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This stylish vest is made using US double crochet stitches and chain spaces to create a beautiful lace shell pattern. The vest is worked in one piece from the bottom up.

SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

SIZES: S (M, L, XL)

The pattern is easily adjustable.
Instructions are for size S.

MATERIALS:

- Worsted weight cotton or acrylic yarn (approx. 500 (550, 600, 650) yards)
- US H/8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS (Size S):

- Width: 20 inches (51 cm)
- Length: 20 inches (51 cm)

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS):

ch = chain
sc = single crochet
dc = double crochet
sk = skip
sp = space
st(s) = stitch(es)
rep = repeat
() = repeat instructions in parentheses
** = repeat instructions after * across

STITCH KEY (US TERMS)

- ↑ = Double Crochet (dc)
○ = Chain (ch)
⌢ = Shell (5 dc in same st)
● = Slip Stitch (sl st)

HOW TO MAKE THE VEST – STEP BY STEP

1. FOUNDATION

Ch 89.
Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across. (87 dc)

2. SETUP ROW

Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), turn.
Dc in each dc across.

3. SHELL PATTERN ROW

Ch 3, turn.
* Sk next 2 dc, shell in next dc (5 dc in same st), sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc. Rep from * across, ending with dc in last st.

4. REPEAT PATTERN

Ch 3, turn.
Dc in the top of the first shell, * shell in the center dc of next shell, dc in the top of next dc. Rep from * across, ending with dc in last st.

5. REPEAT ROWS 3–4

Continue repeating Rows 3 and 4 until piece measures 12 inches from beginning. Fasten off.

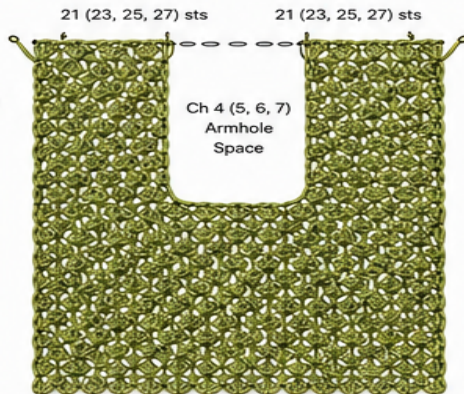
6. CREATE ARMHOLES

Fold piece in half to find center. Count 21 (23, 25, 27) sts on each side and place markers.

Row 1: Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across to first marker, ch 4 (5, 6, 7) (skipped sts for armhole), sk to next marker, dc in each st to end.

Row 2 and all even rows: Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st and ch space across.

Row 3 (shell row): Work shell pattern across each section separately, working into dc and around ch spaces. Continue in pattern until armhole measures 7 (7½, 8, 8½) inches. Fasten off.



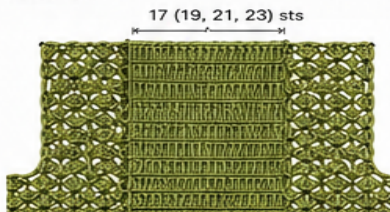
7. BACK COLLAR PANEL

Join yarn at center back.

Ch 3, dc in each st across collar opening (approx. 17 (19, 21, 23) sts).

Work dc rows (no pattern) for 5 inches.

Fasten off.



8. FINISH EDGES

Join yarn at any corner.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc evenly around entire vest, including armholes and collar panel. Join with sl st to first sc.

Round 2 (Shell Edging): Ch 3, * shell in next st (5 dc in same st), ch 1, sk next st, sl st in next st. Rep from * around. Join with sl st.

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

CROCHET STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

CHAIN (ch)

Yarn over (yo) and pull through the loop on the hook.



DOUBLE CROCHET (dc)

Yarn over, insert hook in stitch, yo and pull up loop (3 loops on hook), yo pull through 2 loops, yo pull through last 2 loops.



SHELL (5 dc in same st)

Work 5 double crochet stitches in the same stitch, yarn over and pull through all loops on hook.

