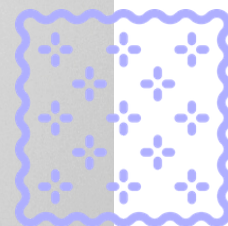
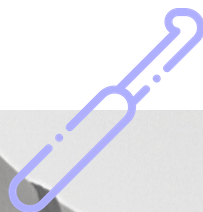


Shell And V-Stitch Lace Top

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Difficulty Level

MATERIALS

Yarn

420 yards (380m) of a lighter 4 to heavy 3 weight yarn like Lion Brand Coboo

Hook

5mm US H

Misc.

Optional stitch marker to mark beginning of rounds.

GAUGE AND SIZING

3 pattern repeats (1 shell, 1 v-stitch) in 4" (10cm) by 10.5 rows in 4" (10cm)

Sizing

To fit bust measurement

XS/S - 34-36in (85-90cm)

M/L - 36-38in (90-96cm)

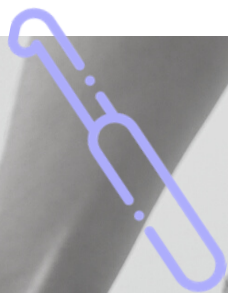
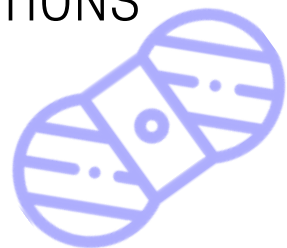
XL - 40-42in (100-106cm)

2XL - 44in (112cm)

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OVERVIEW

This pattern is worked from the bottom up. You'll begin with a foundation chain joined in the round. Then, the shell and v-stitch pattern is worked in a spiral for the length of the bodice. A small bit of mesh is added to attach the straps and finally, a shell border is added at the foundation chain to clean up the edge of the work. A helpful video tutorial for this pattern is available for visual learners. You can find that video [here](#)



Pattern

To begin, loosely ch 132(XS/S), 148(M/L) , 164(XL) or 180(2XL) and slip stitch to your first chain to join in the round.

Set up round: Ch3 (counts as 1dc) make 4 more dc into that same ch (5dc total to make your first shell stitch). Skip the next 3 chs and make 1dc, ch1, 1dc all into the next ch (V-stitch). Skip the next 3 chs and make 5dc (shell stitch) into the next ch. Continue, skip 3, V-stitch, skip 3, shell stitch to the end of the rnd, ending on a shell stitch.

Shell and V-stitch spiral lace pattern: To begin working in a spiral, *make a V-stitch (1dc, ch1, 1dc) into the center st of the next shell stitch. Then, make a shell stitch (5dc) into the ch space of the next V-stitch*

repeat until your piece measures **14 (15, 15, 16) inches ((35, 38, 38, 40cm)).

Strap attachment mesh panels: To level off your spiral, after completing a V-stitch, make 2hdc into the next V-stitch and sl st to the center st of the next shell stitch. We'll count the 2hdc and remainder of the shell stitch you slipped into as one shell stitch.

Mesh row 1: Ch4 (counts as 1dc and *ch1) and make 1dc in the space between the shell and the next V-stitch. Ch1 and make 1dc into the next V-stitch. Ch 1, 1dc in space between V and shell. Ch 1, 1dc in the center stitch of next shell stitch.* repeat between ** until you have 21 (25, 29, 33) dcs and have worked 1dc into 6 (7, 8, 9) shell stitches.

Mesh row 2: Ch4, skip the first ch space and work 1dc into the next ch space. *Ch1 and work 1dc in the next ch space*. Repeat for every ch space, working the last dc into the starting ch.

Pattern

Repeat mesh row 2 until you have 4 rows of mesh. Then ch3, turn and work. 1dc in each ch space and each stitch for one final row of solid double crochet.

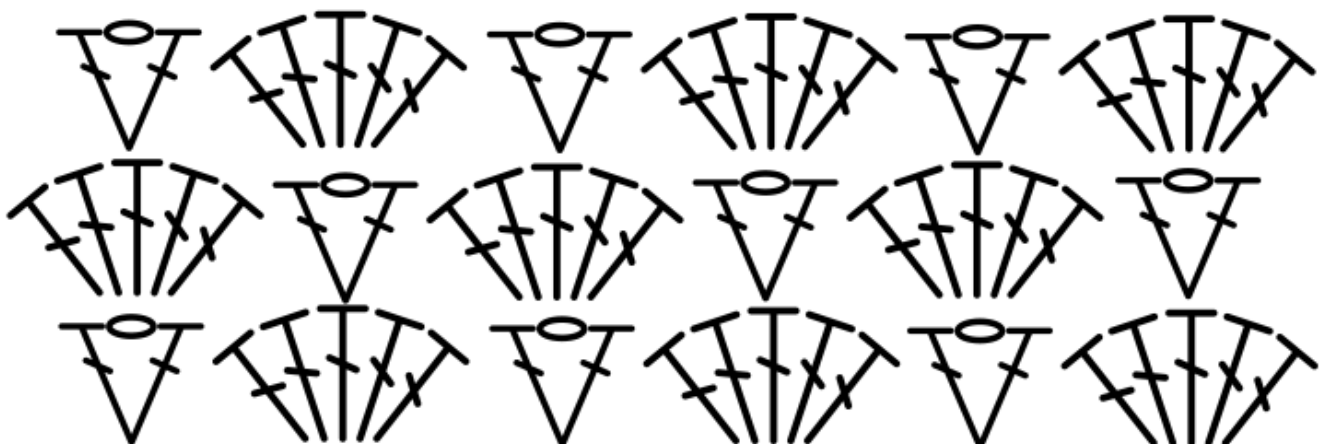
Before fastening off, **ch a 20"** (50cm) chain for one strap. Fasten on the other corner of the mesh panel to ch the 2nd strap.

Second panel: Skip two shells, and fasten on to the center stitch of the next shell. Ch 4 to begin "mesh row 1" again for the 2nd strap attachment panel.

Mini shell border: To clean up the foundation chain edge, fasten on at any ch3 space between stitches along the foundation chain (working with your piece upside-down).

Ch2 (counts as 1hdc) and make 2dc, 1hdc all into that ch3 space. Sl st into the next v-stitch (or center of next shell st). Continue, 1hdc, 2dc, 1hdc into the next ch3 space. Sl st into the next v-stitch or shell st.

Continue making mini shells all the way around the bottom hem. Sl st to the first chain to complete the round. Fasten off and weave in ends.



Thank You!



I hope you enjoyed it as much as I enjoyed making it for you all. Before you ask, yes, you can sell any items you craft using this pattern! I also encourage you to contact me anytime with questions.

Happy Stitching!

- *Michelle*

