

## CROCHETED SHOE-STRING TOP

MEASUREMENTS		S	M	L	XL
To Fit Bust	cm	75-80	85-90	95-100	105-110
Actual Size	cm	87	97	107	117
Length (approx)	cm	47	48	49	50

### MATERIALS

#### CLECKHEATON BAMBOO 50g balls

Quantity		3	4	4	5
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Use only the yarn specified. Other yarns are likely to produce different results.

Quantities are approximate as they can vary between crochet workers.

Check the ball bands to ensure all yarn is from the same dye lot.

- 1 each 3.50mm (UK 9) and 4.00mm (UK 8) crochet hooks or size needed to give correct tension.
- wool needle for sewing seams.

### TENSION

This Top has been designed at a tension of 4 patts and 12 rows to 10cm over patt, using 4.00mm hook.

To work a tension square, using 4.00mm hook, make 26ch.

**1st row** – Miss 1ch, 1dc in next ch, \* miss 3ch, 5ch, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next ch, rep from \* to last 4ch, miss 3ch, 5ch, 1dc, in next ch ... six 5ch sps.

Work 17 rows main patt. Fasten off.

Check your tension carefully. If more patts to 10cm use a bigger hook, if less patts use a smaller hook.

### BACK and FRONT (alike)

Beg at Neck –

Using 4.00mm hook, make **50** (54-58-62) ch, **loosely**.

**1st row** – Miss 1ch, 1dc in next ch, \* miss 3ch, 5ch, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) into next ch, rep from \* to last 4ch, miss 3ch, 5ch, 1dc in next ch ... **12** (13-14-15) 5ch sps.

Beg Inc for Armholes –

**Next row** – 8ch (counts as 3 turning ch, 5ch sp), \* (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next 5ch sp, 5ch, rep from \* to last 5ch sp, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in last 5ch sp, 5ch, 1tr in last dc.

**Next row** – 8ch (counts as 3 turning ch, 5ch sp), \* (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next 5ch sp, 5ch, rep from \* to last 5ch sp, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in last 5ch sp, 5ch, 1tr in top of turning ch. Rep last row **3** (4-5-6) times ... **17** (19-21-23) 5ch sps.

**Next row** – 5ch (counts as 2 turning ch, 3ch sp), \* (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next 5ch sp, 5ch, rep from \* to last 5ch sp, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in last 5ch sp, 3ch, 1tr in top of turning ch. Place markers at each end of last row to indicate top of side seam.

Beg Main Patt –

**1st row** – 2ch, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in 3ch sp, \* 5ch, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next 5ch sp, rep from \* to last 3ch sp, 5ch, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in 3ch sp, 1tr in top of turning ch.

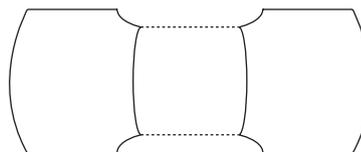
**2nd row** – 5ch (counts as 2 turning ch, 3ch sp), \* (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next 5ch sp, 5ch, rep from \* to last 5ch sp, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in last 5ch sp, 3ch, 1tr in top of turning ch. Last 2 rows form patt.

Cont in patt until work measures 27cm from beg, ending with a 2nd row.

Place markers at each end of last row to indicate bottom of side seam.



 Intermediate



Shape Lower Edge –

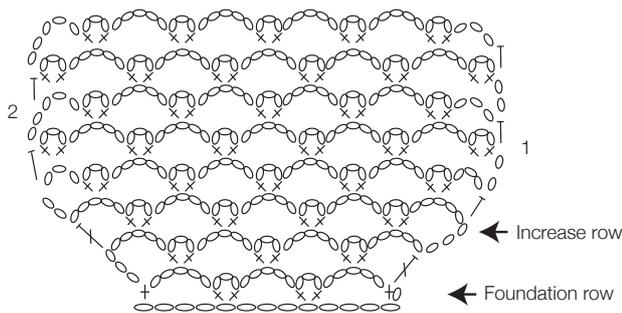
**Next row** – Sl st in first ch, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next ch,\* 5ch, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next 5ch sp, rep from \* to last 3ch sp, 3ch, 1dc in 2nd ch of 3ch sp, **turn**.

**Next row** – 3ch, 1dc in same place as dc at end of previous row, \* 5ch, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next 5ch sp, rep from \* to last 5ch sp, 3ch, 1dc in 3rd ch of 5ch sp, **turn**. Rep last row 5 times.

**Next row** – 3ch, 1dc in same place as dc at end of previous row, \* 5ch, (1dc, 3ch, 1dc) in next 5ch sp, rep from \* to last 5ch sp, 3ch, (1dc, 1ch, 1dc) in 3rd ch of 5ch sp. Fasten off.

### TO MAKE UP

Join side seams between markers. Join yarn to end of foundation ch on front. Using 3.50mm hook, make a length of chain **30** (31-32-33) cm long, attach to beg of foundation ch on back. Work 1 round dc, working into one side of ch only, then 1 round **crab st** around armhole. Rep for other shoulder. Using 3.50mm hook, work 1 round dc, then 1 round **crab st**, evenly around neck edge, working into other side of ch.



### KEY

- = chain (ch)
- + = double crochet (dc)
- ⌈ = half treble (htr)
- ⌋ = treble (tr)

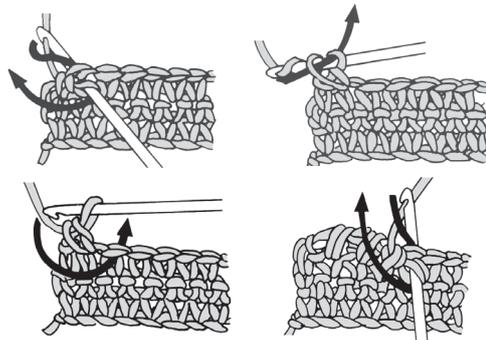
### CRAB STITCH

Crab Stitch (or Reversed Double Crochet) is used as a decorative texture or edging. It consists of working double crochet stitches in the 'wrong' direction (from left to right for right handed crocheters).

After a right side row, **do not turn**.

With the hook facing downwards, insert hook into next stitch to the right, wrap yarn around hook and draw through front of work. Wrap yarn around hook and draw through both loops on hook.

Repeat across row.



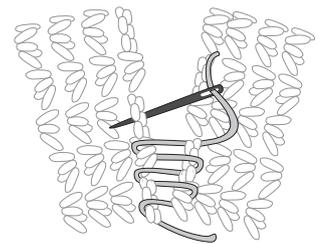
### FLAT SEAM

With right side facing, place the 2 pieces to be joined side by side.

Stitch from side to side, row by row, always bringing the needle up from underneath.

Do not pull stitches too tightly - the seam should be as elastic as the fabrics it joins.

Depending on the height of the crochet stitches involved, you may need to sew 1, 2 or even 3 stitches per row to achieve a neat finish. If sewing double crochet fabric one stitch per row will be sufficient, but if sewing treble fabric 2 stitches per row will look better.



### CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS

- approx** = approximately
- beg** = begin, beginning
- ch** = chain
- ch sp/s** = chain space/s
- cm** = centimetres
- cont** = continue
- dc** = double crochet
- htr** = half treble

- inc** = increase, increasing
- patt** = pattern
- rep** = repeat, repeating
- sl st** = slip st
- sp/s** = space, spaces
- st/s** = stitch, stitches
- tr** = treble

- Foundation chain** = the length of chain made at the beginning of a piece of crochet as a basis for constructing the fabric.
- Turning chain** = one, or more chains, depending upon the length of stitch required, worked at the beginning of a row.

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