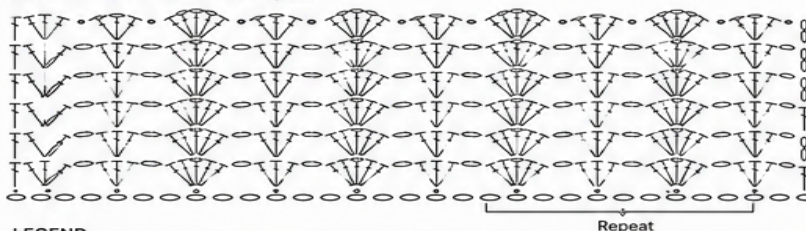


SLIP STITCH (sl st)

Insert hook, yarn over, pull through stitch and loop on hook.



PATTERN CHART (Rows 1–6 Repeat)



LEGEND

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TIPS & NOTES

- Use stitch markers to keep track of armhole centers.
- To adjust size, add or subtract chains in multiples of 2.
- Blocking your vest will help even out the lace pattern.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Hand wash cold
Lay flat to dry
Do not bleach
Low iron if needed

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This vest is perfect for layering over your favorite outfits. Make it in your favorite color and wear it with pride!



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✨ A beautiful one-piece crochet vest featuring a rectangular center panel, flowing shell lace body, wide armholes, and a decorative picot shell border. This pattern is based directly on the crochet chart provided and uses standard US crochet terminology.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Construction Method: Worked in one piece from the center rectangle outward, then expanded with shell lace rounds to create the elegant circular drape. The collar section is added afterward.

Finished Size (Sample Shown):

- Width: approximately 20 in (51 cm)
- Length: approximately 20 in (51 cm)

The design can easily be adjusted by adding or removing rows in the center rectangle and shell rounds.

Materials

 Worsted Weight (#4) Cotton or Acrylic Yarn

- Size S: 500 yards
- Size M: 550 yards
- Size L: 600 yards
- Size XL: 650 yards

Tools

- US H/8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers

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- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- sp = space
- st = stitch
- rep = repeat
- sk = skip
- shell = 5 dc worked into same stitch or space
- picot = ch 3, sl st into first chain
- shell-picot = shell topped with picot edging

