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Chunky Granny Cardigan

Plush colour-changing granny crochet with a generous shape.

YARN	HOOK	SIZES	TERMS
Super bulky chenille	8 mm	XS/S/M to 2/3XL	US crochet

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Before you begin

Make a plush cardigan with a back assembled from four square motifs. Work the fronts and sleeves separately, then seam and finish with a crochet edging and three buttons.

Choose the correct size and check your motif gauge. This pattern needs a colour-changing chenille yarn with five premeasured colour sections per square. The motif instructions rely on that colour sequence. Read all yarn-management notes before starting.

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Materials and size

Super bulky / #6 chenille yarn with five premeasured colour repeats per granny square, 240 g / 8.5 oz, 163 m / 178 yd per ball, in a garden palette of green, blue, pink and cream.

Size	Balls and yarn length	Fit / finished chest
XS/S/M	4 balls; 641 m / 701 yd	28-38 in / 43.75 in
L/XL	5 balls; 804 m / 880 yd	40-46 in / 51.25 in
2/3XL	7 balls; 1049 m / 1148 yd	48-54 in / 58.75 in

An 8 mm (US L/11) hook, or size needed for gauge; stitch markers; yarn needle; three buttons about 34 mm across. Gauge: one motif is about 26.5 cm / 10.5 in square. In pattern, 7 dc and 4 rows = 10 cm / 4 in.





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Abbreviations and motif notes

ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximately
Beg = Beginning
Ch = Chain(s)
Dc = Double crochet
Dc2tog = (Yoh and draw up a loop in next stitch. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Yoh and draw through 3 loops on hook.
PM = Place marker
Rem = Remaining
Rep = Repeat
Rnd(s) = Round(s)
RS = Right side
Sc = Single crochet
Sl st = Slip stitch
Sp(s) = Space(s)
St(s) = Stitch(es)
Tog = Together
WS = Wrong side
Yoh = Yarn over hook

INSTRUCTIONS

*The instructions are written for **XS/S/M**. If changes are necessary for larger size(s) the instructions will be written **XS/S/M** (**L/XL**-**2/3XL**). Numbers for each size are shown in the same color throughout the pattern. When only one number is given in black, it applies to all sizes.*

MOTIF (Make 4).
Notes:

- Motifs begin with Color 1 (shortest color rep) from center of ball, leaving a 4" [10 cm] tail to weave in.
- Each color aligns with 1 rnd in the Motif, with 5 colors in total.
- If too much color is left at end of rnd, pull back some sts and slightly loosen gauge to re-work sts and finish at color change.
- If too little color is left, pull back some sts and slightly tighten gauge to re-work sts and finish at color change.
- Color change occurs where yarn is spliced tog and should align with sl st at end of rnd.
- If splicing is visible on RS adjust sts so splice sits to WS, or work over splice on next rnd.
- At end of final rnd Motif should measure 10½" [26.5 cm] square. Cut yarn where Color 5 (final color rep) ends, leaving approx 42" [106.5 cm] tail at end of Motif for joining.
- Beg next Motif with Color 1 and rep 5 rnds for each Motif.
- Ch 3 at beg of rnd/row counts as dc.
- Ch 6 at beg of rnds counts as dc and ch-3 sp.
- Join all rnds with sl st to 3rd ch of ch-6 unless otherwise indicated.

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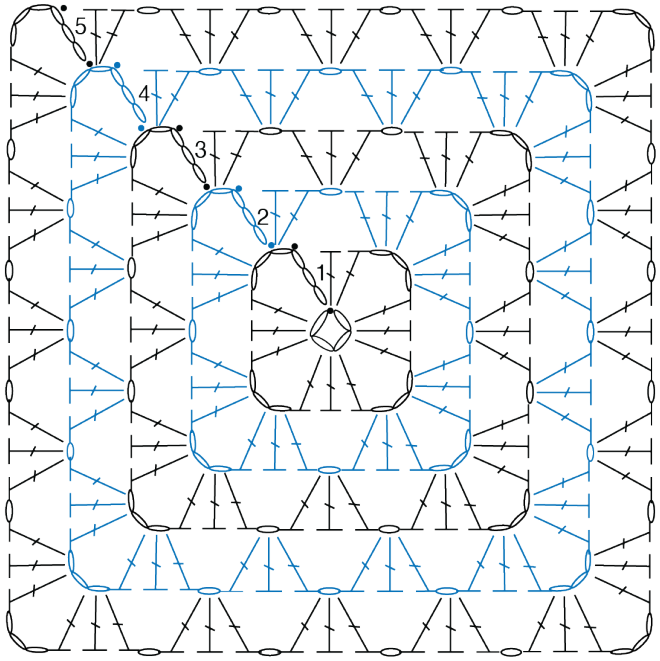
Motif and stitch chart

