FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Easy Crochet Sweater

A drop-shoulder pullover for beginners in 5 sizes, S to 2X · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SIZES	HOOK
Easy	S, M, L, XL, 2X	5.5 mm (US I-9)

YARN	STITCHES	TIME
Worsted (#4)	ch, sc, hdc, dc, fpdc, bpdc	A few weekends

Materials

- Worsted (#4) yarn, wool blend or acrylic: S 800 yd, M 900 yd, L 1000 yd, XL 1100 yd, 2X 1200 yd
- 5.5 mm (US I-9) hook, stitch markers, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

hdc	half double crochet	**hdc2tog**	hdc 2 together
dc	double crochet	**sc**	single crochet
fpdc / bpdc	front / back post dc	**ch**	chain

Gauge: 13 hdc × 10 rows = 4 in. The ch at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The sweater has 4–6 in of ease.

Size S · back

Foundation	Ch 68.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(66)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(66)**
Rows 5–54	Ch 1 (does not count), turn, hdc in each st across.	**(66)**
Finish	Fasten off. The back is 20.3 in wide and 22.0 in long.	

Size S · front

Foundation	Ch 68.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(66)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(66)**
Rows 5–48	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across.	**(66)**
Row 49 (first shoulder)	Ch 1, turn, hdc in the first 20 sts; leave the rest unworked.	**(20)**
Rows 50–51	Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog at the neck edge, hdc to the end (1 st fewer each row).	**(18)**

Rows 52–54	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across. Fasten off.	**(18)**
Second shoulder	Skip the centre 26 sts. Join yarn in the next st and work the other shoulder to match, with the hdc2tog at the neck edge.	**(18)**

Size S · sleeves (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 32.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(30)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(30)**
Rows 5–44	Ch 1, turn, hdc across, but on every other row work 2 hdc in the first and last st (13 increase rows in all).	**(30 → 56)**
Finish	Fasten off. The sleeve top is 17.2 in wide.	

Size M · back

Foundation	Ch 74.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(72)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(72)**
Rows 5–56	Ch 1 (does not count), turn, hdc in each st across.	**(72)**
Finish	Fasten off. The back is 22.2 in wide and 22.8 in long.	

Size M · front

Foundation	Ch 74.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(72)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(72)**
Rows 5–50	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across.	**(72)**
Row 51 (first shoulder)	Ch 1, turn, hdc in the first 23 sts; leave the rest unworked.	**(23)**
Rows 52–53	Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog at the neck edge, hdc to the end (1 st fewer each row).	**(21)**
Rows 54–56	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across. Fasten off.	**(21)**
Second shoulder	Skip the centre 26 sts. Join yarn in the next st and work the other shoulder to match, with the hdc2tog at the neck edge.	**(21)**

Size M · sleeves (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 34.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(32)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(32)**
Rows 5–44	Ch 1, turn, hdc across, but on every other row work 2 hdc in the first and last st (13 increase rows in all).	**(32 → 58)**
Finish	Fasten off. The sleeve top is 17.8 in wide.	

Size L · back

Foundation	Ch 80.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(78)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(78)**
Rows 5–59	Ch 1 (does not count), turn, hdc in each st across.	**(78)**
Finish	Fasten off. The back is 24.0 in wide and 24.0 in long.	

Size L · front

Foundation	Ch 80.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(78)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(78)**
Rows 5–53	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across.	**(78)**
Row 54 (first shoulder)	Ch 1, turn, hdc in the first 25 sts; leave the rest unworked.	**(25)**
Rows 55–56	Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog at the neck edge, hdc to the end (1 st fewer each row).	**(23)**
Rows 57–59	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across. Fasten off.	**(23)**
Second shoulder	Skip the centre 28 sts. Join yarn in the next st and work the other shoulder to match, with the hdc2tog at the neck edge.	**(23)**

Size L · sleeves (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 34.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(32)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(32)**

Rows 5–45	Ch 1, turn, hdc across, but on every other row work 2 hdc in the first and last st (15 increase rows in all).	**(32 → 62)**
Finish	Fasten off. The sleeve top is 19.1 in wide.	

