Crochet Vest Pattern: Boxy Hdc Vest in Sizes S to 2X

Two rectangles, one stitch, no sleeves · US terms



The boxy vest in herb green, with a cream hem band and thin golden bands. In this picture the bands look thicker than in the pattern. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

Finished size: Finished bust 40 in (S) to 56 in (2X), boxy, with 6 in of ease. Body 23 in (S) to 24 in (2X) long, no sleeves (approximate).

Time: About 28 to 31 hours (S) to 38 to 41 hours (2X), estimated, not timed

Yarn: Worsted weight (#4) in 3 colors: about 970 yd (S) to 1400 yd (2X) in all. Colors: Tarragon (main), Antique White (hem band), Arrowwood (two thin bands).

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

Tarragon (herb green): 840 yd (S) / 920 yd (M) / 1030 yd (L) / 1110 yd (XL) / 1220 yd (2X)
Antique White (warm off-white): 60 yd (S) / 60 yd (M) / 70 yd (L) / 80 yd (XL) / 80 yd (2X)
Arrowwood (golden brown): 70 yd (S) / 80 yd (M) / 90 yd (L) / 90 yd (XL) / 100 yd (2X)
Use a worsted (#4) wool-blend or acrylic yarn and a US I-9 (5.5 mm) hook. Hdc makes a dense fabric; these are our design choices, not test results.
Add 15 % to the yards you work out from your swatch.
Yarn needle (large eye), scissors, stitch markers (at least 4), measuring tape, pins.

Sizes

S: to fit bust 32-34 in, finished bust about 40 in

Yarn needed: About 970 yd in all with a 15 % margin: Tarragon 840 yd · Antique White 60 yd · Arrowwood 70 yd. Weight about 400 to 550 g (0.9 to 1.2 lb), estimate. About 970 yd in all. Skeins of 200 yd: Tarragon 5, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1. Skeins of 360 yd: Tarragon 3, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1.
Finished size: Front and back each about 20 x 23 in (51 x 59 cm). Finished bust about 40 in, which is 6 in of ease over the largest bust. Armhole depth about 8 in. Neck opening about 25 in around. Approximate.
Counts: Front and back (make 1 each): ch 72, 70 sts, 58 rows. Shoulder seams: 13 sts, twice. Open neck: 44 sts. Side seams: 38 row ends, twice. Armhole: 20 rows. About 28 to 31 hours in all, estimated, not timed.

M: to fit bust 36-38 in, finished bust about 44 in

Yarn needed: About 1060 yd in all with a 15 % margin: Tarragon 920 yd · Antique White 60 yd · Arrowwood 80 yd. Weight about 450 to 600 g (1.0 to 1.3 lb), estimate. About 1060 yd in all. Skeins of 200 yd: Tarragon 5, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1. Skeins of 360 yd: Tarragon 3, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1.
Finished size: Front and back each about 22 x 23 in (56 x 59 cm). Finished bust about 44 in, which is 6 in of ease over the largest bust. Armhole depth about 9 in. Neck opening about 28 in around. Approximate.
Counts: Front and back (make 1 each): ch 79, 77 sts, 58 rows. Shoulder seams: 14 sts, twice. Open neck: 49 sts. Side seams: 36 row ends, twice. Armhole: 22 rows. About 30 to 33 hours in all, estimated, not timed.

L: to fit bust 40-42 in, finished bust about 48 in

Yarn needed: About 1190 yd in all with a 15 % margin: Tarragon 1030 yd · Antique White 70 yd · Arrowwood 90 yd. Weight about 500 to 700 g (1.1 to 1.5 lb), estimate. About 1190 yd in all. Skeins of 200 yd: Tarragon 6, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1. Skeins of 360 yd: Tarragon 3, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1.
Finished size: Front and back each about 24 x 23 1/2 in (61 x 60 cm). Finished bust about 48 in, which is 6 in of ease over the largest bust. Armhole depth about 9 in. Neck opening about 29 1/2 in around. Approximate.
Counts: Front and back (make 1 each): ch 86, 84 sts, 59 rows. Shoulder seams: 16 sts, twice. Open neck: 52 sts. Side seams: 36 row ends, twice. Armhole: 23 rows. About 33 to 35 hours in all, estimated, not timed.