Ch 4. Join with sl st to first ch to form ring.
1st rnd: (RS). Ch 6. (3 dc. Ch 3) 3 times in ring. 2 dc in ring. Join.
2nd rnd: Sl st in next ch-3 sp. Ch 6. 3 dc in same sp as last sl st. *Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 3. 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp. Rep from * twice more. Ch 1. 2 dc in first ch-3 sp. Join.
3rd rnd: Sl st in next ch-3 sp. Ch 6. 3 dc in same sp as last sl st. *Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp. Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 3. 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp. Rep from * twice more. Ch 1. 3 dc in last ch-1 sp. Ch 1. 2 dc in first ch-3 sp. Join.
4th and 5th rnds: Sl st in next ch-3 sp. Ch 6. 3 dc in same sp as last sl st. *(Ch 1. 3 dc) in each ch-1 sp to next corner ch-3 sp. Ch 1.** (3 dc. Ch 3. 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp. Rep from * twice more, then from * to ** once. 2 dc in first ch-3 sp. Join.
Fasten off, leaving 42" [106.5 cm] tail.



STITCH KEY

= chain (ch)

• = slip stitch (sl st)

= double crochet (dc)

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Back and right front

BACK Using rem tails from Motifs, with RS facing, sew Motifs tog into a 2 x 2 square.

Sizes L/XL and 2/3XL only: Note: Yarn is worked as 'self-striping' yarn, allowing colors to change as they appear. Join yarn with sl st to any corner ch-3 sp. 1st rnd: Ch 6. 3 dc in same sp as sl st. *(Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 4 times. Ch 1. 1 dc in next corner ch-3 sp. Dc2tog over same ch-3 sp and next ch-3 sp. 1 dc in same ch-3 sp as last st. (Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp) 4 times. Ch 1.** (3 dc. Ch 3. 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp. Rep from * twice more, then from * to ** once. 2 dc in first corner ch-3 sp. Join. 2nd rnd: Sl st in next ch-3 sp. Ch 6. 3 dc in same sp as last sl st. *(Ch 1. 3 dc) in each ch-1 sp to next corner ch-3 sp. Ch 1.** (3 dc. Ch 3. 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp. Rep from * twice more, then from * to ** once. 2 dc in first corner ch-3 sp. Join.

Size 2/3XL only: 3rd and 4th rnds: As 2nd rnd.

All sizes: Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT Notes: • Yarn is worked as 'self-striping' yarn, allowing colors to change as they appear. • Fronts have armhole shaping that will be part of back square armhole shaping too after sewing side seams.

Ch 22 (25-28). See Right front chart. 1st row: (RS). 3 dc in 5th ch from hook (counts as 1 dc and skip next ch). *Skip next 2 ch. 3 dc in next ch. Rep from * to last 2 ch. Skip next ch. 1 dc in last ch. Turn. 6 (7-8) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2). 2nd row: (WS). Ch 3. 1 dc in first sp between 1st and 2nd dc. *Skip next 3 dc. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 4 dc. Skip next 3-dc group. 2 dc in sp between last skipped 3-dc group and last dc. Turn. 5 (6-7) 3-dc groups and 2 dc at each end of row (total 4). 3rd row: Ch 3. Skip next dc. 3 dc in sp between 2nd and 3rd dc. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 2 dc. Skip next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. 6 (7-8) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2). Rep 2nd and 3rd rows 3 (5-7) times more, then rep 2nd row once.