Size XL · back

Foundation	Ch 86.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(84)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(84)**
Rows 5–62	Ch 1 (does not count), turn, hdc in each st across.	**(84)**
Finish	Fasten off. The back is 25.8 in wide and 25.2 in long.	

Size XL · front

Foundation	Ch 86.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(84)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(84)**
Rows 5–56	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across.	**(84)**
Row 57 (first shoulder)	Ch 1, turn, hdc in the first 28 sts; leave the rest unworked.	**(28)**
Rows 58–59	Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog at the neck edge, hdc to the end (1 st fewer each row).	**(26)**
Rows 60–62	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across. Fasten off.	**(26)**
Second shoulder	Skip the centre 28 sts. Join yarn in the next st and work the other shoulder to match, with the hdc2tog at the neck edge.	**(26)**

Size XL · sleeves (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 36.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(34)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(34)**
Rows 5–45	Ch 1, turn, hdc across, but on every other row work 2 hdc in the first and last st (16 increase rows in all).	**(34 → 66)**
Finish	Fasten off. The sleeve top is 20.3 in wide.	

Size 2X · back

Foundation	Ch 94.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(92)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(92)**
Rows 5–64	Ch 1 (does not count), turn, hdc in each st across.	**(92)**
Finish	Fasten off. The back is 28.3 in wide and 26.0 in long.	

Size 2X · front

Foundation	Ch 94.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(92)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(92)**
Rows 5–58	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across.	**(92)**
Row 59 (first shoulder)	Ch 1, turn, hdc in the first 31 sts; leave the rest unworked.	**(31)**
Rows 60–61	Ch 1, turn, hdc2tog at the neck edge, hdc to the end (1 st fewer each row).	**(29)**
Rows 62–64	Ch 1, turn, hdc in each st across. Fasten off.	**(29)**
Second shoulder	Skip the centre 30 sts. Join yarn in the next st and work the other shoulder to match, with the hdc2tog at the neck edge.	**(29)**

Size 2X · sleeves (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 38.	
Row 1	Dc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across.	**(36)**
Rows 2–4	Ch 2 (does not count), turn. *Fpdc around the next st, bpdc around the next st*; repeat across. On every row, work fpdc around the sts that stick out towards you and bpdc around the others, so the ribs line up.	**(36)**
Rows 5–46	Ch 1, turn, hdc across, but on every other row work 2 hdc in the first and last st (16 increase rows in all).	**(36 → 68)**
Finish	Fasten off. The sleeve top is 20.9 in wide.	

Finishing (all sizes)

Shoulders	Lay the front on the back, right sides together. Sew the outer 21 sts of each shoulder; the centre stays open for the neck.
Sleeves	Fold each sleeve in half, match the fold to the shoulder seam and sew the top of the sleeve to the body.
Side seams	Sew each sleeve seam and side seam in one go, from cuff to hem.

Neckband	Join yarn at a shoulder seam. Rnd 1: sc evenly around the neck (about 66 sts, an even number). Rnds 2–4: sc in each st. Fasten off.	**(66)**
Ends	Weave in all ends along the seams. Steam or wet block flat.	

Crochet Sweater · Sizes

About 4–6 in of ease for a relaxed fit

Size	Fits chest	Sweater chest	Length	Body sts	Sleeve sts	Yarn
S	34–36 in	40 in	22 in	66	30 → 56	800 yd
M	38–40 in	44 in	23 in	72	32 → 58	900 yd
L	42–44 in	48 in	24 in	78	32 → 62	1000 yd
XL	46–48 in	52 in	25 in	84	34 → 66	1100 yd
2X	50–52 in	56 in	26 in	92	36 → 68	1200 yd

Gauge: 13 hdc × 10 rows = 4 in with worsted yarn and a 5.5 mm (US I-9) hook.