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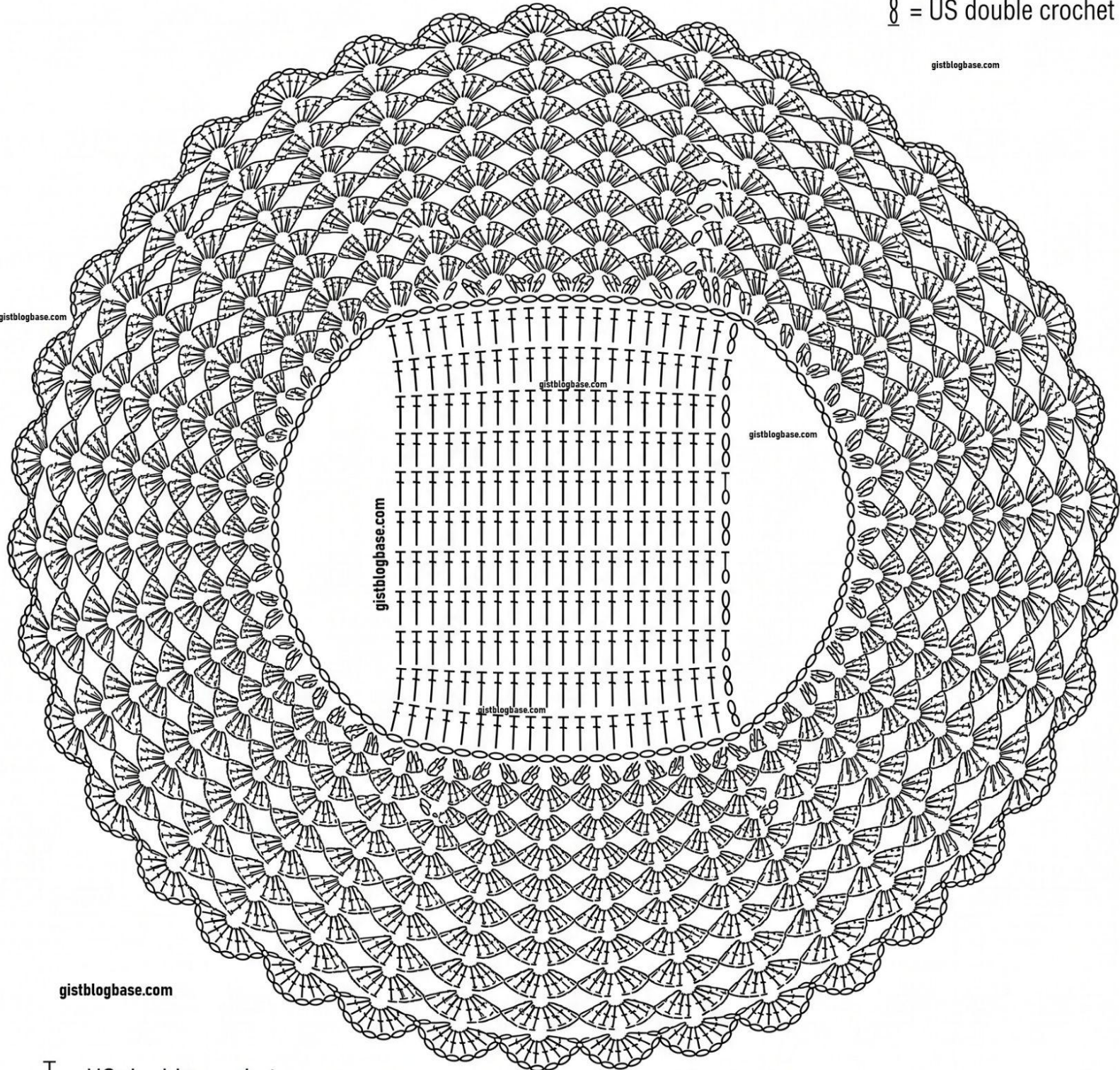
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Stitch Guide

Chain (ch)

Yarn over and pull through loop on hook.

Slip Stitch (sl st)

Insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull through stitch and loop on hook.

Single Crochet (sc)

Insert hook into stitch, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through both loops.

Double Crochet (dc)

Yarn over, insert hook into stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops, yarn over and pull through remaining 2 loops.

Shell Stitch

Work 5 dc into the same stitch or chain space.

Picot

Ch 3, insert hook into first chain made, sl st.

Step 1 – Foundation Rectangle

The center rectangle creates the upper back and shoulder foundation.

Foundation Chain

Ch 89.

Row 1

Dc in 4th ch from hook.

Work 1 dc in each remaining chain across.

You should have approximately 87 dc.

Turn.

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Rows 2–12

Ch 3 (counts as first dc).

Dc in each dc across.

Turn.

Continue until the rectangle matches the chart proportions.

The rectangle should be slightly wider than tall.

Fasten off.

Step 2 – Work Around the Rectangle

Join yarn to any corner.

You will now crochet completely around the rectangle.

Round 1

Work evenly around all four sides:

- 1 dc in each stitch across top
- 2 dc in each corner
- Evenly spaced dc along side edge
- 2 dc in each corner

Continue around entire rectangle.

Join with sl st.

The chart shows a complete ring of double crochet surrounding the rectangle.

Step 3 – Transition Round

This round creates the base for the shell pattern.

Round 2

Ch 3.

Sk 1 st, dc in next st.

Repeat around.

Join with sl st.

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This round creates the spacing shown directly outside the rectangle in the chart.

Step 4 – First Shell Round



The lace pattern begins here.

Join in any chain space.

Round 3

Ch 3.

Work:

- Shell (5 dc) in first chain space
- Ch 2

Skip to next chain space.

Work shell in next space.

Ch 2.

Repeat around entire piece.

Join with sl st.