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Right front | Shape the neck

Shape V-neck and armhole: 1st row: (RS). Sl st in each of first 3 dc. Ch 3. Skip next 2 dc. 3 dc in sp between skipped 2 dc and next 3-dc group. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 2 dc. Skip next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. **5** (**6**-**7**) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).
2nd row: Ch 3. 1 dc in sp between 1st and 2nd dc. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 4 dc. Skip next 3 dc. 1 dc in sp between 3-dc group and last dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. **4** (**5**-**6**) 3-dc groups and 2 dc at each end of row (total 4).
3rd row: Ch 3. Skip next dc. 3 dc in sp between skipped dc and next 3-dc group. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 5 dc. Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped 3-dc group and last 2 dc. Skip next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. **5** (**6**-**7**) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).
4th row: Ch 3. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 4 dc. Skip next 3-dc group. 1 dc in sp between skipped 3-dc group and last dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. **4** (**5**-**6**) 3-dc groups and 3 dc.
5th row: Ch 3. Skip next dc. 3 dc in sp between skipped dc and next 3-dc group. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 4 dc. Skip next 3-dc group. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. **4** (**5**-**6**) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).

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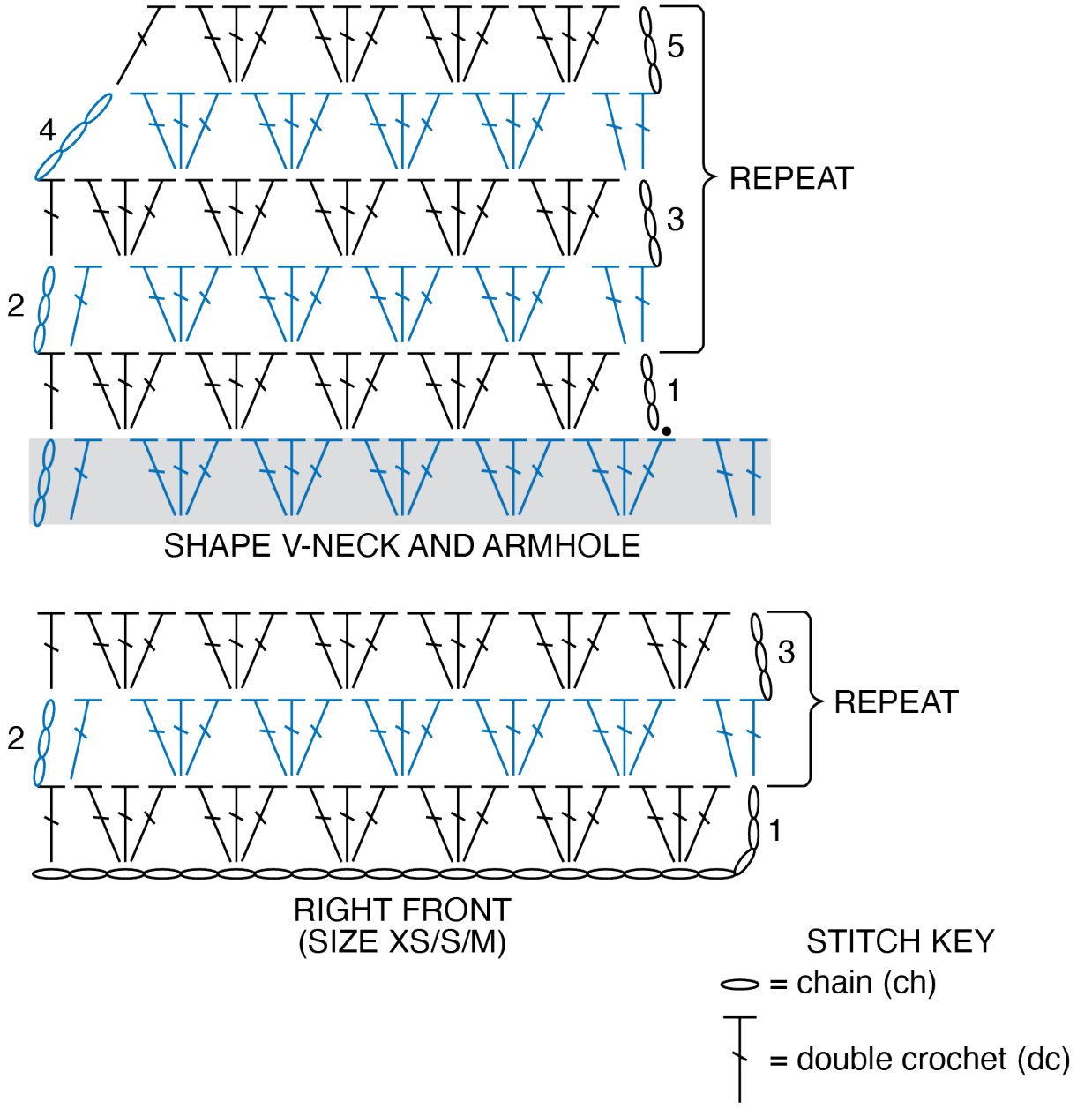
Right front chart

