

SUMMER MESH TOP

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Thank you Jessica O for converting my video to written pattern

Video tutorial – http://youtu.be/tDZI1DiwqEc





Materials Needed

Minimum 400 grams of worsted weight yarn
(I used cotton in the video tutorial and I am an AUS ladies size 10 and a USA 6)

You can use any yarn you like
Hook size recommended for your yarn
Large eye darning needle
A pair of scissors
Tape measure

Pen and note pad to jot down measurements
Stitch markers

Stitches Used CH= Chain(s) TR= Treble Crochet SC= Single Crochet SL ST= Slip Stitch SK= Skip

Measuring Notes

When measuring, you are going to be using the largest of your measurements to base your top on. If you are bigger in the bust, you are going to measure around your bust. If you are bigger in the hips, you are going to measure around your hips. Once you have the measurement you want to use than you are going to add 6-10 inches to your measurement depending how baggy or fitted you would like your top. (I added 6 inches to my top in the tutorial). For the length of your top measure from your neckline to where you want your top to lay (hips, waist, or lower if you want as a dress). Make sure to write down both of your measurements just in case you need to refer back to them later.

After you have figured out the measurements you are going to be using for the width of your top and added your desired extra inches, you need to fold your tape measure in half to your measurement. (Remember to keep in mind that however many extra inches you have added to your original measurement you are only adding half those extra inches to each side of your top. Example- if you added 6 inches to your original measurement, that means you have only added 3 inches to each side of your top). After folding your tape measure in half, you need to lay it down



on a flat surface and figure out where the half way mark is. You will be making your starting chain as long as the measurement that you need (from your folded measuring tape).

Instructions

Chain 4 at the beginning of the round counts as first st throughout pattern

Make a chain as long as you folded measurement. Add 10 chains to your chain. (the extra 10 chains are just in case you need a few extra to finish the stitch pattern on the first row, you will undo any unused chains)

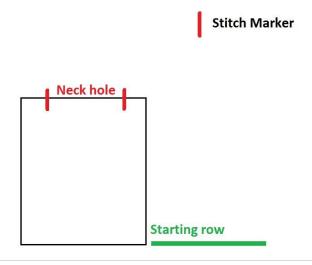
ROW 1 - 1 TR into the 5th ch from the hook, 1 TR into the next st, CH 4, SK next 4 sts, 1 TR in next 4 sts. *CH 4, SK next 4 sts, 1 TR in next 4 sts* Repeat this pattern from * to * until you reach your measurement. (Since we added 10 extra chains to our starting chains you may end up with more chains than your measurement needs. You are going to end your row on 2 TR to match the 2 TR you started your row with. If you still have chains left over you can undo your slip stitch and remove chains until you get to your first st. Tighten stitch to secure your first stitch.)

ROW 2 - CH 4, turn. 1 TR into next st. CH 4, SK next 4 sts. *1 TR in next 4 sts, CH 4, SK next 4 sts* repeat from * to * to end (remember that you end your row on the 2 TRS)

Repeat row 2 for the length you want your top to be. (This is the measurement that you took from neckline to where you want the top to fall) Count how many rows you have done for the length of your top. You are going to need this so you remember how many rows you need to make for the back of your top ©

Neckline

- Hold the front of your top against you to where you want your neckline to fall and make sure it is going to be long enough for you. (When figuring where you want your neck hole to be you will only be counting the sets of Trebles). You want to count in evenly on both sides until you reach where you want your neck hole to be. (Make sure you end your count on a set of Trebles. You will be placing your stitch markers on a **Treble stitch** not a chain stitch.).
- Count how many stitches are in between the stitch markers and jot down the count. Make a chain with the same amount of stitches to match the count of Sts in between markers. (see image below)





- Skipping the neck hole, 1 TR in the next marked st and continue with pattern to the end of the row.
 - You will be working in the actual stitches of your chain from the neck hole chain
- CH 4, 1 TR in next st. CH 4, SK 4 Sts. *1 TR in the next 4 sts, CH 4, SK 4 sts* Rpt from *to* to
 the end of row

Back Of Top

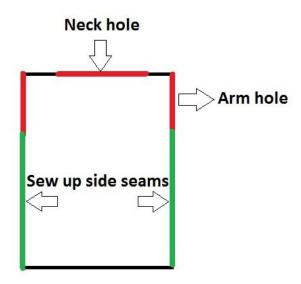
• CH 4, 1 TR in next st, CH 4, SK next 4 sts *1 TR in next 4 sts, CH 4, SK nest 4* rpt from *to* to the end of the row, ending row with a TR in last 2 sts.

Repeat this pattern for the remaining length of your top.

Joining

You will need a length of yarn long enough to whip stitch sides closed to the arm holes. See image below

Lay your top down flat matching the bottom line of the front and back together. You will be sewing the sides together from the bottom up to the arm holes. Place a stitch marker where you want your arm holes to stop/start. Starting on the bottom of one side and lining up the two sides together, thread your needle with yarn through both loops on the side and whip stitch along the sides of your top. Sew along the edge of your top. When sewing up the sides you only want to go through the two inside loops of the matching stitches from each side Try on your top and see how it fits and how large you might want your arm holes to be. If you need them to be smaller than keep going. Once you have your arm hole the size you want you can fasten off your thread. Repeat on other side.



Arm Trim

Join in yarn in any stitch in the arm hole with a SL st. (You can crochet over your tails if you want or you can sew them in later.)



CH1, SC into the trebles and 4 SC into the gap between rows. You are going to repeat this all the way around SL ST to the 1st st to join. (If you would like to add more rows to your sleeve follow next row)

CH 1, 1 SC into the same st and in each ST around. SL ST to 1st st to join.

Repeat this for both arm holes.

Neck Trim

Join yarn with a SL st anywhere in the neck (I joined where shoulder is)

1 SC into same st, you are going to work 4 SC into the CH4 gaps, and 1 SC into each TR. When you get to the shoulders you are going to SC evenly through shoulders. You are going to continue this all the way around. SL st to 1^{st} st to join.

Bottom edge

You are going to repeat the SC around the bottom the way you did them on the neck.

Join in yarn in any st. 1 SC in same st. 1 SC in each TR and 4 SC into each gap. Repeat this around bottom of top. SI st to 1^{st} st to join. You can make the bottom hem as long as you like

Thank you for choosing my pattern Huge thank you to my awesome testers Happy crochet Clare xx