



## Trendy Top Overlay

*Wear this crocheted top over a tank in the summer or a long sleeve tee in the winter— belted or unbelted. It's a great piece to have in your wardrobe whatever the weather may be!*

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Designed by Double Stitch Twins.

**Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X and 3X are in parentheses.**

**Bust/Hip:** 30 (34½, 37½, 40½, 45, 49½)”.  
**Length:** 20 (20, 21, 21½, 22½, 22½)”.

**RED HEART® “Soft Yarn”:** 2 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) Balls 9779 Berry.

**Crochet Hook:** 5.5mm [US I-9].  
 Yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 16 sts = 4”; 5 rows = 4” in (ch 3, 3-dc group) st.  
**CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

### NOTES

Front and Back are worked from shoulder edge down to lower edge. Garment has a good deal of negative ease and measurements given are with pieces laid flat.

The back of the sweater is larger than the front.

### TOP

#### Front

Ch 50 (62, 68, 74, 86, 98).

**Row 1:** Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, \*ch 3, skip 3 ch, dc in next 3 ch; repeat from \* to last 4 ch, ch 3, skip 3 ch, dc in last ch – 8 (10, 11, 12, 14, 16) 3-dc groups.

**Rows 2-25 (25, 26, 27, 28, 28):** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn, 2 dc in first ch-3 space, \*ch 3, skip 3 dc, 3 dc in next ch-3 space; repeat from \* to last 3 dc, ch 3, skip 2 dc, dc in top of beginning ch.

Fasten off.

#### Back

Ch 74 (80, 86, 92, 98, 104, 110).

**Row 1:** Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, \*ch 3, skip 3 ch, dc in next 3 ch; repeat from \* to last 4 ch, ch 3, skip 3 ch, dc in last ch – 12 (13, 15, 16, 17, 18) 3-dc groups.

**Rows 2-25 (25, 26, 27, 28, 28):** Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn, 2 dc in first ch-3 space, \*ch 3, skip 3 dc, 3 dc in next ch-3 space; repeat from \* to last 3 dc, ch 3, skip 2 dc, dc in top of beginning ch.

Fasten off.

### FINISHING

#### Lower Edging

With wrong side facing, slip st in first st on last row of Back, ch 1, \*3 sc in next ch-3 space, sc in next 3 dc; repeat from \* across last row of Back, continue to repeat from \* along last row of Front, slip st in first st to join – 120 (138, 156, 168, 186, 204) sc.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, sc in each sc around, slip st in first sc to join. Fasten off.



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## Top Edging

With wrong side facing and working along opposite edge of foundation ch of Back, join yarn in first st, ch 1, \*3 sc in next ch-3 space, sc in next 3 dc; repeat from \* across foundation ch of Back, continue to repeat from \* across foundation ch of Front, slip st in first st to join – 120 (138, 156, 168, 186, 204) sc.

**Round 1:** Ch 1, sc in each sc around, slip st in first sc to join.

Fasten off.

Sew sides together, leaving 10 (10, 10, 11, 11, 11)" from Top Edging open for Armholes/Side slits.

## TIE

Ch 142 (160, 178, 190, 208, 226).

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, \*dc in next ch, sc in next ch; repeat from \* across – 141 (159, 177, 189, 207, 225) sts.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, turn, \*sc in next dc, dc in next sc; repeat from \* across.

Fasten off.

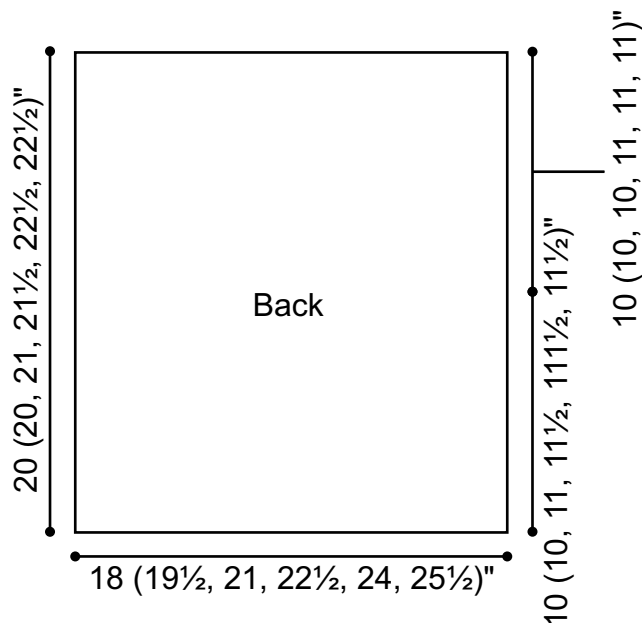
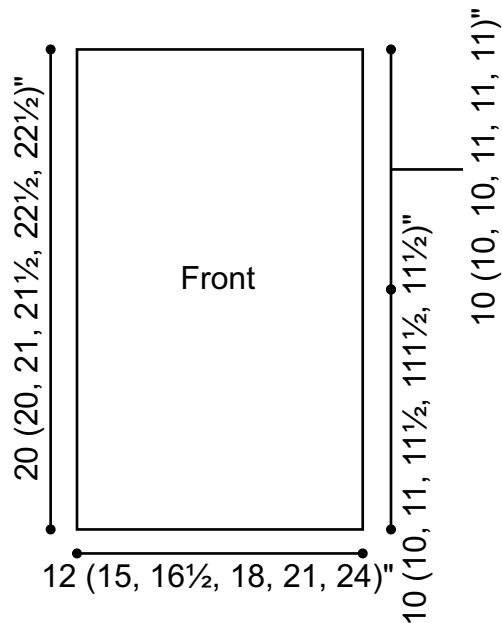
Weave in ends.

Thread Tie in and out of ch-3 spaces along Row 1 along top edge.



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**ABBREVIATIONS:** ch = chain; dc = double crochet; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); \* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.



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