

Lacy Sweater

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This sweater is made with easy-to-crochet rectangles that are crocheted together then edged with basic stitches. The cap sleeves are formed by the “ease” of the sweater (pattern is written for 8” to 10” “ease” for each size), and the drape of the fabric is formed by the stitch pattern. No shaping! You can modify the length by adding or subtracting rows.

Finished Chest Sizes:

Small (42”) Medium/Large (46”- 48”), XLarge (52”)

Approximate width of panels before edging and blocking:

Small (10”), Medium/Large (11.5”), XLarge (12.5”)

Yarn

6 (8, 9) Skeins of Made in America Yarns Shimmer Blue Corn Flower

Crochet Hook

US K/10.5 (6.5mm) hook, or size required for gauge

Stitches Used

Chain (ch)
Double crochet (dc)
Single crochet (sc)
Foundation single crochet (fsc)
Slip Stitch (sl st)
Single crochet 2 together (sc2tog)
Special Stitch + Special Technique defined in gauge section of the pattern.

Gauge

Two pattern repeats = approximately 4”

Notes & Gauge Swatch

Notes:

Gauge changes

1. As you work this pattern stitch, you will find that your gauge changes in the beginning rows. The width of the row after about Row 10 will be approximately 2" shorter than the width of Row 1, and will stay that way until the end. The width and length of the rectangles may also change when you block them. For the Small size, the crocheted rectangle, with the edging, but without blocking, measured approximately 10.5" x 24.5". After blocking, it measured 11" x 25" then the stitches relaxed when the rectangle dried, and the measurement was again, approximately 10.5" x 24.5". You may favor the look of the blocked stitches, even if they are the same size as the unblocked stitches, so we recommend blocking each rectangle. Blocking "neatens" the stitches and gives them room to display the yarn's beauty.

How to measure gauge swatch and sweater panels

2. Place swatch or rectangle on a flat surface, without stretching or pulling the material. Try to even up the edges. Measure from edge to edge at the middle of the swatch or rectangle, and from top edge to bottom edge, at the middle. Take a few more measurements along the edges to get an approximation of the length and width. Do not take the measurements along the top, bottom or side edges.

2. Two methods are given to start each rectangle. The first method uses the familiar foundation chain. The second method uses the Foundation Single Crochet. Use whichever method you prefer.

3. The pattern stitch is a multiple of 7 plus 4 more at the end. If you want to make a larger size, add 7 chains or fsc for each added repeat. If you want to make a smaller size, subtract 7 chains or fsc for each subtracted repeat. In other words, if you want less "ease" in your sweater, and your size is usually the Medium or Large, you can make the next size smaller. If you want more "ease", and your size is usually the Small or Medium, you can make the next size larger.

Special Stitch

Single crochet 2 together (sc2tog): insert hook in next stitch or space, yo and pull through, insert hook in next stitch or space, yo and pull through, yo and pull through all 3 loops on hook.

Special Technique

Foundation single crochet (fsc):

Ch 2, insert hook into 2nd ch from hook, yo, draw through (2 loops are now on hook). Ch 1, yo, pull through both loops on hook. (1 fsc just made)

*Insert hook into ch st just made, yo, draw through. Ch 1, yo, pull through 2 loops on hook. (2nd fsc just made)

Repeat from * for however many fsc you need.

Gauge Swatch

Gauge swatches are usually worked to measure 6" x 6", and then the stitches are measured in the middle of the swatch in a 4"x4" area. In this gauge swatch, because of the lacy stitches and the stitch pattern, you will first measure the width of each row as you crochet it, because it will change for the first few rows. Then, when the rows are finished, you will measure the height of the entire swatch.

Method 1:

Chain 19

Foundation Row: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 3, turn. (18 sc) [Width of Foundation Row should measure approximately 7".]

Row 1 (RS): (dc, ch 1, dc) in 1st sc, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc, *ch 3, skip 3 sc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next sc, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc. Repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn. (14 dc, 7 sc) [Width of Row 1 should measure approximately 7".]

Method 2:

Foundation Row: Work 18 fsc. Ch 3, turn. (18 fsc) [Width of Foundation Row should measure approximately 7".]

Row 1 (RS): (dc, ch 1, dc) in 1st fsc, skip 2 fsc, sc in next fsc, *ch 3, skip 3 fsc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next fsc, skip 2 fsc, sc in next fsc. Repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn. (14 dc, 7 sc) [Width of Row 1 should measure approximately 7".]

Both Methods

Row 2: (dc, ch 1, dc) in first sc, sc in ch-3 sp, *ch 3, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next sc, sc in ch-3 sp. Repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn. (14 dc, 7 sc) [Width of Row 2 should measure between 6.5" and 7"]

Row 3 – 10: Repeat Row 2. At the end of Row 10, end off. [Width of Row 3 should measure approximately 6.5", width of Row 4 should measure approximately 6". After Row 4, the width of the rows should stay the same – approximately 6".]

Gauge Swatch should measure approximately 6" x 6" after 10 rows. If swatch is larger, try a smaller hook. If swatch is smaller, try a larger hook.



Lacy Sweater Pattern

Rectangles – make 4

Method 1

Ch 33, (40, 47).