6th to 11th rows: Rep 2nd to 5th rows once more, then rep 2nd and 3rd rows once more. **3** (**4**-**5**) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of 11th row (total 2).
Fasten off.



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Left front | Shape the neck

LEFT FRONT

Work from ** to ** as given for Right Front. *See diagram on page 10* .

Shape V-neck and armhole: 1st row: (RS). Ch 3. Skip next dc. 3 dc in sp between skipped dc and next 3-dc group. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 5 dc. Skip next 2 dc. 1 dc in next dc. **Turn.** Leave rem sts unworked. **5** (**6**-**7**) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).

2nd row: Ch 3. 1 dc in first sp between 1st and 2nd dc. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 4 dc. Skip next 3-dc group. 1 dc in sp between last 3-dc group and last dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. **4** (**5**-**6**) 3-dc groups and 2 dc at each end of row (total 4).

3rd row: Ch 3. Skip next dc. 3 dc in sp between skipped dc and next 3-dc group. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 2 dc. Skip next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. **5** (**6**-**7**) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).

4th row: Ch 3. 1 dc in first sp between 1st and 2nd dc. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 4 dc. Skip next 3-dc group. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. **4** (**5**-**6**) 3-dc groups and 3 dc.

5th row: Ch 3. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 2 dc. Skip next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. **4** (**5**-**6**) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).

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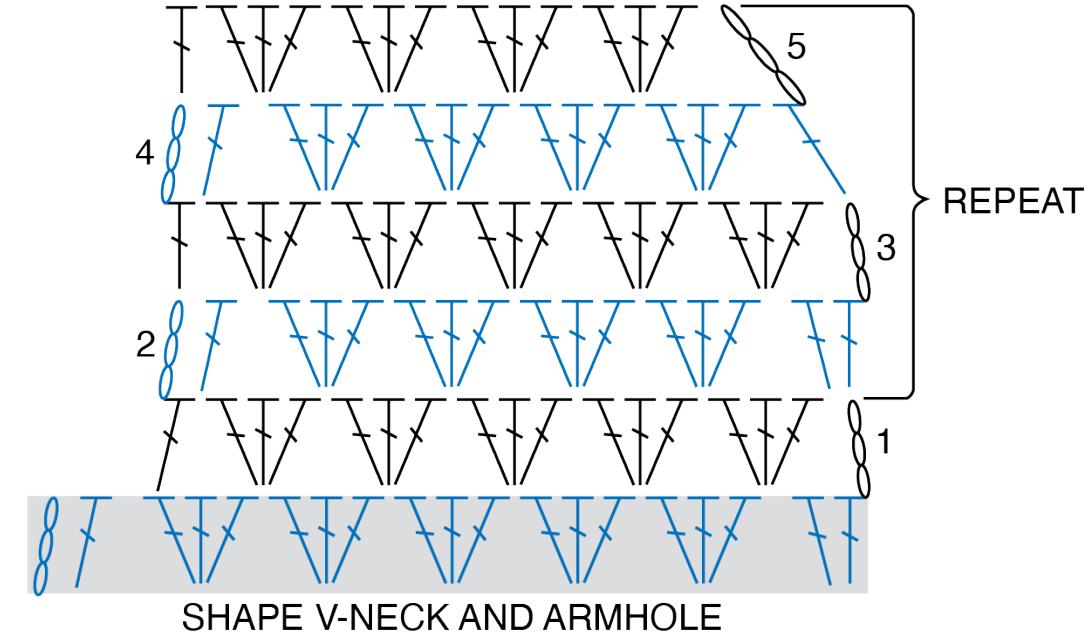
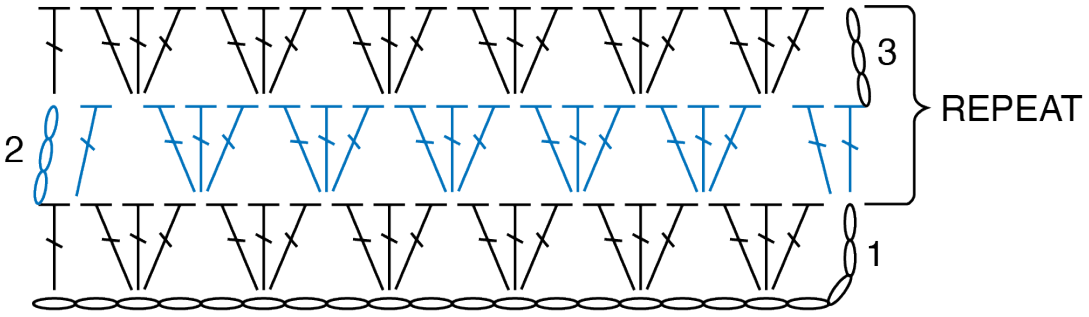
Left front chart