XL: to fit bust 44-46 in, finished bust about 52 in

Yarn needed: About 1280 yd in all with a 15 % margin: Tarragon 1110 yd · Antique White 80 yd · Arrowwood 90 yd. Weight about 550 to 750 g (1.2 to 1.7 lb), estimate. About 1280 yd in all. Skeins of 200 yd: Tarragon 6, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1. Skeins of 360 yd: Tarragon 4, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1.

Finished size: Front and back each about 26 x 23 1/2 in (66 x 60 cm). Finished bust about 52 in, which is 6 in of ease over the largest bust. Armhole depth about 9 1/2 in. Neck opening about 31 1/2 in around. Approximate.

Counts: Front and back (make 1 each): ch 93, 91 sts, 59 rows. Shoulder seams: 18 sts, twice. Open neck: 55 sts. Side seams: 35 row ends, twice. Armhole: 24 rows. About 35 to 38 hours in all, estimated, not timed.

2X: to fit bust 48-50 in, finished bust about 56 in

Yarn needed: About 1400 yd in all with a 15 % margin: Tarragon 1220 yd · Antique White 80 yd · Arrowwood 100 yd. Weight about 600 to 800 g (1.3 to 1.8 lb), estimate. About 1400 yd in all. Skeins of 200 yd: Tarragon 7, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1. Skeins of 360 yd: Tarragon 4, Antique White 1, Arrowwood 1.

Finished size: Front and back each about 28 x 24 in (71 x 61 cm). Finished bust about 56 in, which is 6 in of ease over the largest bust. Armhole depth about 10 in. Neck opening about 32 in around. Approximate.

Counts: Front and back (make 1 each): ch 100, 98 sts, 60 rows. Shoulder seams: 21 sts, twice. Open neck: 56 sts. Side seams: 35 row ends, twice. Armhole: 25 rows. About 38 to 41 hours in all, estimated, not timed.

Size table

Measure	S	M	L	XL	2X
To fit bust	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
Finished bust	40	44	48	52	56
Ease	6	6	6	6	6
Body width	20	22	24	26	28
Body length	23	23	23 1/2	23 1/2	24
Armhole depth	8	9	9	9 1/2	10
Neck around	25	28	29 1/2	31 1/2	32
Sts x rows	70x58	77x58	84x59	91x59	98x60
Yarn, about (yd)	970	1060	1190	1280	1400
Time, est. (h)	28-31	30-33	33-35	35-38	38-41

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

Abbreviations (US)

ch = chain
hdc = half double crochet
st, sts = stitch, stitches
RS = right side (the outside of the vest)
WS = wrong side (the inside)
yo = yarn over
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: 14 hdc and 10 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in hdc with a US I-9 (5.5 mm) hook and worsted (#4) 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).
- 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 vest, WS = the inside. The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. Every 'right' and 'left' in this pattern is written for a right-handed crocheter: if you crochet left-handed, mirror the directions (our drawings are not mirrored).
- Expect the vest to grow in length once worn or wet: block and hang your swatch before you measure it.
- These times are calculated, not timed by a person: the crochet and the swatch at 6 hdc a minute, plus 4 to 6 hours for blocking, pinning and seaming and 2 minutes for each end to weave in. Many people crochet 4 hdc a minute: add about 12 hours in S.
- Longer vest: At our estimated gauge, every 10 rows add about 4 in. Add or remove the same number of rows on the front and the back, and keep the armhole rows as they are. In size S, 10 more rows on both pieces take about 150 yd more yarn.



A three-quarter view: the neck stays open and the side edges are raw. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

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

Front and Back: Make Two Identical Rectangles

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2X. Numbers are written S (M, L, XL, 2X).

Foundation

Ch 72 (79, 86, 93, 100).

Stitch count: 72 (79, 86, 93, 100) 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: 70 (77, 84, 91, 98) hdc

Rows 2 to 58 (58, 59, 59, 60)

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: 70 (77, 84, 91, 98) hdc

Colors

Rows 1 to 3 Antique White; Rows 4 to 5 Arrowwood; Rows 6 to 56 (56, 57, 57, 58) Tarragon; Rows 57 (57, 58, 58, 59) to 58 (58, 59, 59, 60) Arrowwood. Change color with the last pull-through of the last hdc of the row before, and cut the old color: every color change leaves 2 ends.

