Vanier V-Neck Tunic

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This light and lacy tunic features a plunging v-neck and cap sleeves. The sample in the photograph is size XS/S and was made with 2.75 skeins of Bernat Cotton-ish in 'Coffee Filter.'

Materials

3 LIGHT

5.0 mm (US 8/H, UK 6) Crochet Hook
Approximately 550 to 730 m (600 - 800 yd) of DK / light worsted yarn
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers
Blocking materials (optional)

Sizes

Women's XS/S, M/L (See finished dimensions)

Construction

This tunic is constructed in two rectangles that are seamed together. Optional sleeves can be added after assembly.

Abbreviations Used

This pattern uses standard US crochet terms

ch = chain

sl-st = slip stitch

dc = double crochet

v-st = v-stitch (see 'Special Stitches')

sc = single crochet

RS = right-side of fabric

WS = wrong side of fabric

Special Stitches

v-st: [dc, ch-1, dc] in indicated stitch

Gauge

Exact gauge is not crucial as this tunic has a lot of positive ease, but getting your gauge as close to the pattern gauge as possible will ensure a better fit.

Reduced Stitch Pattern

Gauge Swatch:

Row 1: Ch-13, dc in 4th ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn.

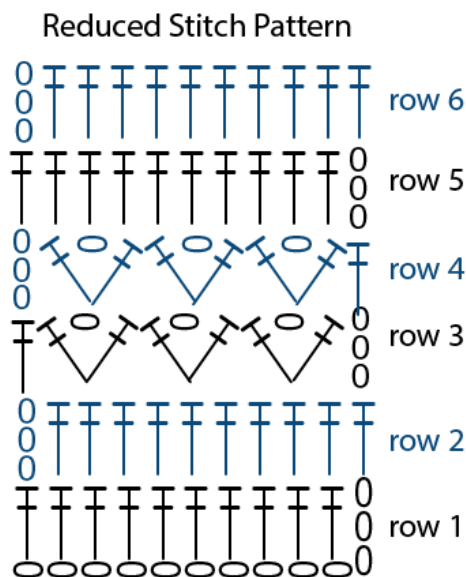Row 2: Ch-3 (counts as dc here, and throughout), dc in each dc across. Turn.

Row 3: Ch-3, sk 1 dc, v-st in next dc, (sk 2 dc, v-st in next dc) twice. Sk 1 dc, dc in turning chain. Turn.

Row 4: Ch-3, v-st in ch-1 space of each v-st across, dc in turning ch. Turn.

Row 5: Ch-3, dc in each dc and each sc across, turn.

Row 6: Ch-3, dc in each dc across. Fasten off.

Gauge swatch measurements: 10 cm x 10 cm (4" x 4")

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Panel (Make 2)

For size XS/S, work pattern as written. Counts in square brackets ([]) are for size M/L.

Note: If you want to customize the fit or alter the pattern to adjust for a different weight of yarn, please see Customization section before you begin. This section also includes instructions for optional sleeves.

Row 1 (RS): Ch-154 [166], dc in 4th ch from hook (first 3 ch count as dc) and in each ch across, turn. [152 [164]dc] Place a marker in the 50th [56th]and 102nd [114th] dc on the chain side.

Row 2 (WS): Ch-3 (counts as dc here and throughout), dc in each dc across. Turn.

Row 3 (RS): Ch-3, sk 1 dc, v-st in next dc. {sk 2 dc, v-st in next dc} 49 [53] times. Sk 1 dc, dc in top of ch-3. Turn. [50 [54] v-st]

Row 4 (WS): Ch-3, [v-st in ch-1 sp of v-st] across. Dc in top of ch-3. Turn. [50[54] v-st]

Row 5 (RS): Ch-3, dc in each dc and each ch across. Turn. [152 [164] dc]

Row 6 (WS): Ch-3, dc in each dc across. Turn. [152[164] dc]

For size XS/S only: Repeat Rows 3-6 twice

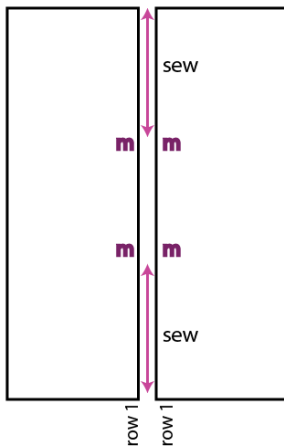*For size M/L only:* Repeat Rows 3-6 three times

Both sizes: Repeat rows 3-5 once. Fasten off. Mark the 55th [61st] dc of the final row and the 97th [103rd] dc of the final row.