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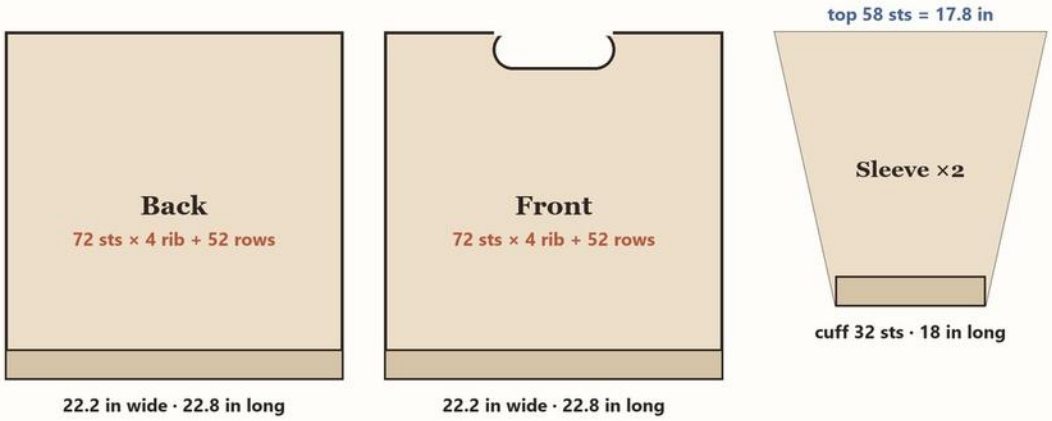
Crochet Sweater · Pieces

Size M drawn to scale: back, front with neck, 2 sleeves (drop shoulder)



Neck 26 sts wide, 2.5 in deep on the front · shoulders 21 sts sewn · sleeve top sewn to 9 in down each side

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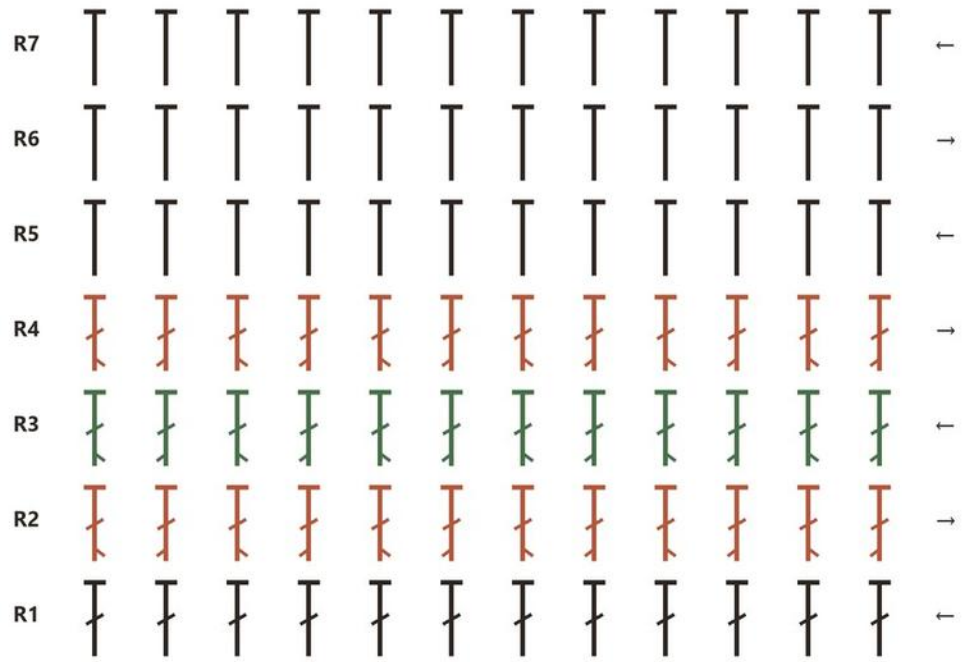
Crochet Sweater · Stitch Chart

Bottom of a piece: 1 row dc, 3 rows of post-stitch rib, then hdc rows (worked flat, turning)



Rib: fpdc around the raised sts, bpdc around the others, so the ribs stack · then plain hdc to the top

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