Last row (Row 58 (58, 59, 59, 60))

Fasten off, leave a 12 in tail for sewing.



One piece laid flat. The pattern's two panels are identical; here the bands are thicker than in the pattern and the neck and armhole cuts are not as in the pattern. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

Sewing the Shoulders and Sides

One st is sewn to one st, one row end to one row end, so the counts match.

Weave in ends

Weave in the ends on the wrong side, along a row, going back on yourself for 3 in.

Block

Block the two pieces flat before you sew. Pin each seam and try the vest on before you sew the second side seam. Follow the yarn label.

Mark the shoulder sts

Lay the front and the back flat, right sides up, last rows at the top. A last row has 70 (77, 84, 91, 98) sts. From each outer end of the last row count 13 (14, 16, 18, 21) sts and put a marker. The 13 (14, 16, 18, 21) sts at each end are sewn. The 44 (49, 52, 55, 56) sts in the middle stay open: this is the neck (13 (14, 16, 18, 21) + 44 (49, 52, 55, 56) + 13 (14, 16, 18, 21) = 70 (77, 84, 91, 98) sts).

Sew the shoulders

Flip the front over onto the back, right sides together, last rows level. Sew the 13 (14, 16, 18, 21) sts at one end of the front to the 13 (14, 16, 18, 21) sts at the end of the back that lies on the same side of the garment as that end of the front (the right shoulder when worn, then the left), one st to one st, with a whipstitch through the top loops (if the 12 in tail is too short, start with a new length of yarn). Do the same at the other end (13 (14, 16, 18, 21) sts, twice in all). The neck opening is the 44 (49, 52, 55, 56) open sts of the front and the 44 (49, 52, 55, 56) open sts of the back.

Sew the side seams

Lay the vest flat again, right sides together. Start at the hem (Row 1). Sew 38 (36, 36, 35, 35) row ends of the front to 38 (36, 36, 35, 35) row ends of the back, one row end to one row end, with mattress stitch or a whipstitch. Do the same on the other side (38 (36, 36, 35, 35) row ends, twice in all). The top 20 (22, 23, 24, 25) row ends of each side stay open: this is the armhole.

