

**Crochet Shell stitch top / dress – this is not a word for word pattern**

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US terminology

Video tutorial <https://youtu.be/eF5GjgGIPuw>

Easy – intermediate – basic pattern reading skills needed

**Supplies**

[Fiber Lily DK/8ply yarn in the colour way Bella](#)

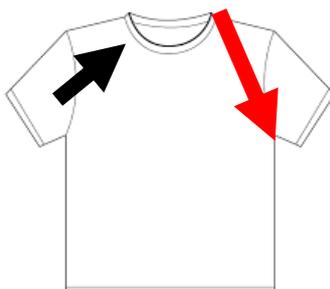
and a 4mm/G crochet hook

OR

Worsted weight/10ply – Red heart super saver

5.5mm/I hook

Scissors, stitch marker, yarn needle & tape measure



- **Once you have completed row 1 you will be able to see if this is going to fit the size you need it for as this is the opening of the sweater – you can compare this to the neck opening (see black arrow, ignore red arrow until next step) of a loose fitting garment in the same size**
- **NOTE: some T-shirts have tight neck holes, have a look at a few of your tops and pick a neckline you are comfortable with**
- It is very easy to adjust the armhole depth - see red arrow in above pic – so if you have your neck the right size you are good to go 😊
- Measure the neck (all the way around) and write it here \_\_\_\_\_
- Measure the armhole (red arrow) and write it here \_\_\_\_\_
- Measure the length from top to bottom of the garment and write it here \_\_\_\_\_
- Match up the neck measurement with the info below and make that many chains

This website has great measurements:

Babies and Kids <http://www.childrensizechart.com/>

Adult women <http://www.womenssizechart.com/>

Adult men <http://www.menssizechart.com/>

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Yarn thickness	Neck Measurement	Chains
DK	23 cm/9 inches	40
DK	24 cm/9.5 inches	52
DK	38 cm/15 inches	64
DK	46 cm/18 inches	76
DK	64 cm/25 inch	88
DK	68 cm/27 inch	100
DK	76 cm/30 inch	112
DK	86 cm/34 inch	124
Worsted/10ply	30 cm/12 inches	40
Worsted/10ply	40 cm/15 ¾ inch	52
Worsted/10ply	50 cm/19 3/3 inch	64
Worsted/10ply	60 cm/23.5 inch	76
Worsted/10ply	70 cm/27.5 inch	88
Worsted/10ply	80 cm/31.5 inch	100
Worsted/10ply	90 cm/35.5 inch	112
Worsted/10ply	100 cm/39.5 inch	124

1. Chain 40 (52/64/76/88/100/112/124) dc into 5<sup>th</sup> ch from hook (the 4 ch's we skipped are the dc and ch 1) dc into next 4 (6/8/10/12/14/16/18) ch (dc, ch 1, dc) into next ch, dc into next 12 (16/20/24/28/32/36/40) ch (dc, ch 1, dc) into next ch, dc into the next 4 (6/8/10/12/14/16/18) ch (dc, ch 1, dc) into next ch, dc into next 12 (16/20/24/28/32/36/40) slip stitch into the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the ch 4 to join

**Measure the round you just made and compare that to your garment or head measurements to make sure it will go over the head of the person you are making it for**

**Make sure you crochet into the EACH dc and when you get to the end of the round dc into the top 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the ch 4 from the previous round**

2. Slip stitch into the ch 1 space, ch 4, 1 dc into the same ch 1 space. \*dc across to the ch1 space from the previous round (dc, ch 1, dc) into the ch 1 space\* repeat from \* to \* around. Slip stitch into the 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of the ch 4 to join
3. Repeat round 2 until you are one round less than the **armhole measurement** (the joining round adds a little length)

### Joining round

- Ch 3, \*dc into the ch 1 space, ch 3(4/5/6/7/8/9/10) (skip next section of dc's) dc into the next ch 1 space, dc across until the next ch 1 space\* repeat from \* to \* join with a slip stitch to the top of the ch 3

**TRY IT ON NOW - if possible this is when you want to try it on to see where it will sit**

- Ch 3, dc into each dc and ch around, join with a slip stitch to the top of the ch 3
- Repeat previous round for  
Baby - 1 inch  
Child - 1.5 inches  
Teen - 2 inches from bottom of bust  
Adult - 3 inches from bottom of bust

### Shell detail

- Make sure your last round is multiples of 4, you may need to add or subtract a stitch or 2
- Ch3, 4 dc into the same stitch (if you would like a fuller skirt/shell section work 6 dc instead of 4) \*skip 3 stitches, 5 dc into the next stitch (if you are making the fuller skirt/shell section work 7 dc instead of 5)\* repeat from \* to \* around the row. Join to the top of the ch 3
- Slip stitch to the 3<sup>rd</sup> stitch (if you are making the fuller skirt/shell section skip to the 4<sup>th</sup> stitch instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup>) ch3, 4 dc into the same stitch (if you would like a fuller skirt/shell section work 6 dc instead of 4) 5 dc into the 3<sup>rd</sup> stitch of the 5 dc shell below (if you are making the fuller skirt/shell section work 7 dc instead of 5 into the 4<sup>th</sup> stitch of the 7 dc shell below) repeat from \* to \* join to the top of the ch 3
- Repeat previous round for the length you and your garment
- Sew neck opening from start shut
- Sc around the opening armholes and neckline

Thank you for choosing my pattern

Happy crochet

Clare xx