, stopping on the 4 th sc before lace color; GO BACK and pick up lace color at 1 st dc, (see note), turn and (sc-ch2-sc) in ch 3 space, * ch3-sk (sc-ch2) dc in

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sc * across lace color, in ch 3 sp (ch2-sc-ch2); join and pick up body color, with body color sc around to lace color; join and pick up lace color.

5. **NOTE:**

1. lace color (ch3-sk3-dc): loosely pull lace color back across 3sc, sc in 4 th body color sc back from lace color, 3sc in place of ch3; continue with lace pattern across.

2. A TRIANGLE LACE PATTERN IS BEING MADE, IT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE LACE PATTERN EVENLY ON EACH SIDE, (CH2-SC-CH2) OVER THE 3SC AS IF THE 3SC WERE CH3, MAKE SURE THERE IS (CH 3 SP) ON EACH SIDE.

6. **CONTINUE SLEEVES** in this manner until there are 6 rows of lace spaces/6 rows of solid lace (sc-ch2-sc), about 6 inches of lace from shoulder; and 5 dc rows of body color from underarm.

7. **FINISH EDGE OF SLEEVES** with 2 rows of SC: with body color on body color, and lace color on lace color. For 2 rows of sc on lace pattern: sc in each sc and sc in each ch2 sp, turn and sc in each sc.

It makes a nice tapered edge to work (2sc tog) at each color/pattern change.

ORIGINAL PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

This free pattern is written for 9 sizes (XS – 5X), and is a perfect first garment – the back and front panels are identical, there is no shaping involved, and minimal seaming.

Use a lightweight Fingering/#1 or Sport/#2 weight yarn and you will have a stylish new top for your summer closet before you know it!

The top has a classic fit, with about 2 " – 4 " / 5cm – 10cm of ease added at the

bust. Have a look at the sizing table below to choose your size.

Use a #1/Fingering or #2/Sport weight yarn in a cotton or cotton blend for a great drape and a breathable fabric – perfect for summer!

For my top, I used Comfy Fingering – a blend of 75% pima cotton and 25%

acrylic. This yarn was very generously sponsored by WeCrochet.

3.5mm (E-4) hook

Make 2 panels and seam shoulders and sides



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Abbreviations (US Terms)

ch = chain
st = stitch
sp = space
sl st = slip stitch
sc = single crochet
hdc = half double crochet
dc = double crochet
fdc = foundation double
crochet (see Special Stitches)
RS = Right Side
WS = Wrong Side
rem = remaining
beg = beginning
pm = place marker



Sizing

- This top is designed with 2"–4" / 5–10cm of positive ease on the bust.
- The sizes in this pattern are based on the body measurements as laid out by the Craft Yarn Council (<https://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/standards/woman-size>).
- Before you start, go through the pattern and highlight/mark the stitch and row counts that correspond to the size you are making. (This will make your life much easier!)

General Pattern Notes

- Ch 1 at the start of a single crochet row does not count as a stitch.
- Ch 3 at the start of a double crochet row does count as a stitch. (This means that after you ch 3, you will always skip the first st in the row and work your first dc in the second st.)
- Instructions are given for the smallest size, with larger sizes in brackets ().
- Stitch counts are given in [] at the end of the row. As there is no shaping in this pattern, the stitch count will remain the same for all rows.

Special Stitches

Foundation Double Crochet (fdc)

Please see this photo and video tutorial on how to work the Foundation Double Crochet (fdc) stitch. <https://nedandmimi.com/foundation-double-crochet-stitch-fdc-photo-video-tutorial/>

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FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS in INCHES			
SIZE	TO FIT BUST	WIDTH	LENGTH
XS	28-30	16.25	19.5
S	32-34	18	20.5
M	36-38	20.75	21
L	40-42	22.5	21.5
XL	44-46	24.5	21.5
2X	48-50	26	22
3X	52-54	28.75	22.5
4X	56-58	30.5	23
5X	60-62	32.25	23

Gauge

18 sts x 14 rows = 4 " x 4 " / 10 cm x 10 cm measured over alternating rows of dc/sc.

SUPPLIES

Hook: 3.5mm (E-4) crochet hook (or hook required to meet gauge).

Yarn: #1/Fingering OR #2/Sport weight yarn in cotton/cotton blend (either weight will work great, as long as you match gauge).