Foundation Row: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch 3, turn. (32, 39, 46 sc)

Row 1(RS): (dc, ch 1, dc) in first sc, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc, *ch 3, skip 3 sc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next sc, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc. Repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn.

Method 2

Foundation Row: Work 32 (39, 46) fsc. Ch 3, turn.

Row 1(RS): (dc, ch 1, dc) in first fsc, skip 2 fsc, sc in next fsc, *ch 3, skip 3 fsc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next fsc, skip 2 fsc, sc in next fsc. Repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn.

Both Methods

Row 2: (dc, ch 1, dc) in first sc, sc in ch-3 sp, *ch 3, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next sc, sc in next ch-3 sp. Repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn.

Rows 3 – 42, (3 – 46, 3 – 50): Repeat Row 2. At the end of Row 42(46, 50) ch 1, turn.

Row 43(47, 51): Sc in each dc, sc, and ch-1 sp across, 3sc in each ch-3 sp across. Do not turn. Do not end off. (32, 39, 46 sc)

Note: Rectangle should measure approximately 10"x24" [(11"-12") x 26", (13"-14") x 28"]

Border

NOTE: you will be working the border in the round on the RS of the rectangle.

Turn corner. Continuing along the adjacent long side of the rectangle on the RS,

(sc, ch 1) 2x in each ch-3 sp on the end of every other row, until the first row.

(Sc, ch 1) in end of Row 1.

Turn corner. Working in the unused loops of the foundation chain (Method 1), or the bottom of the fsc (Method 2), sc in each ch or st across, ending with (sc, ch-1) in last ch or fsc.

Turn corner, (sc, ch-1, sc, ch-1) in each ch-3 space on the end of every other row on the next long side, ending with sc in end of Row 43 (47, 51). End off.

Finishing

Block each rectangle. Place rectangle on flat surface, with a towel underneath. Pull the sides to the measurements of the rectangle for your size. Lightly spray the rectangles with cold water, and let dry.

When dry, pin together rectangles, right side out, last row at top, following measurements for your size on the schematic, first the two for the back, then one for each side (see assembly diagram), leaving space for the armholes. Pin shoulders leaving space for the neck and collar. Try on, making sure pins are in correct place and neck and armhole spaces are comfortable. If not, adjust them.

Join Back

Crochet together rectangles, beginning on bottom of center of back, between the two back rectangles. Join yarn through adjacent corner scs of both back rectangles, ch 1, sc in next sc on rectangle closest to you (first rectangle), ch 1, sc in next sc on rectangle in back (second rectangle), *ch 1, sc in next sc on first rectangle, ch 1, sc in next sc on second rectangle. Repeat from * up to the top, sc through both stitches at adjacent corner edges of both rectangles.

Join side seams

Repeat for each side seam, joining the rectangles up to the space left for the armholes.

Join shoulders

Repeat from shoulder seams, working from the armholes to the neck edge.

Border Edging

Join yarn on RS of bottom edge, near a corner.
Ch 1, sc in each st along bottom edge, to corner,
(sc, ch 1, sc) in corner, sc in each sc and ch-1 space
up the front, to first front corner (sc, ch 1, sc) in
front corner, *sc in each sc to inner corner of neck
edge, sc2tog in inner corner, repeat from * to next
inner corner, sc in each sc to second front corner,
(sc, ch 1, sc) in front corner, sc in each sc and ch-1
space down side to bottom corner, (sc, ch 1, sc) in
bottom corner, sc in each sc to first sc. Join with a
sl st to first sc. End off.

Armhole Edging

Join yarn at bottom of armhole, one or two stitches
toward the back, on RS.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc in each sc and ch-1 space around
armhole, working sc2tog at shoulder seam. Join
with sl st to first sc. Ch 1, do not turn.

Rnd 2: Sc in first sc and in each sc around. Join
with sl st to first sc. End off.

Repeat for second armhole. Weave in ends.

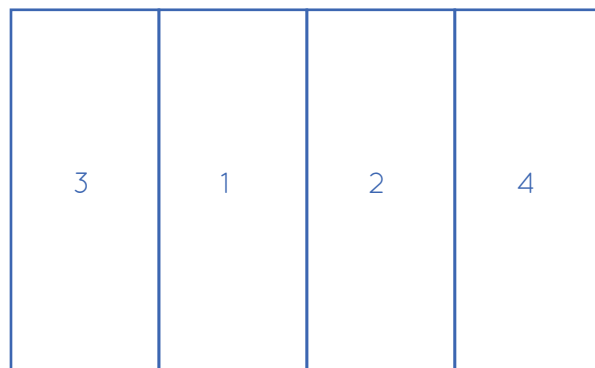


Schematic

Rectangles before blocking and final edging:
Width (10", 11", 12") Length (22", 24", 26")



Blocking can add .5" or so to width and/or length.
Edging will add 1" approximately to width and
length.



Assembly Schematic diagram for sweater.
Join Rectangle 1 to Rectangle 2, Rectangle 3 to
Rectangle 1, and Rectangle 2 to Rectangle 4,
starting from the bottom of the rectangles.

