



Casual Summer Top

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FREE



SIMPLY
SOFT®

DESCRIPTION SIZING

This fun and stylish piece is the perfect piece for cooler summer days. Crocheted in Caron Simply Soft.

Abbreviations

Ch(s) = Chain(s)
Dc = double crochet

Dc2tog = (Yoh. Draw up a loop in next st. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.

RS = right side

sc = single crochet
Sl st = Slip stitch

WS = wrong side

Details & Instructions

MEASUREMENTS

Finished bust measurement

S 48 ins [122 cm]

M 52 ins [132 cm]

L 56 ins [142 cm]

XL 60 ins [152.5 cm]

2XL 64 ins [162.5 cm]

3XL 68 ins [172.5 cm]

4XL 72 ins [183 cm]

Finished length measurement

S 16 ins [40.5 cm]

M 17 ins [43 cm]

L 18 ins [45.5 cm]

XL 19 ins [48.5 cm]

2XL 20 ins [51 cm]


3XL 21 ins [53.5 cm]

4XL 22 ins [56 cm]

MATERIALS

Top

Simply Soft (170 g/6. oz; 288 m/315 yds)

	Sizes	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL
 Main Color (MC) Light Country Blue (9709)		2	3	3	4	4	4	5

Note: Top is designed to be very oversized at bust, with about 14" of ease. It is designed to be cropped length. One crochet hook size US I-9 (5.5 mm), or size to obtain gauge. Stitch markers. Yarn needle

GAUGE

In pattern, 16 sts and 9 rows = 4 1/2"/11.5cm, after blocking. **Note:** 3 pattern repeats = about 7"/18cm. One pattern repeat consists of 3 dc and the ch-sps and sts worked before the next 3 dc.

INSTRUCTIONS

SPECIAL STITCHES

Fsc: Foundation single crochet (This technique creates a foundation chain and a row of single crochet stitches in one) –

Step 1: Place a slip knot on hook, ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook 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: Insert hook into the "chain" of the previous stitch 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"). Repeat for the length of foundation.

NOTE

Before beginning garment, it is very important to swatch and block your swatch to ensure correct gauge.

HELPFUL

To increase or decrease the width of the top, add or subtract a multiple of 8 sts in the Foundation Row.

To lengthen the top, work additional repeats of Rows 2 and 3 before neck shaping. End with a Row 2 (RS) before beginning the neck shaping.

If increasing the width, or lengthening the top, be sure to purchase extra yarn.

BACK

Foundation Row: Fsc 83 (91, 99, 107, 115, 123, 131) sts, turn.

Row 1: Ch 1 (does not count as a st here and throughout), dc in first 3 sc, *ch 4, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc, ch 4, sk next 2 sc, dc in next 3 sc; repeat from * across, turn—10 (11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16) pattern repeats.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, *ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Mark this side as RS.

Row 3: Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, *ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc; repeat from * across, turn.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until piece measures 15 (16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21)"/38 (40.5, 43, 45.5, 48.5, 51, 53.5)cm from beginning, or 1 1/2.5cm less than desired length, end with a RS row (Row 2).

Shape Neck and First Shoulder

Sizes S (L, 1X, 3X) Only

Row 1 (WS): Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, turn—3 (4, 4, 5) pattern repeats.

Row 2: Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

Sizes M (2X, 4X) Only

Row 1 (WS): Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc2tog over next 2 dc, turn—3 1/2 (4 1/2, 5 1/2) pattern repeats.

Row 2: Ch 1, dc in first 6 dc, [ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

Shape Neck and Second Shoulder

Sizes S (L, 1X, 3X) Only

With WS facing, sk next 8 (8, 10, 10) unworked ch-2 sps following first shoulder, join yarn with sl st in next dc.

Row 1 (WS): Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc in next 2 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 4, 5) times, turn—3 (4, 4, 5) pattern repeats.

Row 2: Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 4, 5) times working the last dc in the top of the beginning ch, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

Sizes M (2X, 4X) Only

With WS facing, sk next 8 (10, 10) unworked ch-2 sps following first shoulder, join yarn with sl st in next dc.

Row 1 (WS): Ch 1, beginning in same dc as join, dc2tog over first 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, turn—3 1/2 (4 1/2, 5 1/2) pattern repeats.

Row 2: Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 2, dc in next 2 ch-4 sps, ch 2, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, dc in last 3 dc, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

FRONT

Work same as back until piece measures 14 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20)"/35.5 (38, 40.5, 43, 45.5, 48.5, 51)cm from beginning.

Sizes S (L, 1X, 3X) Only

Shape Neck and Shoulders

Work same as neck and shoulders of back. Do not fasten off. Repeat Rows 1 and 2 once more. **Note:** Front should measure about same as back. Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

Sizes M (2X, 4X) Only

Shape Neck and First Shoulder

Work same as neck and first shoulder of back. Do not fasten off.

Row 3: Ch 1, dc in first 3 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, dc in last 3 dc, turn.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2 of neck and first shoulder of back.

Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

Shape Neck and Second Shoulder

Work same as neck and second shoulder of back. Do not fasten off.

Row 3: Ch 1, dc in first 6 dc, [ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in sp between next 2 dc, ch 4, sk next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 dc] 3 (4, 5) times, turn—3 1/2 (4 1/2, 5 1/2) pattern repeats.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2 of neck and second shoulder of back.
Fasten off, leaving a 12–18"/30.5–45.5cm tail for sewing shoulder.

FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements shown in schematic. Sew shoulder seams, taking care to match the ch-2 sps and the dc groups. Place markers on front and back, 8 (8, 8 1/2, 9, 9, 10, 10)"/20.5 (20.5, 21.5, 23, 23, 25.5, 25.5)cm below shoulder seam (for armholes). Sew sides together, taking care to match rows, from lower edge up to markers. Remove markers.

Neck Edging

With RS facing, join yarn with sl st in shoulder seam.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc evenly around neck edge; join with sl st in beginning ch-1. Note: Designer recommends working 1 sc in each dc, 2 sc in each ch-2 sp, and 2 sc in each dc row edge.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in beginning ch-1. Note: If a snugger neck is desired, repeat Round 2. Fasten off.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.