6th to 11th rows: Rep 2nd to 5th rows once more, then rep 2nd and 3rd rows once more. **3** (**4**-**5**) 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of 11th row (total 2).
Fasten off.



SHAPE V-NECK AND ARMHOLE



LEFT FRONT
(SIZE XS/S/M)

STITCH KEY

= chain (ch)

= double crochet (dc)

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Sleeves | Cuff and lower sleeve

SLEEVES
Note: Sleeves are worked flat, from cuff up.

Cuff: Ch 4.
1st row: (RS). 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each of last 2 ch. Turn. 3 sc.
2nd row: Ch 1. *Working in back loops only,* 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn.
Rep 2nd row until work from beg, when slightly stretched, measures 11" [28 cm], ending on a WS row.
Do not fasten off.

Turn work sideways and proceed across longer side as follows: *See diagram on* page 13 .
1st row: (RS). Ch 1. Work 20 sc evenly across. Turn.
2nd row: Ch 3. Skip first 2 sc. 3 dc in next sc. *Skip next 2 sc. 3 dc in next sc. Rep from * to last 2 sc. Skip next sc. 1 dc in last sc. Turn. 6 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).
3rd row: Ch 3. 3 dc in sp between 1st and 2nd dc. (Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups) twice. Skip next 3-dc group. 6 dc in next sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. (Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups) twice. Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between last skipped 3-dc group and last dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. 8 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).

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Sleeves | Continue shaping

4th row: Ch 3. 3 dc in sp between 1st and 2nd dc. (Skip next 3 dc. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups) twice. Skip next 3-dc group. 6 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Skip next 3-dc group. 6 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. (Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups) twice. Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped 3-dc group and last dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. 11 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).

5th row: Ch 3. 3 dc in sp between 1st and 2nd dc. (Skip next 3 dc. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups) 3 times. Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups (center of 6-dc). (Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups) twice. Skip next 3 dc. 3 dc sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups (center of 6-dc). (Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups) 3 times. Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped 3-dc group and last dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. 12 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).

6th row: Ch 3. 1 dc in sp between 1st and 2nd dc. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 4 dc. Skip next 3-dc group. 1 dc in sp between last skipped 3-dc group and last dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. 11 3-dc groups and 2 dc at each end of row (total 4).

