FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Summer Crochet Cardigan

An airy V-stitch cardigan from 5 rectangles · 3 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SIZES	HOOK
Easy	S–M, L–XL, 2X–3X	4 mm (US G-6)

YARN	STITCHES	TIME
DK cotton or linen blend	ch, dc, sc (V-stitch)	A few evenings

Materials

- DK (#3) cotton: S–M 450 yd, L–XL 525 yd, 2X–3X 650 yd
- 4 mm (US G-6) hook, locking stitch markers, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**V**	(dc, ch 1, dc) in one st or space
dc	double crochet	**ch-1 sp**	chain-1 space
sc	single crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)

Gauge: 6 V and 8 rows = 4 in, blocked. Check it: an airy stitch grows if your tension is loose.

Size S–M · Back

Foundation	Ch 94.	
Row 1	(Dc, ch 1, dc) in the 5th ch from the hook (V made; the skipped ch count as 1 dc and 1 skipped ch). *Skip 2 ch, V in the next ch*; repeat to the last 2 ch. Skip 1 ch, dc in the last ch.	**(30 V)**
Rows 2–42	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn. V in the ch-1 space of each V across. Dc in the top of the turning ch.	**(30 V)**
Finish	Fasten off. The back measures about 20.0 × 21.0 in.	

Size S–M · Fronts (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 46.	
Row 1	(Dc, ch 1, dc) in the 5th ch from the hook (V made; the skipped ch count as 1 dc and 1 skipped ch). *Skip 2 ch, V in the next ch*; repeat to the last 2 ch. Skip 1 ch, dc in the last ch.	**(14 V)**
Rows 2–42	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn. V in the ch-1 space of each V across. Dc in the top of the turning ch.	**(14 V)**
Finish	Fasten off. The front measures about 9.3 × 21.0 in.	

Size S–M · Sleeves (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 76.	
Row 1	(Dc, ch 1, dc) in the 5th ch from the hook (V made; the skipped ch count as 1 dc and 1 skipped ch). *Skip 2 ch, V in the next ch*; repeat to the last 2 ch. Skip 1 ch, dc in the last ch.	**(24 V)**
Rows 2–10	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn. V in the ch-1 space of each V across. Dc in the top of the turning ch.	**(24 V)**
Finish	Fasten off. The sleeve measures about 16.0 × 5.0 in.	

Size S–M · Assembly

Shoulders	Lay the back flat and the fronts on top, right sides together. Sew each front to the back across the outer 10 V of the top edge, starting at the armhole side. The 10 V in the middle of the back stay open for the neck, and the inner 4 V of each front top stay free (they fold back like a small collar).
Sleeves	Fold each sleeve in half lengthwise and mark the centre of its top edge. Pin it to the shoulder seam, centre to seam, so it runs 8 in down the front and back. Sew in place.
Side seams	Fold the cardigan at the shoulders. Sew each sleeve seam and side seam in one go, from the cuff to the armpit and down to the hem.
Front band	Join the yarn at the bottom right front. Sc evenly up the right front, along its free top edge, across the back neck, along the left front's free top edge and down the left front: about 216 sc (3 sc for every 2 rows on the fronts). Work 3 more rows of sc back and forth (4 rows, 1 in wide). **(216)**
Hem and cuffs	Work 1 round of sc around the hem and each cuff, 2 sc in each ch-1 space and 1 sc in each dc between them. Weave in the ends and block flat.

Size L–XL · Back

Foundation	Ch 112.	
Row 1	(Dc, ch 1, dc) in the 5th ch from the hook (V made; the skipped ch count as 1 dc and 1 skipped ch). *Skip 2 ch, V in the next ch*; repeat to the last 2 ch. Skip 1 ch, dc in the last ch.	**(36 V)**
Rows 2–44	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn. V in the ch-1 space of each V across. Dc in the top of the turning ch.	**(36 V)**
Finish	Fasten off. The back measures about 24.0 × 22.0 in.	

Size L–XL · Fronts (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 52.	
Row 1	(Dc, ch 1, dc) in the 5th ch from the hook (V made; the skipped ch count as 1 dc and 1 skipped ch). *Skip 2 ch, V in the next ch*; repeat to the last 2 ch. Skip 1 ch, dc in the last ch.	**(16 V)**

Rows 2–44	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn. V in the ch-1 space of each V across. Dc in the top of the turning ch.	**(16 V)**
Finish	Fasten off. The front measures about 10.7 × 22.0 in.	

