

## Summer Peach Blouse - 1980s Crochet Pattern

Finished Measurements, Bust: 32½", 34", 37½"



Ideal to wear as a blouse under a suit jacket when visiting an art gallery or attending a luncheon, but equally comfortable as a light summer sweater. Our sweater/blouse is crocheted of Reynold's "Parfait Plus" yarn, a blend of 75% acrylic and 25% nylon, approximately 130 yards per skein. Use a size E crochet hook (or size required to obtain given gauge) and 10 (11, 13) skeins of "Parfait Plus" in peach.

**Gauge:** 5 cross sts equal 2 inches  
9 rows equal 3 inches  
**TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.**

**BACK:** Ch 130 (136, 148).

Row 1: Dc in 7th ch from hook, ch 1, dc in 5th ch from hook (cross st made). \*sk 2 ch, dc in next ch, ch 1, dc in first skipped ch, repeat from \* 39 (41, 45) times – 41 (43, 47) cross sts. Dc in last ch. Ch 4, turn, mark for right side.

Row 2: \*(Yo, pull up lp in ch-1 sp of cross st, yo and through 2 lps) 3 times, yo and through all 4 lps on hook (cluster made), ch 2, repeat from \* across, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: \*Sk cluster, dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, dc in sp before cluster, repeat from \* across, ending dc in 3rd st of turning ch. Ch 4, turn.

Row 4: \*Dc in ch-1 sp of cross st, ch 2, repeat from \* across, end last repeat ch 1, dc in 3rd st of turning ch. Ch 3, turn.

Row 5: Work cross st around each dc across, end dc in 3rd st of turning ch. Ch 4, turn.

Repeat Rows 2 through 5 for pattern. Work even until 9½ inches from beginning, ending with pattern Row 3. Ch 1, turn.

**Shape Armhole:** Sl st across 4 (4, 5) cross sts. Ch 4, work pattern Row 4 across row to within 4 (4, 5) cross sts of end – 33 (35, 37) pattern sts. Ch 4, turn. Continue evenly in pattern until 8 (8½, 9) inches above armhole shaping, ending with pattern Row 3. Ch 1, turn.

**Shape Shoulders:** Row 1: Sl st across 5 cross sts, ch 2, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, work pattern Row 4 across row to within 6 cross sts of end, dc in ch 1 sp, ch 2, sc in next cross st, sl st in next cross st, turn.

Row 2: Sl st in sc and in each ch and dc across 5 (6, 6) pattern sts, ch 2, work cross st across 13 (13, 15) pattern sts, ch 2, sl st in next dc, fasten off.

**FRONT:** Work as for back to armhole shaping, plus 2 rows – 33 (35, 37) pattern sts.

**Divide for Neck Opening: Right Side of Front:** Work cluster across 16 (17, 18) pattern sts. Ch 2, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, turn. Continue in pattern for right side of front until 6 (6½, 7) inches above armhole shaping, ending at armhole edge with pattern Row 1.

**Shape Neck:** Row 1: Work 12 (13, 13) clusters, dc in next dc, ch 2, turn.

Row 2: Sk first cluster, work cross sts across 11 (12, 13) clusters, dc in turning ch, ch 4, turn.

Row 3: Dc in ch-1 sp of first cross st, ch 2, work across 10 (11, 11) pattern sts, dc in next st, ch 2, turn.

Continue in pattern until front measures same as back to shoulder, ending with pattern Row 3, ch 4, turn. Sl st evenly over 5 cross sts, ch 2, work pattern Row 4 across, fasten off.

**Left Side of Front:** Join yarn at center front in same st as last dc of right side, ch 4, work in pattern across row – 16 (17, 18) pattern sts. Work even until same number of rows to neck shaping as on right side, end at neck edge. Ch 1, turn.

**Shape Neck:** Sl st over 4 (4, 6) pattern sts, ch 2, work pattern Row 2 – 12 (13, 13) clusters. Complete as for right side of neck, reversing shaping.

**SLEEVES:** (Make 2) Ch 89 (98, 104).

Row 1: Work as for Row 1 of back – 28 (31, 33) cross sts.

Row 2: Work as for Row 2 of back, inc 1 cluster at beginning and end of row by working in turning ch sps – 30 (33, 35) clusters.

Row 3: Work even as for Row 3 of back.

Row 4: Work as for Row 4 of back, inc at beginning and end of row by working dc in turning ch – 32 (35, 37) pattern sts.

Row 5: Repeat Row 1.

Row 6: Repeat Row 2 – 34 (37, 39) clusters.

Row 7: Repeat Row 3.

Row 8: Repeat Row 4 – 36 (39, 41) pattern sts.

Work even until 14 rows from beginning.

**Shape Sleeve Cap:** Row 1: Ch 3, sk first cluster, work cross st around 34 (37, 39) clusters, dc in 3rd st of turning ch. Ch 4, turn.

Row 2: Sk first cross st, dc in next cross st, \*ch 2, dc in next cross st, repeat

from \* across 30 (33, 35) more cross sts, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Sk first dc, work cross st around next 30 (33, 35) dc, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. Ch 4, turn.

Continue in pattern, dec 1 pattern st at each end of every row until 10 (11, 12) rows from beginning of cap, fasten off.

**Waistband Ribbing:** Ch 18.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 17 sc. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Working in back lp only, sc in each sc across. Work in both lps on last st. Ch 1, turn. Repeat Row 2 until piece is 26 (28, 30) inches long, fasten off, sew ends together.

**Armbands:** Ch 9. Work as for waistband over 8 sc until band is 10½ (11, 11¼) inches long, fasten off, sew ends together.

**Finishing:** Sew side and shoulder seams. Sew sleeve seams to within 2 inches of bound off edge. Sew sleeves to sweater, matching armhole shapings and seams. Sew waistband to lower edge of blouse, easing in fullness. Sew armbands to sleeves.

**Neckband:** Ch 50 for neck tie, do not fasten off, join yarn at left neck edge. Work 1 row sc around neck slit, ch 51 at right neck edge, turn. Work 1 sc in each ch, continue sc around neck and down ch 50 on left neck edge. Ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in each sc across ties and around neck edge (but not down slit), ch 1, turn.

Row 3: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off, steam lightly. 🍷