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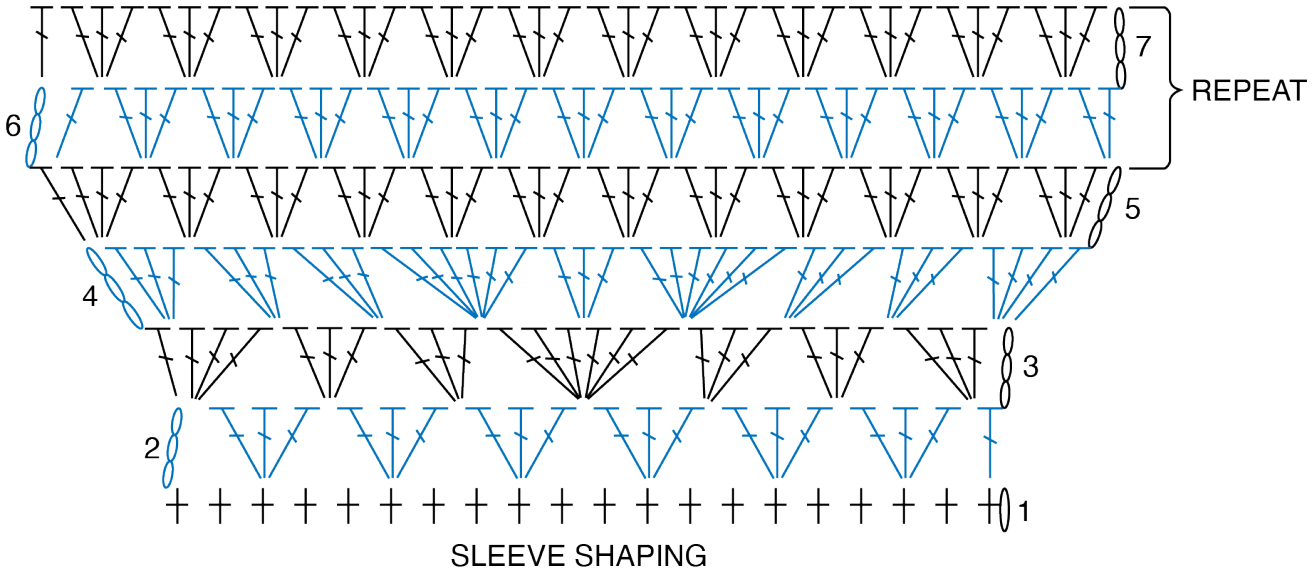
Sleeves | Finish and chart

7th row: Ch 3. Skip next dc. 3 dc in sp between skipped dc and next 3-dc group. *Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped and next 3-dc groups. Rep from * to last 5 dc. Skip next 3-dc group. 3 dc in sp between skipped 3-dc and last 2 dc. Skip next dc. 1 dc in last dc. Turn. 12 3-dc groups and 1 dc at each end of row (total 2).
8th to 17th rows: Rep 6th and 7th rows 5 times more.
Fasten off.



SLEEVE SHAPING

STITCH KEY

= chain (ch)

= single crochet (sc)

= double crochet (dc)

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Finishing and edging

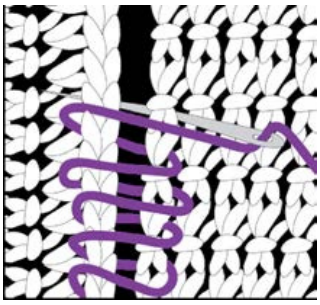
FINISHING Pin garment pieces to measurements. Cover with a damp cloth, leaving cloth to dry. With WS facing, align bottom edge of Fronts and Back. Sew side seams from bottom edge to armholes. Note: Side seam will sit slightly towards back of garment when laid flat. Sew shoulder seams, using Flat Seam.

PM 1" [2.5 cm] on each side of Sleeve down from top edge. Sew in Sleeves placing sts above markers across skipped sts of Fronts for armhole shaping to form square armholes. Sew Sleeve seam.

Edging: With RS facing, join yarn with sl st to right corner ch-3 sp of Back at seam.

1st rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as sl st. Working across bottom edge of Back, 1 sc in each dc and ch-sp to left corner ch-3 sp of Back. Working in opposite side of foundation ch of Front, 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Working around sts at ends of rows up side of Front, 2 sc around post of each dc to shoulder seam. Working across sts of back neck, 1 sc in each dc and ch-sp to next shoulder seam. Working around sts at ends of rows down side of Front, 2 sc around each dc to bottom of Front. Working in opposite side of foundation ch of Front, 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off.

Sew buttons to Left Front along straight edge, having bottom button 1" [2.5 cm] up from foundation chain, top button at V-neck shaping and last button evenly spaced between.



