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TECHNIQUE USED: Crochet



SIZES

X-Small (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large, XXX-Large)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust 36 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60)"/
91.5 (101.5, 112, 122, 132, 142,
152.5) cm

Length 19 (19 1/2, 20, 20, 20 1/2, 20
1/2, 21)" / 48.5 (49.5, 51, 51, 52, 52,
53.5) cm, excluding cowl neck

Note: Vest is designed to be oversized.

MATERIALS

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Caron International's Simply Soft (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, 315 yds/288 m):

#9703 Bone (A), 18 (18, 18, 24, 24, 24, 30) oz

#9702 Off White (B), 12 (12, 12, 18, 18, 24, 30) oz

One size US P-15 (11.5 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge

One size US N-13 (9 mm) crochet hook

Yarn needle

GAUGE

In pattern, using size US P-15 (11.5 mm) hook and holding 2 strands of A and one strand of B together, 4 V-sts (12 sts) and 6 rows = 4"/10 cm.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch)



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Single crochet (sc)

Slip stitch (slip st)

SPECIAL TERM

V-st: (Sc, ch 1, sc) in indicated stitch or space.

BACK

With larger hook and 2 strands of A and one strand of B held together, chain 53 (59, 65, 71, 77, 83, 89).

Row 1 (WS): (Sc, ch 1, sc) in second ch from hook (V-st made), *skip next 2 ch, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch; repeat from * across, turn—18 (20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30) V-sts.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 1, working in front loops only, (sc, ch 1, sc) in ch-space of each V-st across, turn.

Repeat last row until piece measures 9 1/2 (10, 10, 10, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 11)"/24 (25.5, 25.5, 25.5, 26.5, 26.5, 28)cm from beginning; end with a RS row.

Shape Arms

Next Row (increase): Ch 1, working in front loops only, V-st in first sc, skip next ch-space, V-st in next sc (increase made), skip next sc, *V-st in ch-space of next V-st; repeat from * across to last V-st; V-st in next sc, skip next ch-space, V-st in last sc (increase made), turn—20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32) V-sts.

Next Row: Ch 1, working in front loops only, V-st in ch-space of each V-st across, turn.

Repeat last row until piece measures 19 (19 1/2, 20, 20, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 21)"/48.5 (49.5, 51, 51, 52, 52, 53.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

FRONT

Work as for back until piece measures 4 (4, 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 4 1/2)"/10 (10, 11.5, 11.5, 11.5, 11.5, 11.5)cm above arm shaping; end with a RS row—20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32) V-sts.

Shape Neck and First Shoulder

Note: Work in front loops only throughout.

Row 1 (WS): Ch 1, V-st in ch-space of first 9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) V-sts; leave remaining sts unworked (for neck and second shoulder), turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, skip first sc, sc in next ch-space, V-st in ch-space of remaining V-sts across, turn—8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14) V-sts and 1 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, V-st in ch-space of each V-st across, sc in last sc, turn.

Rows 4 and 5: Repeat Rows 2 and 3—7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) V-sts and 1 sc.

Row 6: Ch 1, skip first sc, V-st in ch-space of each V-st across—7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) V-sts.

Row 7: Ch 1, working in front loops only, (sc, ch 1, sc) in ch-space of each V-st across, turn.

Repeat last row until piece measures 19 (19 1/2, 20, 20, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 21)"/48.5 (49.5, 51, 51, 52, 52, 53.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

Shape Neck and Second Shoulder

Note: Work in front loops only throughout.

Row 1: With WS facing, skip next 2 unworked V-sts following first shoulder; join 1 strand each of A and B held together with sc in ch-space of next V-st, ch 1, sc in same ch-space (first V-st made), V-st in ch-space of remaining V-sts across—9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) V-sts.

Row 2: Ch 1, V-st in ch-space of each V-st across to last V-st, sc in ch-space of last V-st, turn—8 (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14) V-sts and 1 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first sc, V-st in ch-space of each V-st across, turn.

Row 4 and 5: Repeat Row 2 and 3—7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) V-sts and 1 sc.

Row 6: Ch 1, V-st in ch-space of each V-st across; leave last sc unworked—7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) V-sts.

Row 7: Ch 1, working in front loops only, (sc, ch 1, sc) in ch-space of each V-st across, turn.

Repeat last row until piece measures 19 (19 1/2, 20, 20, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 21)"/48.5 (49.5, 51, 51, 52, 52, 53.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

FINISHING

With WS together, with 2 strands of A, sew or crochet shoulder seams. Beginning at lower edge, sew or crochet side seams up to beginning of arm shaping on each side.

Cowl Neck

Round 1: With WS facing, larger hook, and holding 1 strand each of A and B together, join yarn with sc at center back neck; work 66 sc evenly spaced around neck opening; join with slip st in first sc, turn.

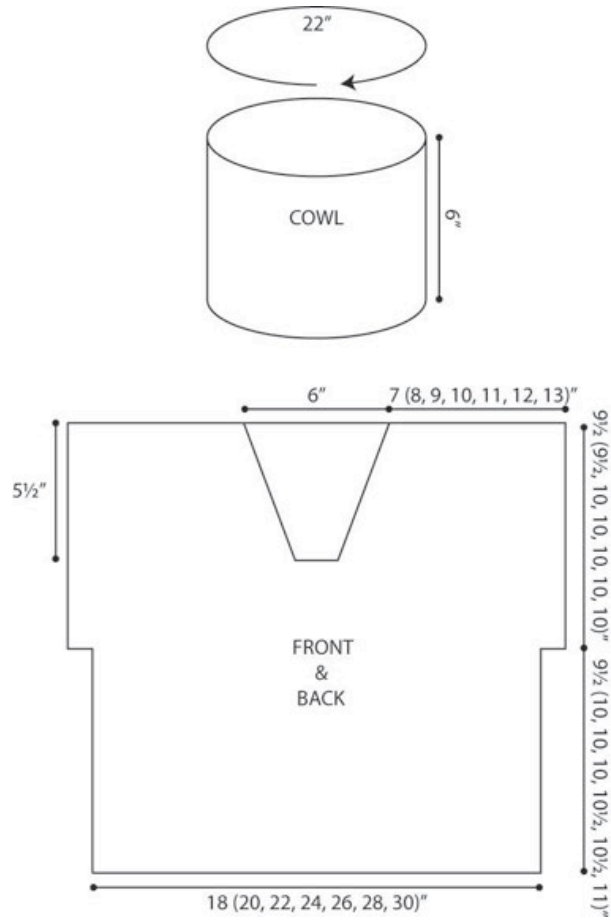
Round 2: Ch 1, skip first sc, V-st in next sc, *skip next 2 sc, V-st in next sc; repeat from * around to last sc, skip last sc; join with slip st in first sc, turn—22 V-sts.

Round 3: Ch 1, V-st in each V-st around; join with slip st in first sc, turn. Repeat last round until cowl measure 6"/15 cm from beginning. Fasten off.

Trim

With RS facing, smaller hook, and holding 2 strands of A and 1 strand of B together, join yarn with slip st at center back neck; slip st in each st around (skip the joining slip st). Repeat this process around armholes. Note: Using a smaller hook will cinch the edges of the neck and arm to create a smaller opening.

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.



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