Chunky Crochet Sweater (Boxy Pattern, Sizes S-2X)

A boxy winter sweater in bulky yarn: one stitch, four rectangles · US terms



In everyday life

Finished size: Chest 44 in (S) to 60 in (2X), boxy fit with about 10 to 11 in of ease over the largest bust of each range (approximate). Ease = room added over your bust. This sweater adds about 10 to 11 in over the largest bust of each range: it is very roomy, with a low shoulder seam, a loose body and wide sleeves. Measure your bust at the fullest part. Between sizes, size down.

Level: Advanced beginner to intermediate: hdc in rows and seaming of heavy pieces. Not a first project

Time: About 24 to 27 hours (S) to 34 to 37 hours (2X), estimated, not timed. Not a first project

Every row of every size was replayed by software. Counts were checked by software. This pattern has not been crocheted and swatched by a person before publication.

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Materials, sizes and terms

Materials

Main color (Oatmeal in our drawings): about 1600 yd (size 2X)
Optional second color for stripes: about 270 yd (size 2X)
Yardage above is for the biggest size (2X); the other sizes are in the Sizes cards.
Skeins = yards / yards per skein, rounded up, plus 1. Example (S, 1070 yd): 100-yd skeins = 11 + 1; 150-yd skeins = 8 + 1. Check the label for yards, not grams.
Add 15 % to the yards you work out from your swatch. Use soft acrylic or wool-blend #5 yarn. Cotton and linen are much heavier and will stretch. We have not tried any yarn.
Yarn needle (large eye), scissors, stitch markers (at least 4), measuring tape, pins.
A finished sweater weighs about 0.5 to 1.4 kg (1 to 3 lb) depending on the size and the yarn (estimate, not weighed). Sew the shoulder seams firmly.

Sizes

S: to fit bust 32-34 in, finished chest about 44 in

Yarn needed: Main color 1070 yd (estimate, with a 15 % margin): 12 skeins of 100 yd or 9 of 150 yd, rounded up, plus 1. With the optional stripes buy color B 170 yd and 170 yd less of the main color. Weight about 500 to 950 g (1.1 to 2.1 lb), estimate
Finished size: Chest about 44 in (112 cm), length about 24 in (61 cm), armhole depth about 8 1/2 in, sleeve about 17 in underarm to cuff (measure your arm and add or remove sts in the sleeve foundation ch), sleeve width around about 17 in, neck opening about 12 1/2 in. Positive ease about 10 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.
Counts: Front and back: ch 57, 55 sts, 42 rows each. Sleeves (2): ch 45, 43 sts, 30 rows. Shoulder seams 12 sts each, neck 31 sts. Armhole 15 rows on the front and on the back. About 24 to 27 hours in all, estimated, not timed. Not a first project.

M: to fit bust 36-38 in, finished chest about 49 in

Yarn needed: Main color 1220 yd (estimate, with a 15 % margin): 14 skeins of 100 yd or 10 of 150 yd, rounded up, plus 1. With the optional stripes buy color B 200 yd and 200 yd less of the main color. Weight about 600 to 1100 g (1.3 to 2.4 lb), estimate
Finished size: Chest about 49 in (124 cm), length about 25 in (64 cm), armhole depth about 9 in, sleeve about 17 1/2 in underarm to cuff (measure your arm and add or remove sts in the sleeve foundation ch), sleeve width around about 18 1/2 in, neck opening about 12 1/2 in. Positive ease about 11 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.
Counts: Front and back: ch 63, 61 sts, 44 rows each. Sleeves (2): ch 46, 44 sts, 32 rows. Shoulder seams 15 sts each, neck 31 sts. Armhole 16 rows on the front and on the back. About 27 to 30 hours in all, estimated, not timed. Not a first project.

L: to fit bust 40-42 in, finished chest about 52 in

Yarn needed: Main color 1340 yd (estimate, with a 15 % margin): 15 skeins of 100 yd or 10 of 150 yd, rounded up, plus 1. With the optional stripes buy color B 220 yd and 220 yd less of the main color. Weight about 650 to 1200 g (1.4 to 2.6 lb), estimate
Finished size: Chest about 52 in (132 cm), length about 26 1/2 in (67 cm), armhole depth about 9 1/2 in, sleeve about 18 in underarm to cuff (measure your arm and add or remove sts in the sleeve foundation ch), sleeve width around about 19 1/2 in, neck opening about 12 1/2 in. Positive ease about 10 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.
Counts: Front and back: ch 67, 65 sts, 46 rows each. Sleeves (2): ch 47, 45 sts, 34 rows. Shoulder seams 17 sts each, neck 31 sts. Armhole 17 rows on the front and on the back. About 30 to 33 hours in all, estimated, not timed. Not a first project.

