



LAVENDER VEST – Easy Crochet



Use cotton cake yarn to crochet this short-sleeved vest with ruffled trim!

Sizes*: XS/S {M/L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL}

*Changes for sizes are given in the above order, with directions for sizes M-4XL in brackets

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS (inches/centimeters)

Chest (incl. edging): 36 {42, 47, 51, 55, 59}" /91.5 {107, 119, 130, 140, 150} cm

Length (shoulder to hem incl. edging): 18½ {20, 20, 21½, 21½, 21½}" /47 {51, 51, 55, 55, 55} cm

RECOMMENDED MATERIALS

Caron Cotton Cakes medium-weight 60% cotton, 40% acrylic
(8.8 oz /250 g, 530 yds /485 m): 1 ball {1½, 1½, 2, 2, 2 balls}

US H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook for main pieces; US G-6 (4 mm) hook for edging; tapestry needle

GAUGE

13 dc sts x 8 rows = 4"/10 cm

ABBREVIATIONS

dc: double crochet **st(s):** stitch(es) **ch:** chain **sl:** slip st **sc:** single crochet **incl:** including **rep:** repeat

NOTES

The vest consists of 2 identical, reversible pieces. Each piece is worked sideways, starting with the outer edge. Long rows are worked from hem to hem and shorter rows are worked at the end of each piece for the back (between hem and neck). The pieces are then sewn or joined together and trimmed with ruffles.

INSTRUCTIONS

Left front and back piece

Ch 119 {125, 125, 131, 131, 131}.

Row 1: dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in each single ch to end. =117 {123, 123, 129, 129, 129} sts, incl 1st turning-ch st that counts as 1st st. Ch 3 and turn.

Row 2: dc in 2nd dc, dc in next dc, *skip next dc, 2 dc both in next dc, rep from * to last dc on previous row, dc in last dc, dc in top of turning-ch of previous row; ch 3 and turn.

Rows 3-17 {3-18, 3-21, 3-23, 3-25, 3-27}: rep row 2 on each row.

Next rows make **center back** and respectively are about ½ as long as previous rows.

Row 18 {19, 22, 24, 26, 28}: dc in 2nd dc, dc in next dc, *skip next dc, 2 dc both in next dc, rep from * 27 {28, 28, 30, 30, 30} times, ch 3 and turn. = 59 {61, 61, 65, 65, 65} sts, incl 1st turning-ch st.

Work next (last) row(s) in same pattern as previous longer rows:

Row(s) 19 {20-21, 23-24, 25-27, 27-29, 29-31}:

dc in 2nd dc, dc in next dc, *skip next dc, 2 dc both in next dc, rep from * to last dc on previous row, dc in last dc, dc in top of turning-ch of previous row; ch 3 and turn (underlined step is worked on each but last row; omit it when finishing your last row).

End last row with 1 dc in top of turning-ch, fasten off and break yarn.

Right front and back piece

Rep steps for left front and back piece.

Do not break yarn after finishing this piece if you want to join the pieces with hook; you can break it after joining both pieces (see below). Alternatively, you can leave sufficient yarn end if you want to sew pieces with a tapestry needle.

Finishing

Join the edges of both pieces at the back, using a needle to sew seams in mattress st or a hook to work in sl sts. Mark for armholes: leave approximately 7 {7½, 8, 8, 8½, 8½}"/18 {19, 20, 20, 21, 21} cm below each shoulder at each outer side edge. Join the edges in the same manner as for the back.

Some light steam blocking may be necessary to smooth the back seam.

Work ruffles around as described below.

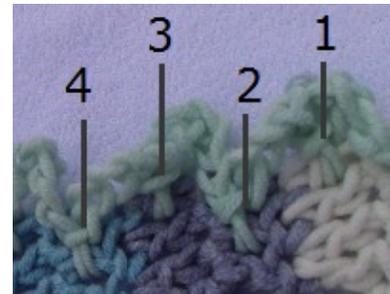
Hem, Front, Neck Edging

Use smaller size hook to work ruffles at edges. Work hem edging, continue along right front and neck, finally ending with left front. Sleeve edging is worked for each sleeve separately.

1. Hem Edging

With right side facing (i.e. on right side) and starting with lower corner of left front piece, work edging along hem:

Sl in 1st turning-ch st space (shown as '1' in picture), ch 6, sl around 2nd dc post of next row (shown as '2' in picture), ch 6; *sl in every other turning-ch st space (shown as '3' in picture), ch 6, sl around every other dc post (shown as '4' in picture), ch 6, rep from * to end of hem.



After hem edging, work edging at right front, neck and left front:

2. Right Front Edging

Sl in 1st dc, ch 6, sl around 2nd dc post of previous row, ch 6, *sl in every other dc, ch 6, sl around every other dc post of previous row, ch 6, rep from * to neck.

3. Neck Edging

As hem edging.

4. Left Front Edging

As right front edging. Join last ch st with 1st st of hem edging.

Sleeve/Armhole Edging

With right side facing and starting with center underarm, work in the round:

Round 1: ch 3 in 1st dc, skip next dc, dc in next dc, *ch 1, skip next dc, dc in next dc, rep from * to end of round. Sl to join with top of ch 3 st at beginning of round.

Round 2: ch 6, sl in dc below 1st ch space (shown as '1' in picture), *ch 6, sl in next ch space (shown as '2' in picture), ch 6, sl in dc below same ch space ('3' in picture), rep from * to end of round. Fasten and break yarn and weave ends.