Step 5 – Build the Shell Lace

Each new round places shells between shells from the previous round.

Round 4

Sl st into first ch-2 space.

Ch 3.

Work shell in same space.

Ch 2.

Work shell into next ch-2 space.

Repeat around.

Join with sl st.

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Round 5

Repeat Round 4.

Round 6

Repeat Round 4.

You should now clearly see the fan-shaped shell layers forming.

Step 6 – Continue Expanding

Continue repeating the shell round.

Each round consists of:

- Shell in ch-2 space
- Ch 2
- Shell in next ch-2 space
- Ch 2

Repeat around.

The crochet chart shows approximately 14–16 shell rounds beyond the rectangle.

Continue until the vest reaches desired length.

Suggested measurements:

Size S

12 inches from rectangle

Size M

13 inches

Size L

14 inches

Size XL

15 inches

The fabric should naturally drape outward into a soft circular shape.

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Step 7 – Form the Armholes

 The armholes are created by leaving openings on each side.

Lay the piece flat.

Fold in half vertically.

Place stitch markers:

Size S

Mark 21 stitches on each side.

Size M

Mark 23 stitches.

Size L

Mark 25 stitches.

Size XL

Mark 27 stitches.

These marked sections remain open for the armholes.

Step 8 – Work Around the Armholes

Join yarn.

Round 1

Ch 3.

Dc across first section.

When reaching armhole:

Ch 4 (S)

Ch 5 (M)

Ch 6 (L)

Ch 7 (XL)

Skip marked stitches.

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Continue dc across back section.

Repeat for second armhole.

Join with sl st.

Step 9 – Continue Body Pattern

Resume shell pattern.

Shell Round

Work shells into:

- chain spaces
- armhole chain spaces
- existing shell spaces

Continue exactly as before.

Work:

- Shell
- Ch 2
- Shell
- Ch 2

around entire garment.

Repeat until vest reaches:

Size S

7 inches below armholes

Size M

7.5 inches

Size L

8 inches

Size XL

8.5 inches

Fasten off.

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Step 10 – Create the Collar Panel

The chart shows a rectangular collar panel attached at the upper back opening.

Join yarn to back neckline.

Row 1

Ch 3.

Dc across neckline opening.

Turn.

Rows 2–12

Ch 3.

Dc in each stitch across.

Turn.

Continue until collar panel measures approximately 5 inches.

Fasten off.

Step 11 – Join Collar

Position collar flat.

Attach neatly along neckline edge using slip stitches or whip stitch.

Weave in ends.

Step 12 – Decorative Border Round

✨ This border matches the outer chart edge.

Join yarn anywhere on outer edge.

Border Round

Shell in next space.

Ch 1.

Repeat around entire vest.

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Join with sl st.

Step 13 – Picot Shell Border

This creates the decorative scalloped edge shown in the diagram.

Final Round

Work into each shell:

- 2 dc
- picot
- dc
- picot
- 2 dc

Ch 1 between shells.

Repeat around.

Join with sl st.

Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave Ends

Use yarn needle to weave all loose ends securely.

Blocking

For best results:

1. Wet block or steam block.
2. Pin shells evenly.
3. Shape armholes symmetrically.
4. Allow to dry completely.

Blocking dramatically improves lace definition and drape.

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Pattern Notes

- ✂ The center rectangle remains solid double crochet.
- ✂ All shell rounds are worked continuously around the entire garment.
- ✂ Armholes are formed by skipped stitches and chain bridges.
- ✂ The vest is worked as one main piece with only the collar added afterward.
- ✂ Additional shell rounds can be added for a longer vest.
- ✂ Fewer shell rounds create a cropped version.
- ✂ The finished garment should lay in a graceful circular shape similar to the chart illustration.

Care Instructions

- Hand wash cold
- Do not bleach
- Lay flat to dry
- Steam lightly if needed
- Store folded rather than hanging

🌿 When completed, you'll have an elegant lace crochet vest with a flowing shell pattern, scalloped picot edging, and a draped silhouette inspired directly by the crochet chart.