XL: to fit bust 44-46 in, finished chest about 57 in

Yarn needed: Main color 1450 yd (estimate, with a 15 % margin): 16 skeins of 100 yd or 11 of 150 yd, rounded up, plus 1. With the optional stripes buy color B 250 yd and 250 yd less of the main color. Weight about 700 to 1300 g (1.5 to 2.9 lb), estimate

Finished size: Chest about 57 in (144 cm), length about 27 in (68 cm), armhole depth about 9 1/2 in, sleeve about 18 1/2 in underarm to cuff (measure your arm and add or remove sts in the sleeve foundation ch), sleeve width around about 19 1/2 in, neck opening about 13 in. Positive ease about 11 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.

Counts: Front and back: ch 73, 71 sts, 47 rows each. Sleeves (2): ch 48, 46 sts, 34 rows. Shoulder seams 19 sts each, neck 33 sts. Armhole 17 rows on the front and on the back. About 32 to 35 hours in all, estimated, not timed. Not a first project.

2X: to fit bust 48-50 in, finished chest about 60 in

Yarn needed: Main color 1600 yd (estimate, with a 15 % margin): 17 skeins of 100 yd or 12 of 150 yd, rounded up, plus 1. With the optional stripes buy color B 270 yd and 270 yd less of the main color. Weight about 750 to 1450 g (1.7 to 3.2 lb), estimate

Finished size: Chest about 60 in (152 cm), length about 28 in (71 cm), armhole depth about 10 1/2 in, sleeve about 19 in underarm to cuff (measure your arm and add or remove sts in the sleeve foundation ch), sleeve width around about 20 1/2 in, neck opening about 14 in. Positive ease about 10 in over the largest bust of the range. Approximate.

Counts: Front and back: ch 77, 75 sts, 49 rows each. Sleeves (2): ch 50, 48 sts, 36 rows. Shoulder seams 20 sts each, neck 35 sts. Armhole 18 rows on the front and on the back. About 34 to 37 hours in all, estimated, not timed. Not a first project.

Size table

Measure	S	M	L	XL	2X
To fit bust (in)	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
Finished chest (in)	44	49	52	57	60
Ease over largest bust (in)	10	11	10	11	10
Length (in)	24	25	26 1/2	27	28
Armhole depth (in)	8 1/2	9	9 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2
Sleeve width around (in)	17	18 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2
Neck opening (in)	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	13	14
Front/back: sts x rows	55 x 42	61 x 44	65 x 46	71 x 47	75 x 49
Sleeve: sts x rows	43 x 30	44 x 32	45 x 34	46 x 34	48 x 36

Inches. Approximate, from our suggested gauge: check them against your swatch.

Abbreviations (US)

ch = chain
hdc = half double crochet
st(s) = stitch(es)
RS = right side (the outside of the sweater)
WS = wrong side (the inside)
yo = yarn over
tch = turning chain (ch 2 here: never counted, never worked into)
A / B = A is the main color; B is the optional second color for stripes
S (M, L, XL, 2X) = numbers for each size: the first is S, the others follow in order

Gauge

Gauge swatch is required, not optional. Suggested only, not swatched: 10 hdc and 7 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in hdc with a US L-11 (8 mm) hook and bulky (#5) yarn. Your rows and stitches may

be fewer or more than we show: measure your swatch and adjust.