Size L–XL · Sleeves (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 85.	
Row 1	(Dc, ch 1, dc) in the 5th ch from the hook (V made; the skipped ch count as 1 dc and 1 skipped ch). *Skip 2 ch, V in the next ch*; repeat to the last 2 ch. Skip 1 ch, dc in the last ch.	**(27 V)**
Rows 2–11	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn. V in the ch-1 space of each V across. Dc in the top of the turning ch.	**(27 V)**
Finish	Fasten off. The sleeve measures about 18.0 × 5.5 in.	

Size L–XL · Assembly

Shoulders	Lay the back flat and the fronts on top, right sides together. Sew each front to the back across the outer 12 V of the top edge, starting at the armhole side. The 12 V in the middle of the back stay open for the neck, and the inner 4 V of each front top stay free (they fold back like a small collar).	
Sleeves	Fold each sleeve in half lengthwise and mark the centre of its top edge. Pin it to the shoulder seam, centre to seam, so it runs 9 in down the front and back. Sew in place.	
Side seams	Fold the cardigan at the shoulders. Sew each sleeve seam and side seam in one go, from the cuff to the armpit and down to the hem.	
Front band	Join the yarn at the bottom right front. Sc evenly up the right front, along its free top edge, across the back neck, along the left front's free top edge and down the left front: about 229 sc (3 sc for every 2 rows on the fronts). Work 3 more rows of sc back and forth (4 rows, 1 in wide).	**(229)**
Hem and cuffs	Work 1 round of sc around the hem and each cuff, 2 sc in each ch-1 space and 1 sc in each dc between them. Weave in the ends and block flat.	

Size 2X–3X · Back

Foundation	Ch 130.	
Row 1	(Dc, ch 1, dc) in the 5th ch from the hook (V made; the skipped ch count as 1 dc and 1 skipped ch). *Skip 2 ch, V in the next ch*; repeat to the last 2 ch. Skip 1 ch, dc in the last ch.	**(42 V)**
Rows 2–46	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn. V in the ch-1 space of each V across. Dc in the top of the turning ch.	**(42 V)**
Finish	Fasten off. The back measures about 28.0 × 23.0 in.	

Size 2X–3X · Fronts (make 2)

Foundation	Ch 64.	
Row 1	(Dc, ch 1, dc) in the 5th ch from the hook (V made; the skipped ch count as 1 dc and 1 skipped ch). *Skip 2 ch, V in the next ch*; repeat to the last 2 ch. Skip 1 ch, dc in the last ch.	**(20 V)**
Rows 2–46	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn. V in the ch-1 space of each V across. Dc in the top of the turning ch.	**(20 V)**
Finish	Fasten off. The front measures about 13.3 × 23.0 in.	

Size 2X–3X · Sleeves (make 2)

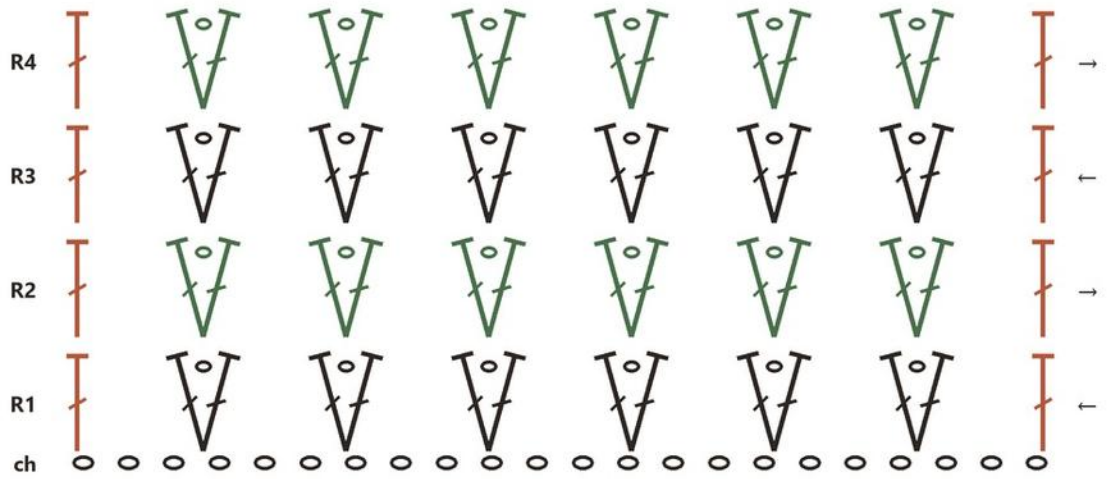
Foundation	Ch 94.	
Row 1	(Dc, ch 1, dc) in the 5th ch from the hook (V made; the skipped ch count as 1 dc and 1 skipped ch). *Skip 2 ch, V in the next ch*; repeat to the last 2 ch. Skip 1 ch, dc in the last ch.	**(30 V)**
Rows 2–12	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn. V in the ch-1 space of each V across. Dc in the top of the turning ch.	**(30 V)**
Finish	Fasten off. The sleeve measures about 20.0 × 6.0 in.	