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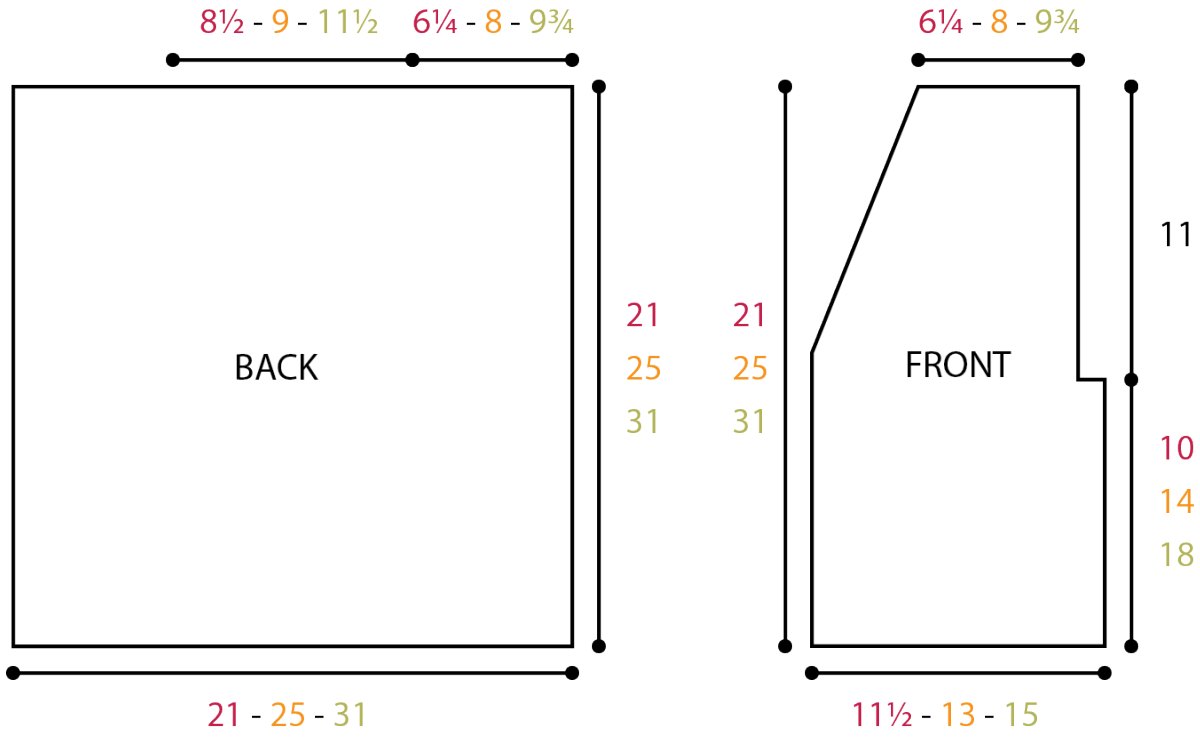
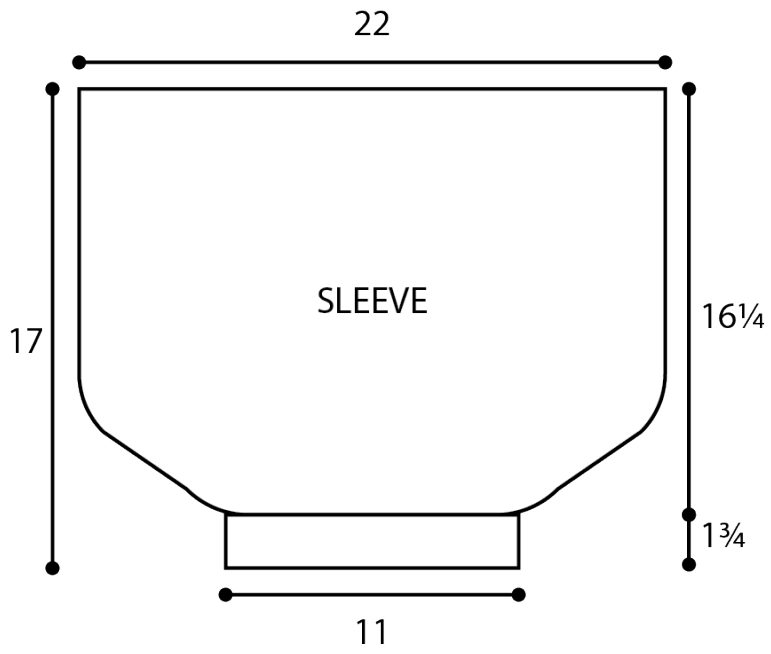
Garment measurements





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Front and back reference



FRONT



BACK

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