Notes

- US crochet terms: see the abbreviations above. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X. Numbers are written S (M, L, XL, 2X).
- Hdc: yarn over, insert the hook under both top loops of the next st (the V), yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.
- Back bump: the bump on the back of each foundation ch. Row 1 goes in the back bumps. Keep the foundation chain loose: use a hook one size up for it if you tend to chain tight.
- Row 1 of every piece is a right-side (RS) row, so odd rows are RS and even rows are WS. RS = the outside of the sweater, WS = the inside. The turning ch (ch 2) does not count as a st and you never work into it.
- Join a new skein at the end of a row. Leave 6 in tails. A 100-yd skein is about 14 rows of the front or back in S and 10 in 2X, so plan for about 28 (S) to 38 (2X) ends to weave in.
- Expect the sweater to grow 1 to 2 in in length once worn or wet. Weigh your swatch when you block it.
- Glossary. Boat neck: a wide, straight opening between the shoulder seams. Drop shoulder: the shoulder seam sits low on the upper arm, and the sleeve is a rectangle. Swatch: a small test piece you crochet and measure. Gauge: how many stitches and rows make 4 in. Ease: the room added over your bust. WS: wrong side, the inside of the sweater.



Laid flat

Swatch

Make this first. 24 sts and 14 rows, the same for every size.

Foundation

Ch 26.

Stitch count: 26 ch

Row 1 (RS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (they are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a hdc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 24 hdc

Rows 2 to 14

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. The last hdc of every row goes in the first hdc of the row before, next to the turning ch, never in it.

Stitch count: 24 hdc



Close-up of the stitch

Front

Worked from the hem up, in one color. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X. Numbers are written S (M, L, XL, 2X).

Foundation

Ch 57 (63, 67, 73, 77).

Stitch count: 57 (63, 67, 73, 77) ch

Row 1 (RS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (they are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a hdc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 55 (61, 65, 71, 75) hdc

Rows 2 to 42 (44, 46, 47, 49)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. The last hdc of every row goes in the first hdc of the row before, next to the turning ch, never in it.

Stitch count: 55 (61, 65, 71, 75) hdc



Chunky crochet sweater in oatmeal bulky yarn with a wide boat neck

Back

Same size as the front.

Foundation

Ch 57 (63, 67, 73, 77).

Stitch count: 57 (63, 67, 73, 77) ch

Row 1 (RS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (they are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a hdc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 55 (61, 65, 71, 75) hdc

Rows 2 to 42 (44, 46, 47, 49)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. The last hdc of every row goes in the first hdc of the row before, next to the turning ch, never in it.

Stitch count: 55 (61, 65, 71, 75) hdc



On a hanger

Sleeves

Make 2. The rows run along the arm.

Foundation

Ch 45 (46, 47, 48, 50).

Stitch count: 45 (46, 47, 48, 50) ch

Row 1 (RS)

Skip the first 2 ch from the hook (they are the turning ch and do not count as a st). Work a hdc in the back bump of the next ch and of each ch across.

Stitch count: 43 (44, 45, 46, 48) hdc

Rows 2 to 30 (32, 34, 34, 36)

Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn. Hdc in each st across. The last hdc of every row goes in the first hdc of the row before, next to the turning ch, never in it. The rows run along the arm: the cuff and the armhole edge are row ends.

Stitch count: 43 (44, 45, 46, 48) hdc



Side view

Assembly

Rectangles seam row end to row end, so the counts below match.

Weave in ends

Weave in the ends on the wrong side, along a row, going back on yourself for 3 in. Tails from stripes can go into the side seam.

Block

Block the pieces flat before you sew. Pin the shoulder seams and try the sweater on before you sew the sides. Follow the yarn label.

Pin first

For every seam, pin the first and the last rows (or sts) of the seam and the middle first, then add pins every 2 in and sew between the pins.

Shoulder seams

Lay the front and the back flat, right sides up, tops of the stitches touching. With the needle, go under the 2 loops of the V of one st on the front, then under the V of the matching st on the back, and repeat across. Seam the first 12 (15, 17, 19, 20) sts and the last 12 (15, 17, 19, 20) sts of the top edge. Leave the middle 31 (31, 31, 33, 35) sts open: this is the neck (12 (15, 17, 19, 20) + 31 (31, 31, 33, 35) + 12 (15, 17, 19, 20) = 55 (61, 65, 71, 75) sts). Try your head through the neck before you sew the second shoulder seam. It sits wide: it may slip to one side.

Mark the armholes

On each side edge of the front and of the back, count 15 (16, 17, 17, 18) rows down from the shoulder seam and put a marker. This is the armhole (the underarm marker).