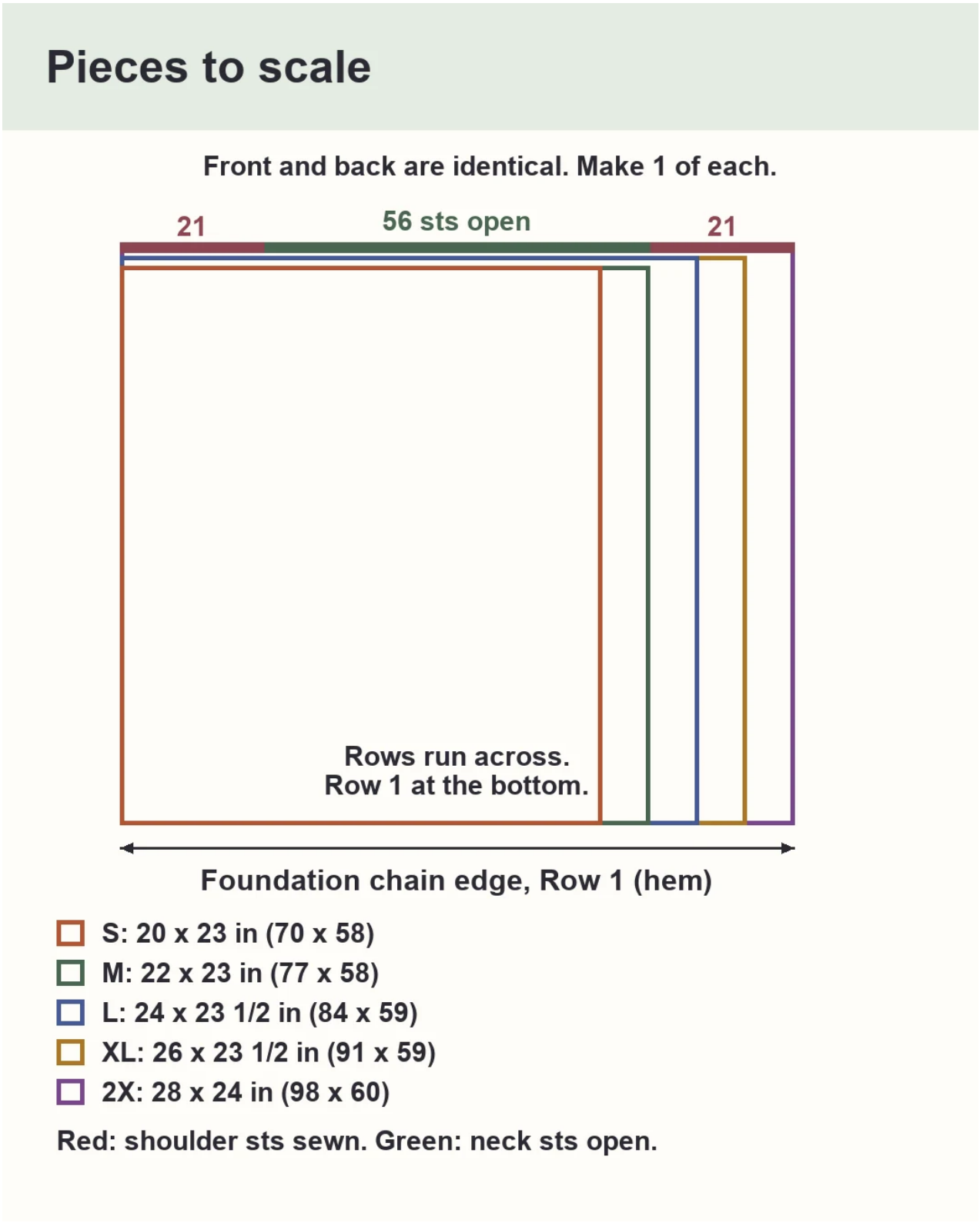
Check the neck and the armholes

The neck is the 44 (49, 52, 55, 56) open sts of the front and the 44 (49, 52, 55, 56) open sts of the back. Hold the vest up and try your head through the opening before you weave in the seam ends. Each armhole is 20 (22, 23, 24, 25) rows deep: the 20 (22, 23, 24, 25) row ends of the front and the 20 (22, 23, 24, 25) row ends of the back above the side seam.

Finish

Weave in the seaming ends. The neck, the armholes, the hem and the sides are left as they are (the edge of the rows): no border, no fringe.

Plan of the pieces



The pieces of every size to scale, with the stitch and row counts. A computer drawing.

