

# CROCHET BOLERO

1970s Crochet Pattern



## ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

Beg—beginning; ch—chain; cl—cluster; dc—double crochet; dec—decrease; hdc—half double crochet; lp—loop; rnd—round; sc—single crochet; sl—slip; sl st—slip stitch; st—stitch; tog—together; tr—treble crochet; yo—yarn over hook.

\*—means to repeat instructions following asterisk as many times as specified, in addition to the first time. ( )—means to repeat instructions in parentheses as many times as specified, or indicate changes in size.

**FINISHED CHEST:** 39"-40"

**GAUGE:** 18 dc = 4"

**MATERIALS:** Sport yarn, 4 oz. Crochet hook, size H.

**LARGE SQUARE MOTIF (A):** Make 4. Ch 4, join to form ring.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, \* ch 2, 3 dc in ring. Repeat from \* twice; ch 2; join in 3rd st of ch.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 5, \* 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2. Repeat from \* twice, 3 dc, ch 2, 2 dc in next sp, join in 3rd st of ch.

**Rnd 3:** Sl st in sp, ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, \* ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next sp, ch 2, 3 dc in next sp. Repeat from \* twice, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2; join in 3rd st of ch. Cut yarn.

**LOWER FRONT AND ARMHOLE MOTIFS (B):** Make 4. Work Rnds 1 and 2 as for Large Square Motif.

**Rnd 3:** Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, \* ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next sp, ch 2, 3 dc in next sp. Repeat from \* once; ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in next sp, ch 2, 1 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc in next sp, 1 sc in each dc and in each ch (8 sc), join in 3rd st of ch. Cut yarn.

**LEFT UPPER FRONT MOTIF (C):**

Make 1. Work Rnds 1 and 2 as for Large Square Motif. Sl st to next corner sp; drop yarn. Attach a new strand in next corner sp, ch 4, 3 dc in same sp, sl st in next sp; cut yarn. Attach yarn in 4th st of ch-4, ch 10, cut yarn. Pick up dropped yarn and sl st in corner sp, ch 3, dc in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next sp, ch 1, 3 dc in corner sp (corner you were building on before), ch 1, 3 dc in ch-4 sp, working on ch-10 (sk 1 ch, 1 dc in each of next 3 ch, ch 1) twice; sk 1 ch, dc in last ch. Cut yarn.

**RIGHT UPPER FRONT MOTIF (C):** Make 1. Work as for Rnds 1 and 2 of Large Square Motif.

**Rnd 3:** Sk next 3 dc, 3 dc, 1 tr in next corner sp, ch 12 for front edge, dc in 5th ch from hook, dc in each of next 2 ch, ch 1, sk 1 ch, 1 dc in each of next 3 ch, 3 dc under tr on motif, ch 1, 3 dc in corner sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next sp, ch 1, 2 dc in corner sp. Cut yarn.

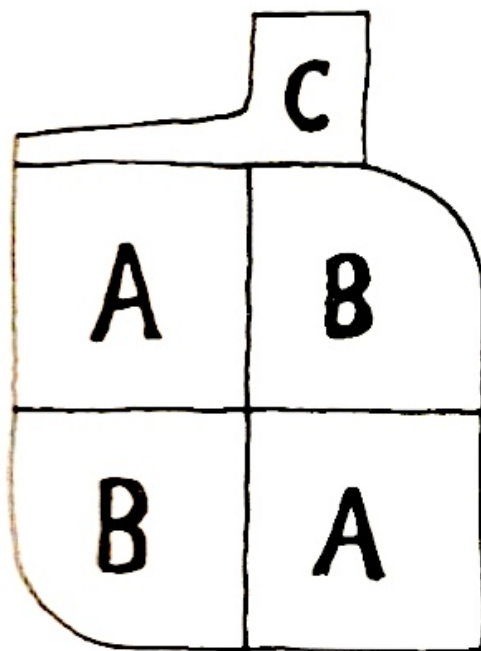
**JOINING: Left Front:** Following chart for placement of motifs, attach yarn in any corner sp, sc in same st, \* ch 1, 1 sc in corresponding st on adjacent motif, ch 1, 1 sc in next st of first



motif, repeat from \* for all connecting seams of motifs.

**Shape Shoulders:** Attach yarn in corner sp of upper motif, \* ch 3, 1 dc in same sp, ch 2, 3 dc in next sp, ch 2, 2 dc in next sp. **Next Row:** Ch 4, turn; 3 dc in next sp, ch 2, 3 dc in next sp, ch 2, 1 dc under ch 3 of previous row. Repeat from \* 3 times.

**Right Front:** Work to correspond to left front, reversing placement of motifs and shaping.



**BACK:** Ch 86. **Row 1:** Dc in 5th st from hook, 1 dc in each of next 2 sts, \* ch 1, sk 1 ch, 1 dc in each of next 3 ch, repeat from \* 18 times, ch 1, sk 1 ch, dc in last st. **Row 2:** Ch 3, turn; 1 dc in first ch-1 sp, \* ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, repeat from \* 18 times, ch 1, 2 dc in last sp. **Row 3:** Ch 4, turn; 3 dc in first ch-1 sp, \* ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, repeat from \* 18 times, ch 1, dc in turning ch. Repeat Rows 2 and 3 four times.

**Shape Armholes:** Sl st across one 3-dc group at beg of row and leave one 3-dc group unworked at end on next 4 rows. Continue in pat until armhole is same depth as on front. End off.

**FINISHING:** Sew shoulder and side seams.

**Edgings:** Work 1 rnd sc around armhole. **Rnd 2:** \* Sc, ch 3, 3 dc in next sc, sk 2 sc, repeat from \* around; join. End off. Work same edging around other armhole and outer edge of bolero.

**Ties:** Make 2. Make a 15" chain. Work 1 sl st in each st. End off. Attach ties to fronts as shown in the photograph.