Attach the sleeves

A sleeve has 30 (32, 34, 34, 36) rows (the rows run along the arm, so the armhole edge and the cuff are row ends). Fold the sleeve in half: the fold is between its Row 15 (16, 17, 17, 18) and its Row 16 (17, 18, 18, 19). Put that fold at the shoulder seam and sew the armhole edge of the sleeve to the armhole: 15 (16, 17, 17, 18) rows on the front and 15 (16, 17, 17, 18) rows on the back, one row end to one row end (mattress stitch: with the right sides facing you, pick up the 2 bars between the first and second st of a row end on one side, then the same on the other side, row by row, and pull gently every 4 or 5 rows). Do the same with the other sleeve.

Underarm and side seams

Sew the foundation-ch edge of the sleeve to its last-row edge (43 (44, 45, 46, 48) sts to 43 (44, 45, 46, 48) sts: the chain loop of each st on the foundation edge to the V of the matching st), then continue down the side of the body: 27 (28, 29, 30, 31) rows of the front to 27 (28, 29, 30, 31) rows of the back (mattress stitch). At the underarm marker four edges meet: the foundation-ch edge and the last-row edge of the sleeve and the side edges of the front and of the back. Sew the sleeve seam up to the marker, go twice through the marker point to close the gap, then go on down the side: one seam from cuff to hem. Repeat on the other side.

Finish

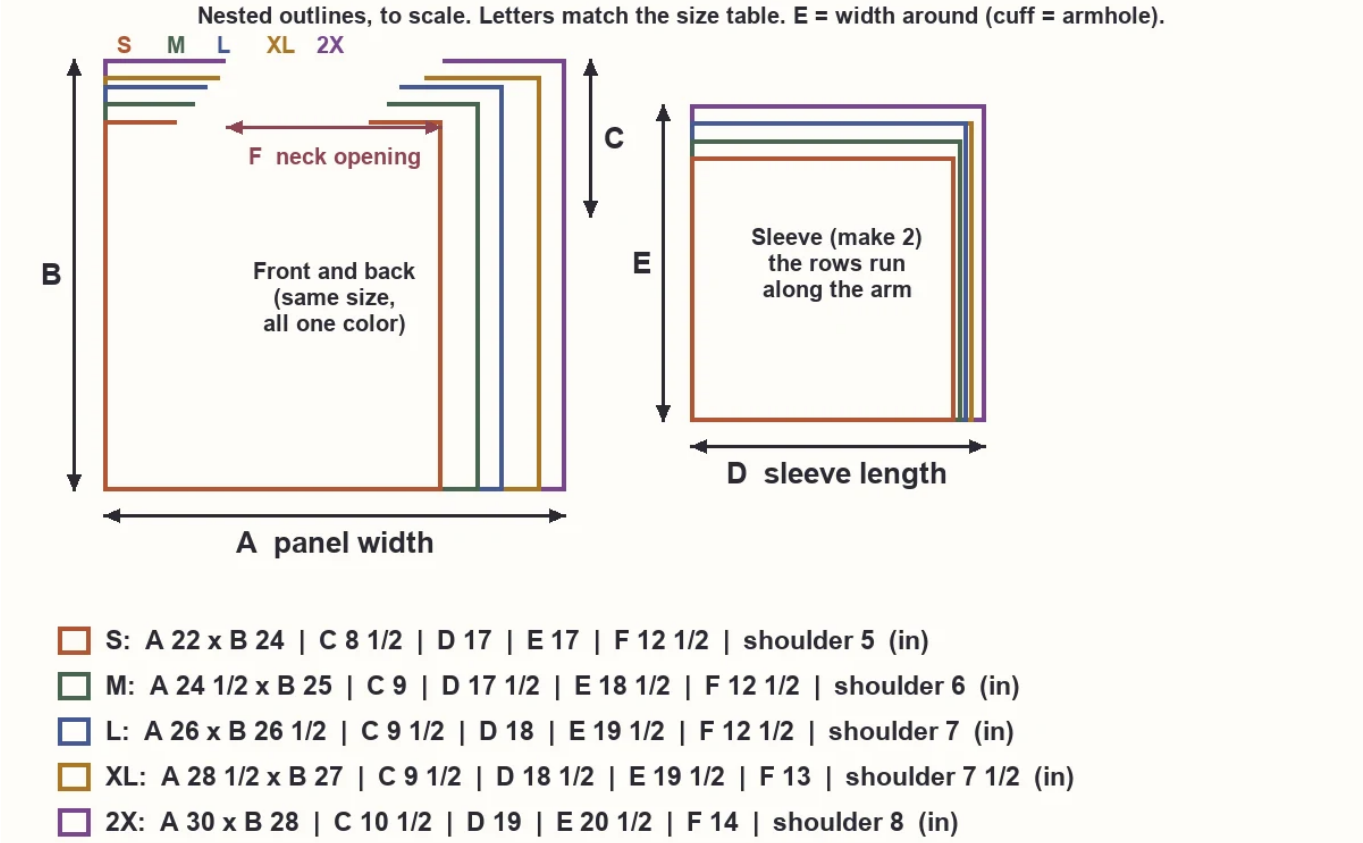
Weave in the seaming ends. The neck, hem and cuffs are left as they are (the edge of the hdc rows): no border to work. The cuffs are wide: fold them back once if you want them shorter.