Chart

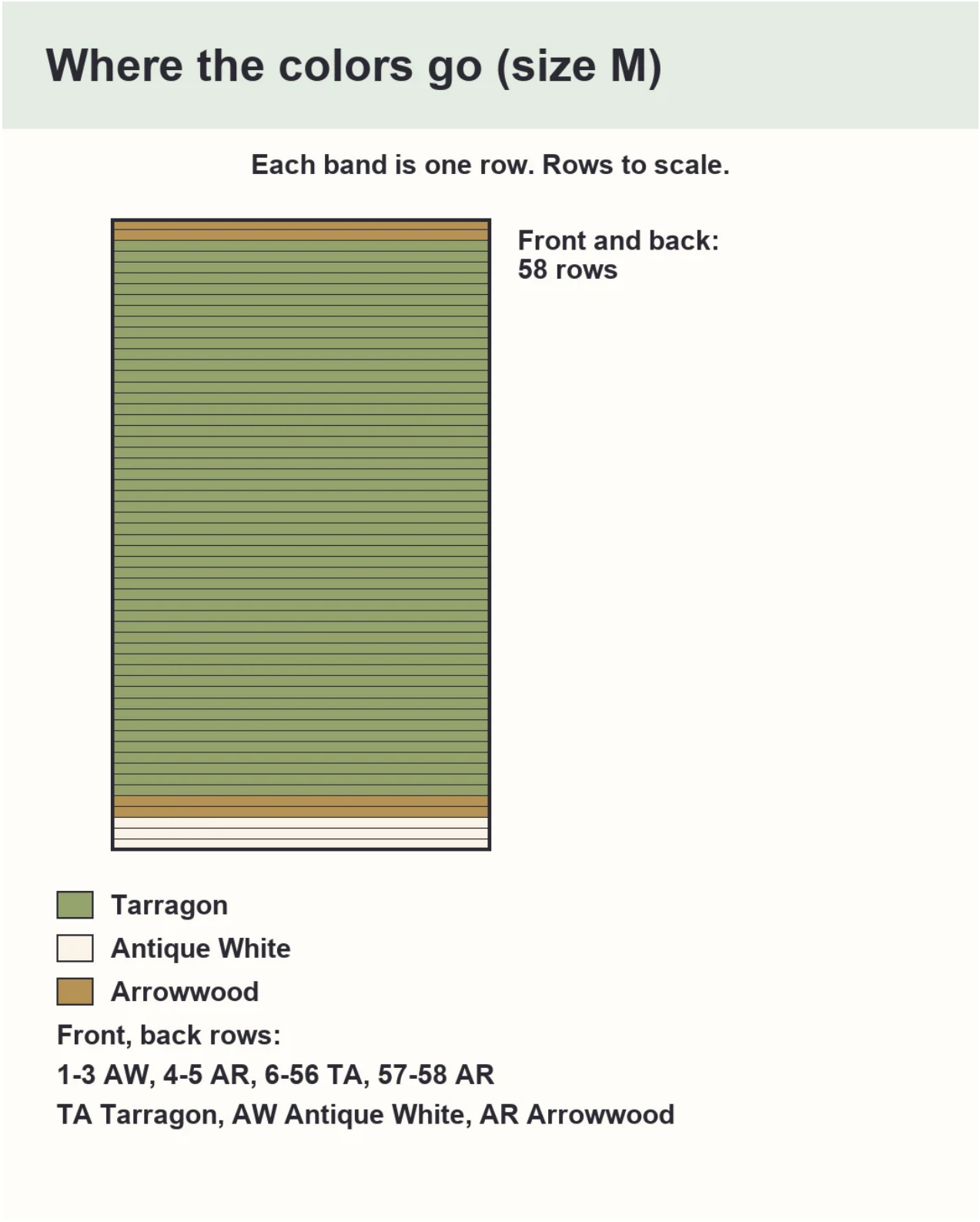
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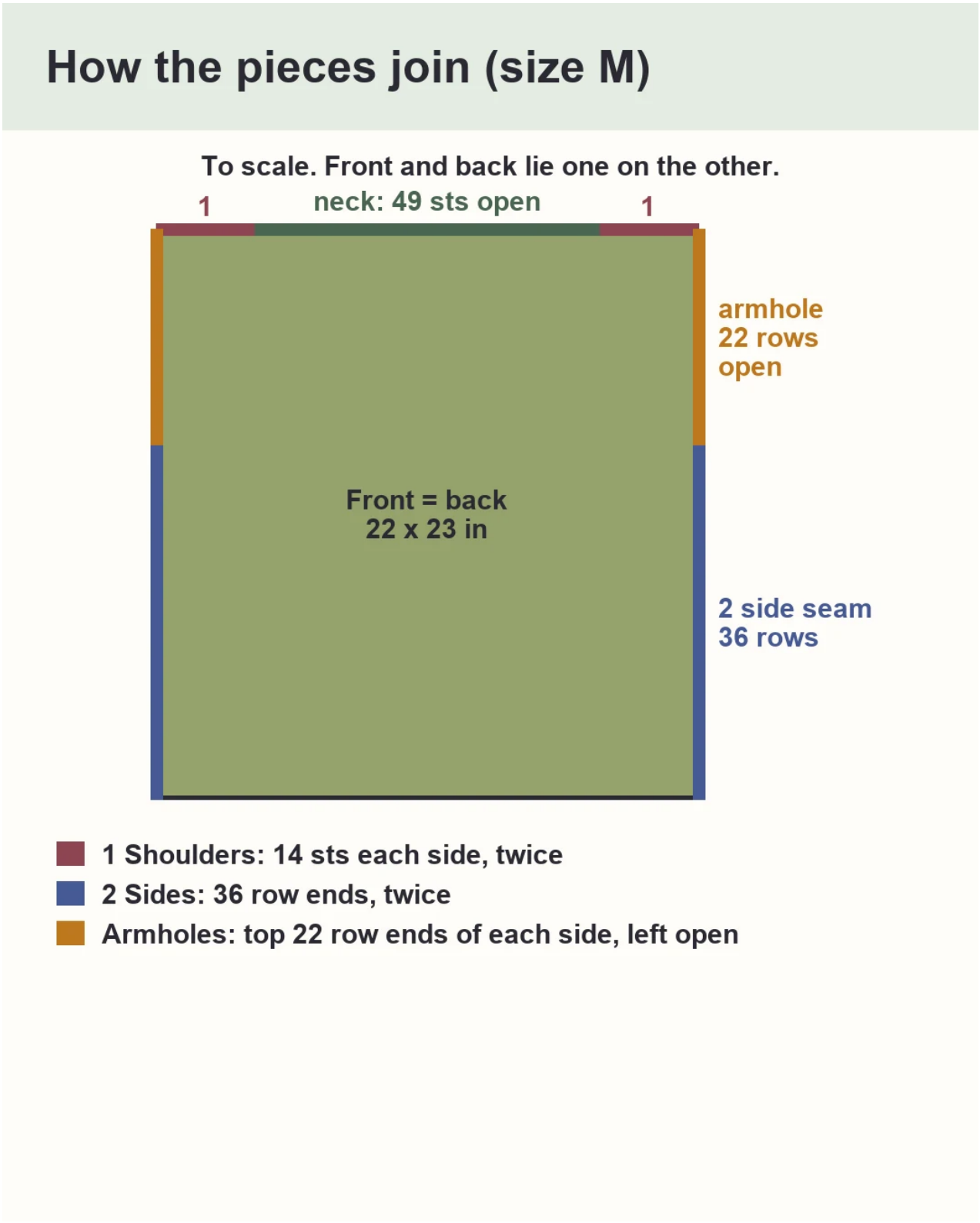
Measurements and counts for every size, computed from the gauge in the pattern. A computer drawing.