Assembly

Join Front
With WS of fabric facing you, lay rectangles so that row 1 of each rectangle are perpendicular. Sew from bottom edge to marked stitch on each side.
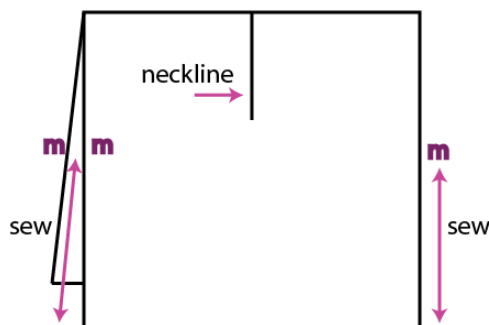
Note: For a less pronounced V-neck, simply sew higher on the join.

Join Sides

With WS of fabric facing you, fold the fabric in half, horizontally, as shown. With tapestry needle and yarn, sew up to marked stitch on each side.

Note: You can increase or decrease the size of the arm holes as desired, but if you wish to add the optional sleeves, only sew up to and including the markers or ensure that the arm hole is a multiple of 3 stitches.

Edging

Bottom Edging

With RS of fabric facing you, Sl-st to join yarn to the side of a dc next to one of the side seams. Ch-1, work 2 sc in side of the dc. 2sc in side of each dc around the bottom edge. Sl-st to first sc to join. Fasten off.
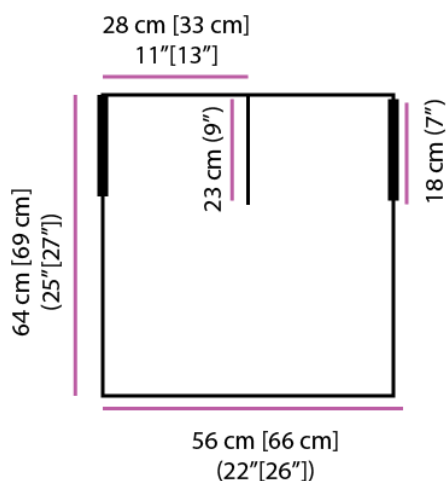
Neck Edging

With RS of fabric facing, Sl-st to join the yarn to any st along the neckline. Ch-1, sc in same st. Work 1 sc in each st around the neckline. Sl-st to first sc to join. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends with a tapestry needle. Block using your favourite blocking method, if desired.

Finished Dimensions:

28 cm [33 cm] 11"[13"]
23 cm (9")
18 cm (7")
64 cm [69 cm] (25"[27"])
56 cm [66 cm] (22"[26"])

Customization

- For a **longer or shorter** tunic, add or subtract multiples of 3. Your starting chain will be a multiple of 3 + 2 + 2 for the turning chain.
- For a **wider or narrower** tunic, add/subtract repeats of rows 3-6, ending on a repeat of row 5
- For a less plunging **neckline**, move each of your markers on row 1 an equal number of stitches towards the middle and join up to that marker when you assemble your piece
- For a looser fit on the **hips**, you can include **vents** on the sides, by beginning the side assembly a few inches up from the bottom hem.

Sleeves (optional)

Note: The sample in the photographs does not have the optional sleeves, nor are they included in the projected yardage for the project.

Row 1: Turn tunic right-side out. With WS of arm hole facing you, sl-st to join yarn to a dc near the seam. Ch-3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc around. Sl-st to top of ch-3 to join. Turn.

Row 2: Ch-3 (counts as dc), (sk 2 dc, v-st in next dc) around. Dc in same st as beginning ch-3. Sc in top of ch-3 (counts as ch-1), turn.

Row 3: Ch-3 (counts as dc), (v-st in ch-1 space of next v-st) around. Dc in same st as beginning ch-3. Ch-1, sl-st to top of beginning ch-3 to join. Turn.

Row 4: Ch-3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc and in each ch around. Sl-st to top of beginning ch-3 to join. Turn.

Row 5: Ch-3, dc in each dc around. Sl-st to beginning ch-3 to join.

Fasten off, or for a longer sleeve, continue working repeats of rows 2-5 until sleeves reached desired length.