Close-up of the cuff

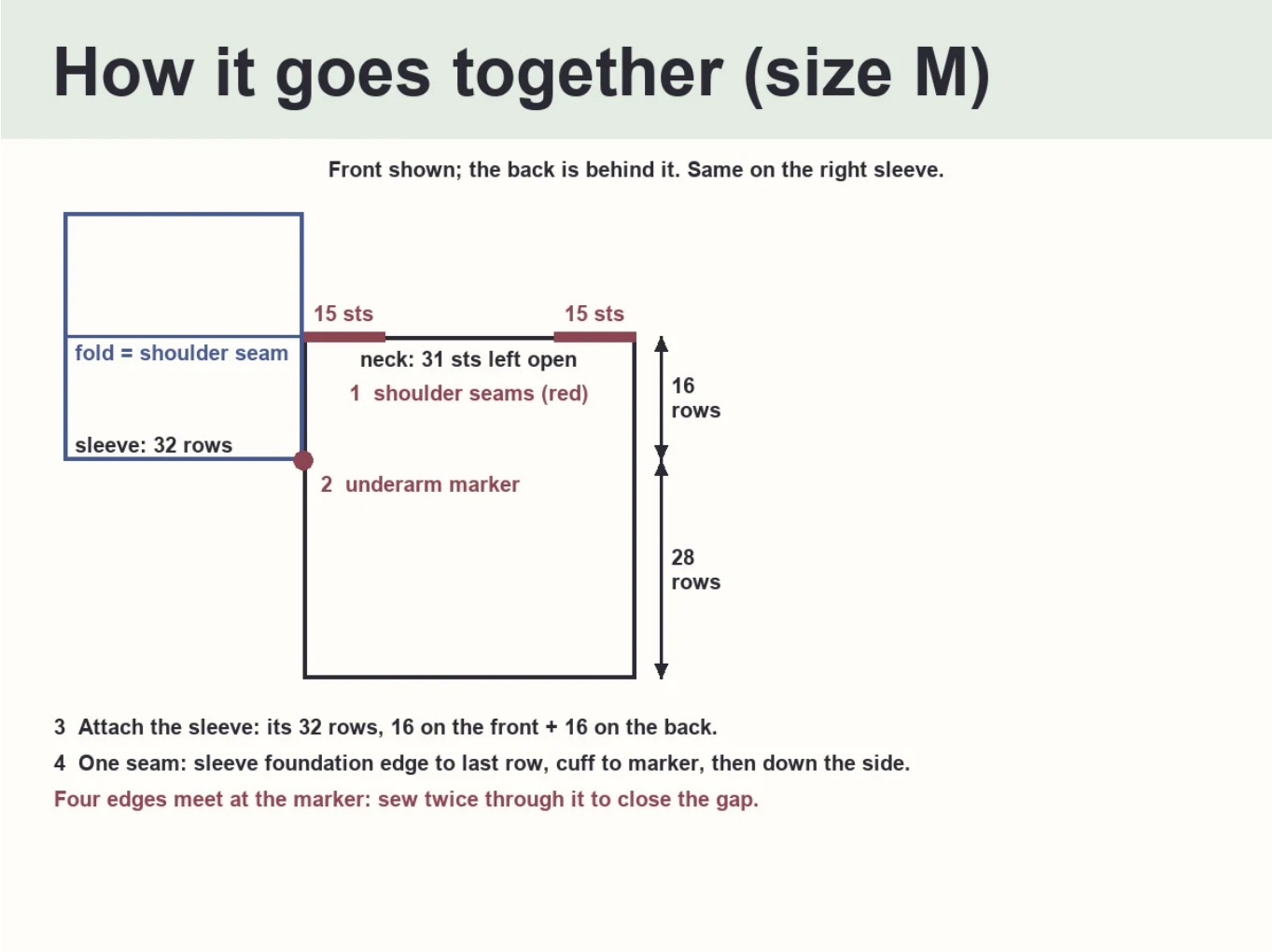
Plan of the pieces

Pieces to scale



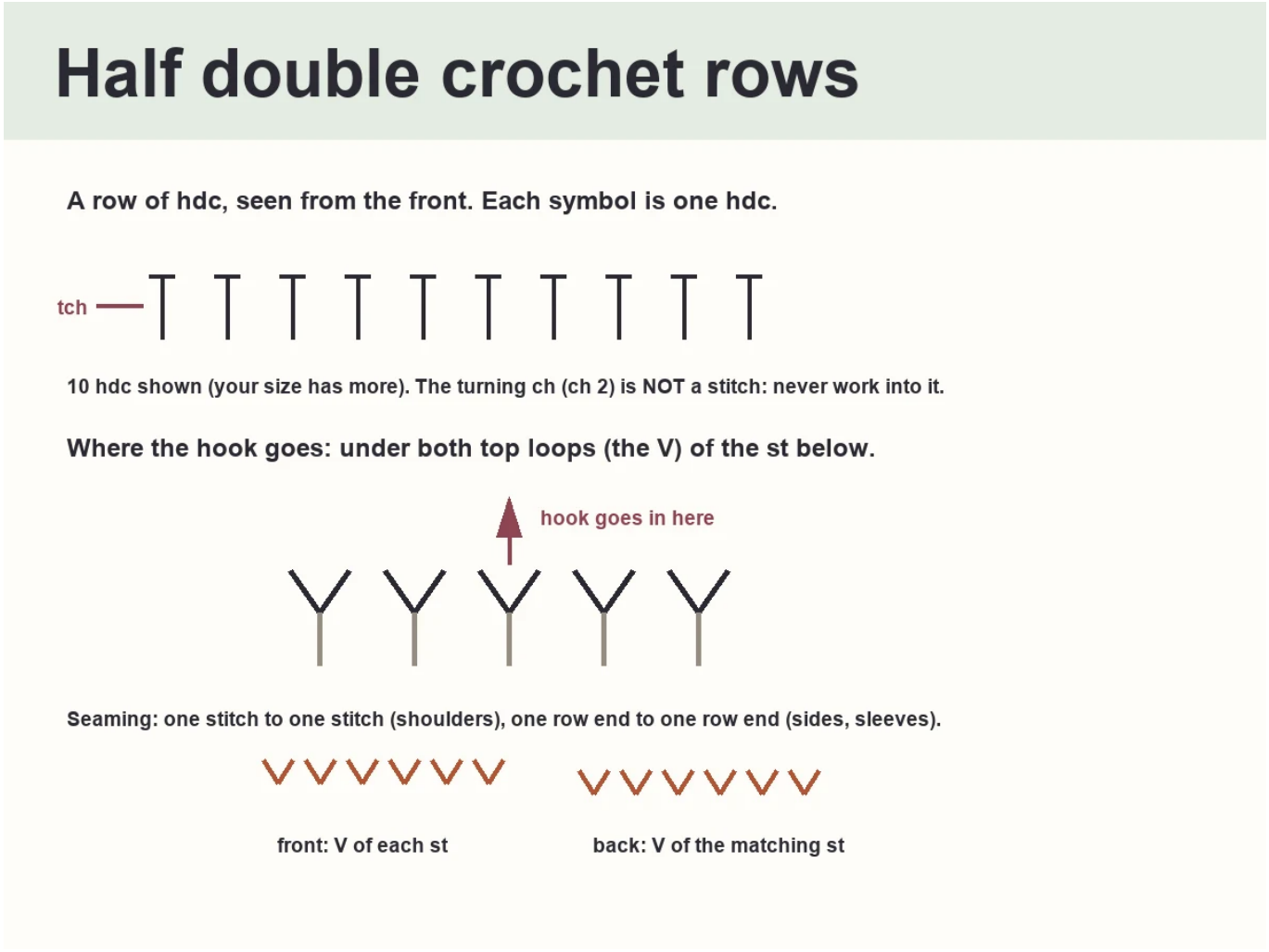
Front/back panels and sleeves of all sizes to scale, with the dimensions of every size. The letters match the size table. A computer drawing. Open it full size.

