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## Lacy Cropped Cardigan

with

# SIMPLY SOFT



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schematic

designed by Heidi Stepp

**TECHNIQUE USED:** Crochet



**SIZES:** Small (Medium, Large).

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**FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Chest: 38 (42, 46)"  
Length: 16 1/2 (17, 17 1/2)",  
including edging  
Shown in size Medium

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**MATERIALS**

Caron International's Simply Soft (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, 315 yds/288 m skein):  
# 9721 Victorian Rose, 3 (3, 4) skeins  
One size US I/9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge  
Split-ring stitch markers  
Yarn needle

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One size US G/7 (4.5 mm) for crochet buttons (optional)

Or Six - 5/8" buttons (optional)

Row counter

#### GAUGE

In Mesh stitch pattern, 7 spaces and 14 1/2 rows = 4"/10cm using larger hook

#### SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

**Inc 1 (at beg of row):** After turning, ch 4, sc in first st (last sc of previous row) – 1 new space made. Then repeat from \* of Mesh st.

**Dec (at end of row):** Work across until number of spaces indicated in instructions remain; ch 1, insert hook in next space, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through first loop on hook, insert hook in space under the two loops on hook, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 3 loops on hook; turn. Continue in Mesh st.

#### STITCHES USED

Chain (ch)

Double crochet (dc)

Half double crochet (hdc)

Single crochet (sc)

Treble (tr)

**Mesh Stitch** (multiple of 2 sts).

**Row 1 (RS):** Sc in sixth ch from hook (counts as first space); \*ch 3, skip 1 ch, sc into next ch; repeat from \* to end; turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 4, sc in first space, \*ch 3, sc into next space; repeat from \*across; turn.

Repeat Row 2 for Mesh st.

**Shell:** Work [hdc, dc, hdc] in st indicated.

#### RIGHT FRONT

Foundation Row: Using larger hook, loosely ch 32 (36, 40).

Begin Mesh st—14 (16, 18) ch-spaces after Row 1.

Work even for 8 more rows; end with a RS row—9 rows total.

#### Shape Side

**Row 10:** (WS) At armhole edge, inc 1, work to end—15 (17, 19) spaces.

**Rows 11 – 19:** Work even.

**Row 20:** Repeat Row 10—16 (18, 20) spaces.

**Rows 21 –32:** Work even.

#### Shape Armhole

**Next Row:** (RS) Work across until 3 spaces remain, work dec—13 (15, 17) spaces remain.

Continuing in Mesh st, work 2 (4, 6) rows even.

#### Shape Front Neck

**Next Row:** (WS) Work across until 3 spaces remain, work dec at neck edge; turn—10 (12, 14) spaces remain.

**Next Row:** (RS) At armhole edge, dec 1 space—9 (11, 13) spaces remain.

**Next Row:** At neck edge, dec 2 spaces—7 (9, 11) spaces remain.

Working armhole edge even, dec 1 space at neck edge every other row 3 times—4 (6, 8) spaces remain; 44 (46, 48) rows completed. Work even until armhole measures 7 (7 1/2, 8)" from beginning of shaping, end with a RS row.

#### **Shape Shoulder**

Work 2 (3, 4) spaces, slip st into next space.  
Fasten off.

#### **LEFT FRONT**

Work as for right Front, reversing shaping.

#### **BACK**

**Foundation Row:** Using larger hook, loosely chain 62 (70, 78). Begin Mesh st— 29 (33, 37) ch-spaces after Row 1. Work even for 8 more rows; end with a RS row—9 rows total.

#### **Shape Sides**

Rows 10 and 11: Inc 1 space at beg of next 2 rows—31 (35, 39) spaces.

Work even for 8 rows.

Rows 20 and 21: Repeat Rows 10 and 11—33 (37, 41) spaces.

Work even until piece measures same as right Front to underarm—32 rows completed.

#### **Shape Armholes**

Dec 3 spaces at end of next 2 Rows—27 (31, 35) spaces remain. Work even for 2 rows.

Dec 1 space at end of next 2 rows—25 (29, 33) spaces remain.

Work even until piece measures 4 rows less than right Front to shoulder shaping.

#### **Shape Neck and Shoulder**

**Next Row:** (RS) Work 5 (7, 9) spaces, dec at neck edge; leave remaining spaces unworked; turn—5 (7, 9) spaces for shoulder. Work 1 row even.

**Next Row:** Work 4 (6, 8) spaces; dec at neck edge, turn—4 (6, 8) spaces remain.

Work 1 row even.

#### **Shape Shoulder**

Work 2 (3, 4) spaces, slip stitch into next space.  
Fasten off.

Join yarn at opposite armhole edge; work as for first side.

#### **SLEEVE** – 2 lengths given (Longer length shown).

Longer <shorter>sleeve, including 4" ruffle, measures 25<23>" long, including cap. Instructions for shorter length are shown in < >.

**Foundation Row:** Using larger hook, loosely chain 34.

Begin Mesh st—15 ch-spaces after Row 1.

Work even for 4 (4, 2) rows.

#### **Shape Sleeve**

Inc 1 space at beginning of this row, then every 9 (7, 7) <7 (5, 5)>

rows 6 (8, 8) times—21 (23, 25) spaces.

Work even until piece measures 16 1/2 (14 1/2)" from Foundation row.