Diagram



Where the three colors go, row by row, drawn for size M. A computer drawing.

Assembly plan



How the pieces go together, drawn for size M. A computer drawing.



Close-up of half double crochet with the thin golden band. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

Finishing

Weave in the seaming ends and check that the seams lie flat. The neck, the armholes, the hem and the sides stay raw: no border, no fringe. Wash as the label says. Lay flat to dry (drying time not tested). Store folded.

Step by step

1. Make a swatch first

A gauge swatch is required, not optional. Our gauge is an estimate, not a measurement. With the yarn and the US I-9 (5.5 mm) hook you will use, make the swatch below: ch 26, 24 sts, 14 rows of hdc. It is wider than 4 in on purpose, so you can measure the middle and leave the edges out. Wash or block the swatch exactly as you will block the pieces (follow the yarn label), let it dry, then measure 14 sts in the middle and 10 rows. We assumed 4 in wide and 4 in high: the 14 sts and the 10 rows should each measure 4 in. If they measure more than 4 in, your stitches are bigger than ours: change to a hook one size smaller. If they measure less, change to a hook one size larger. Then make and measure the swatch again. We do not know what size you will need. Count rows as well as stitches: your stitches decide the width and the neck, your rows decide the length. If the width and the height of your swatch do not agree (the stitches are right but the rows are not, or the reverse), adjust the width first, with the hook size: the stitches decide the shoulders, the neck and the width. The row ends cannot change, because every side seam joins one row end to one row end of the same count. So the length is the one that moves: length = the number of rows x the inches your 10 rows measure / 10 (S has 58 rows). If your swatch gives 15

sts per 4 in instead of 14, the S vest is about 37 in around the bust, not 40, and the neck opening is about 23 in around: almost no room over a 23 in head (we design for 25 in), so go up a hook size. If you get 13 sts per 4 in, the bust is about 43 in and the body about 18 in long. Add 15 % to any yardage you work out from your swatch.



Folded, the raw edges at the hem and the neck show. Preview picture, not a photo of crochet.

Thank you!

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