***The amounts given here are for KnitPicks Comfy Fingering (218yds/199m per 50g skein; Weight: #1/Fingering; 75% Pima Cotton, 25% Acrylic):**

XS: 676 yds / 618m (155g) – 4 skeins

S: 767 yds / 702m (176g) – 4 skeins

M: 907 yds / 829m (208g) – 5 skeins

L: 1003 yds / 917m (230g) – 5 skeins

XL: 1081 yds / 989m (248g) – 5 skeins

2X: 1186 yds / 1084m (272g) – 6 skeins

3X: 1343 yds / 1228m (308g) – 7 skeins

4X: 1456 yds / 1332m (334g) – 7 skeins

5X: 1539 yds / 1407m (353g) – 8 skeins

PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

SOLID SECTION : BOTTOM UP

ROW 1 (RS): 73 (81, 93, 101, 109, 117, 129, 137, 145) fdc. [73 (81, 93, 101, 109, 117, 129, 137, 145)]

ROW 2 (WS): Ch 1 (does not count as a st, here and throughout), sc in each st across, turn. [73 (81, 93, 101, 109, 117, 129, 137, 145)]

ROW 3: Ch 3 (counts as one dc, here and throughout), dc in second st and each st across, turn. [73 (81, 93, 101, 109, 117, 129, 137, 145)]

ROWS 4 – 47 (47, 49, 49, 49, 51, 51, 53, 53): Repeat previous 2 rows 22 (22, 23, 23, 23, 24, 24, 25, 25) more times.

LACE SECTION

ROW 1 (WS): Ch 1, sc in each of first 35 (39, 45, 49, 53, 57, 63, 67, 71) dc, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc and each dc to end, turn.

ROW 2 (RS): Ch 3, dc in second sc and each of next 33 (37, 43, 47, 51, 55, 61, 65, 69) sc, (ch 2, sc, ch 2) in ch-3 sp, dc in next sc and each sc to end, turn.

ROW 3: Ch 1, sc in each dc across until 4 dc rem before first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, sk (ch-2, sc, ch-2), sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc and each dc to end, turn.

ROW 4: Ch 3, dc in second sc and each sc to first ch-3 sp, (ch 2, sc, ch 2) in ch-3 sp, dc in next sc, [(ch 2, sc, ch 2) in next ch-3 sp, dc in next sc] until you have worked into the last ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to end, turn.

ROW 5: Ch 1, sc in each dc across until 4 dc rem before first ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc, [ch 3, sk (ch-2, sc, ch-2), sc in next dc] until you have skipped the last ch-2 sp, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, sc in next dc and each dc to end, turn.

ROWS 6 – 17 (19, 19, 21, 21, 21, 23, 23, 23): Repeat previous 2 rows 7 (8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 10, 10, 10) times.

You should now have 3 (3, 9, 9, 13, 17, 19, 23, 27) sc on either side of the LACE section.

ROW 18 (20, 20, 22, 22, 22, 24, 24, 24): Repeat LACE ROW 4.

ROW 19 (21, 21, 23, 23, 23, 25, 25, 25): Ch 1, sc in each dc to first ch-2 sp, [ch 3, sk (ch-2, sc, ch-2), sc in next dc] until you have skipped the last ch-2 sp, sc in next dc and each dc to end, turn.

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NECKLINE SHAPING

To mark neckline width, with RS facing, place marker in the following single crochet sts (do not include any ch-3 when counting, just count the single crochets):

From Left Hand Side: pm in 6th (7th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 21st, 24th, 27th, 31st) sc.

From Right Hand Side: pm in 6th (7th, 12th, 13th, 17th, 21st, 24th, 27th, 31st) sc.

ROW 1: Ch 3, dc in second sc and each sc to first ch-3 sp, [3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next sc] to first marked sc, hdc in marked sc, 3 sc in next 3-ch sp, [sc in next sc, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp] to second marked sc, hdc in marked sc, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, [dc in next sc, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp] until you have worked into the last ch-3 sp, dc in each sc to end, turn.

ROW 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

ROW 3: Ch 3, dc in second st and each of next 12 (16, 18, 22, 26, 30, 36, 36, 40) sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in each of next 41 (41, 49, 49, 49, 49, 49, 57, 57) sts, sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in each st to end.

Cut yarn and fasten off, leaving a long tail for shoulder seaming.

BLOCKING

Block each panel to measurements before seaming.

SEAMING

Lay panels flat with RS facing you. Using the mattress stitch, seam shoulders along the "dc" sts only.

Seam sides, allowing approx. 6.5 (7, 7.5, 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5)" / 16.5 (18, 19, 20.5, 21.5, 23, 24, 25.5, 26.5) cm for the armholes. If you would like a deeper armhole, feel free to adjust this measurement.

Once you have finished seaming, you can turn the top inside out and reinforce the shoulder seams with a row of whip stitches (optional).

WEAVE IN ENDS.....ALL DONE !

