Beach Time Cover-Up

This cute cover-up is just the thing for a day at the beach! Or pair it with shorts and a tank top for a fun everyday look.

What you will need:

- Aunt Lydia’s® Fashion Crochet size 3™: 11 (13, 15) balls 201 White
- Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 4 mm [US G-6]
- Yarn needle

GAUGE: 20 sts = 4" (10 cm); 8 rows = 4" (10 cm) in double crochet before blocking.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.

Directions are for size Small/Medium. Changes for sizes Large/X-Large and XX-Large/XXX-Large are in parentheses.

Coverup measures approximately 44 (52, 60)" [111.8 (132, 152.4) cm] around bust. Choice of two lengths, 35" (89cm) or 40" (101.6 cm), see note below.

Belt measures approximately 2" (5 cm) wide x 60 (65, 70)" [152.4 (165, 178) cm] long after blocking.

NOTE
Cover-up is written with two length options; longer length instructions begin at Row 7

COVERUP Panels (Make 2)
Ch 47 (57, 67).
Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn – 45 (55, 65) dc.
Rows 2 & 3: Ch 2 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in each st across, turn – 45 (55, 65) dc.
Row 4: Ch 2, dc in next 2 sts, skip 2 sts, *(4 dc, ch 3, dc) in same st, skip 4 sts; repeat from * 5 (7, 9) times, (4 dc, ch 3, dc) in same st, skip 2 sts, dc in next 7 sts, turn – 7 (9, 11) clusters, 10 dc.
Row 5: Ch 2, dc in next 6 sts, *(4 dc, ch 3, dc) in same ch-3 space, skip 4 sts; repeat from * 5 (7, 9) times, (4 dc, ch 3, dc) in same st, skip 4 sts, dc in next 3 sts, turn – 7 (9, 11) clusters, 10 dc.
Row 6: Ch 2, dc in next 2 sts, *(4 dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 space, skip 4 sts; repeat from * 5 (7, 9) times, (4 dc, ch 3, dc) in same st, skip 4 sts, dc in next 7 sts, turn – 7 (9, 11) clusters, 10 dc.

Short Length
Rows 7-116: Repeat Rows 5 & 6.
Row 117: Ch 2, dc in next 6 sts, *(4 dc in next ch-3 space; repeat from * 6 (8, 10) times, dc in next 3 sts, turn – 45 (55, 65) dc.
Rows 118-120: Ch 2, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

Long Length
Rows 7-136: Repeat Rows 5 & 6.
Row 137: Ch 2, dc in next 6 sts, *(4 dc in next ch-3 space; repeat from * 6 (8, 10) times, dc in next 3 sts, turn – 45 (55, 65) dc.
Rows 138-140: Ch 2, dc in each st across, turn.
Fasten off.

Belt
Ch 13.
Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn – 11 dc.
Rows 2 & 3: Ch 2, dc in each st across, turn – 11 dc.

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Row 4: Ch 2, dc in next 2 sts, skip 2 sts, (4 dc, ch 3, dc) in same st, skip 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, turn – ch-3 space, 11 dc.
Row 5: Ch 2, dc in next 2 sts, (4 dc, ch 3, dc) in ch-3 space, skip 4 sts, dc in next 3 sts, turn – ch-3 space, 11 dc.
Rows 6-112 (122, 132): Repeat Row 5.
Row 113 (123, 133): Ch 2, dc in next 2 sts, 5 dc in ch-3 space, skip 4 sts, dc in next 3 sts, turn – 11 dc.
Fasten off.

FINISHING
Blocking (optional)
Block fabric before stitching pieces together to add length and width, plus lead to less fabric stretching in the future.

Assemble
Using a sc join, seam panels together along the 3-dc sides starting at the bottom edge and seaming up 45 rows from the bottom.

Vest Option: seam side panels together 4” (10 cm) on either side of Cover-up.

Seamed Front Option: repeat the process on the opposite side, seaming up 40 rows from the bottom. Sides remain unseamed.

Weave in all loose ends.

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