Assembly plan



How the pieces go together, drawn for size M (the other sizes use their own numbers in the Assembly rows). A computer drawing. Open it full size.

Stitch diagram



The hdc row, where the hook goes, and what is sewn to what. A computer drawing. Open it full size.



The neckline

Finishing

Check that every end is woven in and the seams are flat. Wash as the label says. Lay flat to dry (drying time not tested). Store folded. A finished sweater weighs about 0.5 to 1.4 kg (1 to 3 lb) depending on the size and the yarn (estimate, not weighed). Sew the shoulder seams firmly. Expect the sweater to grow 1 to 2 in in length once worn or wet. Weigh your swatch when you block it.

How to make it

1. Make a swatch first

A gauge swatch is required, not optional. Our gauge is a guess, not a measurement. With the yarn and the US L-11 hook you will use, make the swatch of the Swatch section: ch 26, 24 sts, 14 rows of hdc with the turning ch, exactly as in the sweater. Optional: work Rows 7 and 8 in a second color to try the stripe change. Block the swatch the way you will block the sweater (follow the yarn label), let it dry, then measure the middle 20 sts and 12 rows, away from the edges. We assumed 8 in wide and 7 in high (that is 10 hdc and 7 rows = 4 in). If you get more sts, go up a hook size; fewer, go down. Count rows as well as sts: your rows decide the length, your sts decide the chest. Then check your size: your finished chest = 2 x the stitches of the panel / your sts per inch. Example: size M has 61 sts; at 10 sts per 4 in (2.5 per in) the chest is about 49 in. If your swatch gives 12 hdc per 4 in instead of 10, the S sweater is about 37 in around, not 44. A bigger hook makes a floppier fabric: or pick a bigger size. If you get 8 rows per 4 in instead of 7, add 6 rows to the length (S). Weigh your swatch in grams. Yards needed = (swatch grams / swatch area in sq in) x sweater area / grams per yard of your yarn, then add 15 %; the sweater area is about 1650 (S), 1870 (M), 2070 (L), 2240 (XL), 2470 (2X) sq in (front, back and 2 sleeves). Our yardage is an estimate: buy one skein more than the card says.

2. Choose your size

Ease = room added over your bust. This sweater adds about 10 to 11 in over the largest bust of each range: it is very roomy, with a low shoulder seam, a loose body and wide sleeves. Measure your bust at the fullest part. Between sizes, size down. Or measure a boxy sweater you love, laid flat, and compare it with 'A panel width' x 2 in the size table.

3. Work the front and the back

Chain, work Row 1 and the plain rows. Front and back are the same: work the same number of rows on both. The last hdc of every row goes in the first hdc of the row before, next to the turning ch, never in it. Join a new skein at the end of a row. Leave 6 in tails. A 100-yd skein is about 14 rows of the front or back in S and 10 in 2X, so plan for about 28 (S) to 38 (2X) ends to weave in.

4. Work the sleeves

Each sleeve is a rectangle: its rows run along the arm, so the cuff and the armhole edge are row ends; the foundation-ch edge and the last-row edge are sewn together into the underarm seam.

5. Seam the pieces

Pin first: For every seam, pin the first and the last rows (or sts) of the seam and the middle first, then add pins every 2 in and sew between the pins. Shoulder seams: Lay the front and the back flat, right sides up, tops of the stitches touching. With the needle, go under the 2 loops of the V of one st on the front, then under the V of the matching st on the back, and repeat across. Seam the first 12 (15, 17, 19, 20) sts and the last 12 (15, 17, 19, 20) sts of the

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6. Weave in and wash

Weave in the ends on the wrong side. Wash as the label says. Lay flat to dry (drying time not tested). Store folded.

Care: Wash as the label says. Lay flat to dry (drying time not tested). Store folded.



Back view

Thank you!

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