### Shape Cap

Dec 2 spaces at end of next 2 rows—17 (19, 21) spaces remain.

Dec 1 space at end of next 4 rows—13 (15, 17) spaces remain.

Work even for 2 rows.

Dec 1 space at end of next 8 rows—5 (7, 9) spaces remain

Fasten off.

### SLEEVE RUFFLE

**Note:** Ruffle is worked in-the-round; place a marker (pm) in the dc or tr that ends each rnd.

With RS held together, partially seam lower edge of sleeves.

**Rnd 1:** With right side facing, join yarn in firstspace on lower edge next to seam; \* ch 4, sc in next space; repeat from \* to last space, ch 2, dc into same space as beg ch 4 (counts as last ch-4 space); pm in top of dc—15 spaces.

**Rnd 2:** \* Ch 4, sc in next space; ch 5, sc in same space; repeat from \* to last space (formed by ch-2 and dc), end ch 4, sc in last space, ch 2, tr in marked st of previous row (counts as last ch-5 space); pm.

**Rnds 3 and 6:** Ch 4, sc in each ch-4 and ch-5 space around to last space, end ch 2, dc in top of marked st; pm—30 ch-4 spaces after Rnd 3; 45 ch-4 spaces after Rnd 6.

**Rnd 4:** Work shell in marked dc of Rnd 2, sc in next space; \* ch 4, sc into next space, shell in sc between spaces, sc into next space; repeat from \* around, end ch 2, dc in marked st; pm—15 ch-4 spaces, 15 shells.

**Rnd 5:** \*Ch 4, sc in dc of shell, ch 4, sc into next space, ch 5, sc in same space; repeat from \* around, end ch 4, sc in top of dc of last shell, ch 4, sc in last space (ch-2 and dc of previous row), ch 2, tr in top of marked st; pm—30 ch-4 spaces, 15 ch-5 spaces.

**Rnd 7:** Work shell in dc of Rnd 5, sc in next space; \* ch 4, sc into next space, ch 5, sc into same space, ch 4, sc into next space; work shell in sc between spaces, sc into next space; repeat from \* around, end ch 2, dc in top of marked dc; pm—30 ch-4 spaces, 15 ch-5 spaces, 15-shells.

**Rnd 8:** [Ch 4, sc] in dc of each shell and in each ch-4 and ch-5 space around; end ch 2, dc in top of marked stitch; pm—60 ch-4 spaces.

**Rnd 9:** \* [Ch 4, sc] in next 3 spaces, work shell in next sc, sc in next space; repeat from \* around, end work shell in sc between last two spaces, slip st in top of marked dc and in next two ch of ch-4 space of previous row—45 ch-4 spaces, 15 shells.

**Rnd 10:** [Ch 5, sc] in each space and in dc of each shell around, end ch 2, tr in slip st at beg of rnd—60 ch-5 spaces.

Fasten off.

Repeat for second sleeve.

**FINISHING**

Seam shoulders seams. Set in sleeves; sew side and sleeve seams.

**Note:** You may find it helpful to place markers at center Back, and center Back neck to help in working the same number of sts in each section of Edging.

**Edging**

With right side facing, join yarn at right side seam.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 1, \* sc evenly around lower edge, along center fronts and neck shaping, working 3 sc in each corner at lower edge and Front neck edge, join with a slip stitch to beg sc; pm.

**Rnd 2:** Slip st in next sc, work shell in next sc, \* slip st in each of next 2 sc, shell in next sc; repeat from \* around, working ch-5 button loops evenly spaced on center right Front edge between 2 slip sts in pattern, end with a slip st in last sc at side seam.

Fasten off.

Weave in ends. Sew crocheted or purchased buttons opposite button loops.

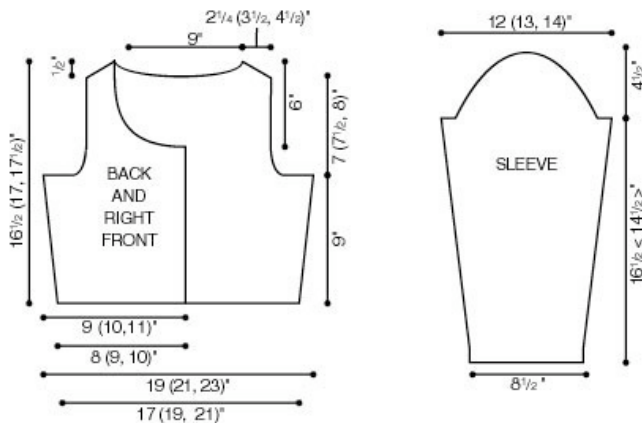
**Crochet Buttons** (optional – make 6 if desired)

Place working yarn across 8" of yarn tail, making a loop. Insert smaller hook through crossing and pull up a loop. Ch 2, work 10 hdc into loop. Cut yarn, leaving an 8" tail.

Pull yarn out of last hdc; with tail threaded on yarn needle, pass tail through top of first hdc and back through top 'v' of last hdc; weave yarn through outer edge of all 10 sts.

Turn button over to WS; thread up beginning yarn tail and weave through all hdc around; pull up tightly to close center opening.

Pull up and tighten yarn woven through outer stitch edges and tie in knot with yarn tail at center.



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