Size 2X–3X · Assembly

Shoulders	Lay the back flat and the fronts on top, right sides together. Sew each front to the back across the outer 15 V of the top edge, starting at the armhole side. The 12 V in the middle of the back stay open for the neck, and the inner 5 V of each front top stay free (they fold back like a small collar).	
Sleeves	Fold each sleeve in half lengthwise and mark the centre of its top edge. Pin it to the shoulder seam, centre to seam, so it runs 10 in down the front and back. Sew in place.	
Side seams	Fold the cardigan at the shoulders. Sew each sleeve seam and side seam in one go, from the cuff to the armpit and down to the hem.	
Front band	Join the yarn at the bottom right front. Sc evenly up the right front, along its free top edge, across the back neck, along the left front's free top edge and down the left front: about 243 sc (3 sc for every 2 rows on the fronts). Work 3 more rows of sc back and forth (4 rows, 1 in wide).	**(243)**
Hem and cuffs	Work 1 round of sc around the hem and each cuff, 2 sc in each ch-1 space and 1 sc in each dc between them. Weave in the ends and block flat.	

V-Stitch Summer Cardigan · Stitch Chart

Every piece is the same V-stitch rectangle. 6 V shown; the pieces use the counts in the pattern.



V = (dc, ch 1, dc) in one place · orange = ch 3 at the row start (counts as dc) and the dc at the row end

Row 1: V in the 5th ch, then in every 3rd ch · Rows 2+: V in the ch-1 space of each V below

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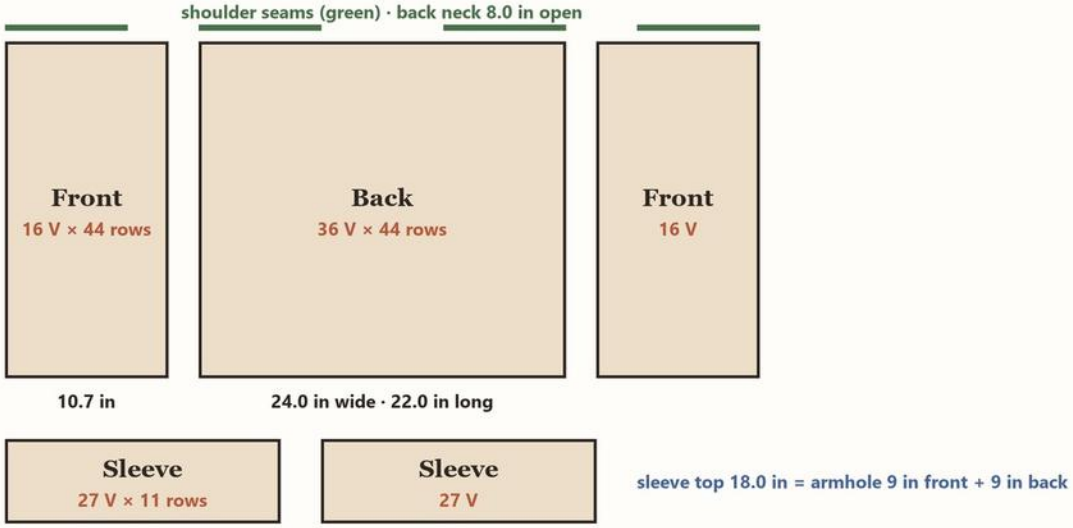
Summer Cardigan · 5 Rectangles

Size L–XL drawn to scale: back, 2 fronts, 2 short sleeves



Front band: 4 rows of sc around the fronts and back neck (1 in) · 1 round of sc on the hem and cuffs

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Summer Cardigan Sizes

DK cotton, 4 mm (US G-6) hook · gauge 6 V and 8 rows = 4 in

Size	Fits bust	Finished bust	Length	V: back / front / sleev	Yarn
S–M	34–38 in	40.7 in	21 in	30 / 14 / 24	450 yd
L–XL	42–46 in	47.3 in	22 in	36 / 16 / 27	525 yd
2X–3X	50–54 in	56.7 in	23 in	42 / 20 / 30	650 yd

Relaxed fit with 2–6 in of ease; the fronts don't meet, so it hangs open.

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