

Rainbow Love Crop Top

crochet pattern



This crop top is made of 100% organic cotton and is so joyful with all the colors of the rainbow! It comes together quickly with rows of HDC. Perfect for summer, it is breathable, washable and oh-so-much-fun.



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Pattern Notes & Tips

Yarn & Tools:

- 01**
- 100% Organic Cotton | Weight: 3/DK-Light Worsted | 140 yards per ball
 - Colors & Number of skeins:
 - Off White - x2(2, 3, 3, 3)(4, 4, 4, 5)
 - Red - x1(1, 2, 2, 2)(3, 3, 3, 4)
 - Orange - x1(1, 1, 2, 2)(2, 3, 3, 3)
 - Yellow - x1(1, 1, 2, 2)(2, 3, 3, 3)
 - Green - x1(1, 1, 2, 2)(2, 2, 3, 3)
 - Blue - x1(1, 1, 2, 2)(2, 3, 3, 3)
 - Purple - x1(1, 1, 1, 2)(2, 2, 2, 3)
 - Hook: 4.5 mm
 - Tapestry Needle
 - Stitch Markers

Gauge:

02 Main rectangle: 4"x4" = 20 stitches x 11 rows

I encourage you to make a small rectangle swatch to be sure your gauge is correct. It's also a good idea to measure now and again and try on the cardigan as you go along. This will ensure your garment will fit right when it's done!

03 **Size:** This pattern is written in size XS with sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL & 5XL following in parenthesis like this: XS(S, M, L, XL)(2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL). The size can be easily modified by taking your measurements and adjusting the number of stitches or rows. Use this sizing grid and the gauge above to determine your custom measurements. The model pictured is wearing size XS with a bust of 33".

Size	To Fit Bust Size	Bust Width	Body Width # of HDC rows	Length - Shoulder to Hem	Length Shoulder to Hem # of stitches in row
XS	<32"-33"	32"	43	15.5"	78
S	34"-36"	36"	49	17"	86
M	37"-40"	40"	55	18.5"	92
L	41"-44"	44"	61	19.5"	98
XL	45"-48"	48.5"	67	21"	104
2XL	49"-52"	53"	73	22"	110
3XL	53"-56"	57.5"	79	23"	116
4XL	57"-60"	62"	85	24.5"	122
5XL	61"-66"	66"	91	26"	128



Pattern Notes & Tips cont...

Abbreviations used in this pattern:

- 04** ch - chain
st - stitch
hk - hook
sl st - slip stitch
hdc - half double crochet
BLO - back loop only
(...) x - repeat instructions indicated number of times
[...] - number of stitches in row/round

05 **Resources:** I have created a robust library of resources on my website: www.offthebeatenhook.com. These resources include video tutorials, quick reference cards (abbreviations, size conversion chart, etc), ultimate guides (to yarn, to hooks, etc). Any stitch you will use in this pattern is demonstrated in a stitch tutorial video on my website. Check out my resource library for lots of help and instruction!

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07 **Artistry & Craftsmanship:** Crochet is an art and a science. Obviously certain rules must be followed to make the item look and work as it should, but YOU get to decide what makes it look and work as it should! I write my patterns just how I designed them to give you a clear direction, but at any time, I encourage you to follow your heart and ideas and let your inner artist be realized! We crochet because we love it, right? So, have fun!

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The Pattern

Panel - make 2

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The crop top is crocheted by making two identical panels and then seaming them together
- The crop top is made in rows of half double crochet through the back loop only which is what creates the ribbing
- Chain 1 and turn at the end of every row unless otherwise noted
- The last stitch of every row is made through both loops of the stitch versus just the back loop
- **COLOR CHANGING: PHOTOS 01 & 02**
 - Color changing always happens at the neckline (versus the bottom hem)
 - Leave yarn tails during color changing which will be used to clean up the neckline by a row of slip stitches during assembly
 - For one panel, leave long STARTING tails. For the second panel, leave long END tails during your color changes. This way, as you slip stitch around the neckline during assembly, the long tail will always be available to you at the start of each color as you work your way around.

With off-white yarn, begin by making a chain of 47(50, 53, 56, 59, 62, 65, 68, 71)

Row 1: hdc in the 2nd ch from the hk and in each ch thereafter [46](49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70)

Row 2(2-4, 2-6, 2-8, 2-10)(2-12, 2-14, 2-16, 2-18): BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st, ch 3 [46 + 3 chs](49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70)(+ 3 chs)

ARMPIT INCREASE:

Row 3(5, 7, 9, 11)(13, 15, 17, 19): hdc in the 2nd ch from the hk and in the next ch, BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st [48](51, 54, 57, 60)(63, 66, 69, 72)

Row 4(6, 8, 10, 12)(14, 16, 18, 20): BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st, ch 5 [48 + 5 chs](51, 54, 57, 60, 63, 66, 69, 72)(+ 5 chs)

Row 5(7, 9, 11, 13)(15, 17, 19, 21): hdc in the 2nd ch from the hk and in the next 3 ch, BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st [52](55, 58, 61, 64)(67, 70, 73, 76)

Row 6(8, 10, 12, 14)(16, 18, 20, 22): BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st, ch 7 [52 + 7 chs](55, 58, 61, 64)(67, 70, 73, 76)(+ 7 chs)

Row 7(9, 11, 13, 15)(17, 19, 21, 23): hdc in the 2nd ch from the hk and in the next 5 ch, BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st [58](61, 64, 67, 70)(73, 76, 79, 82)

FIRST STRAP:

Row 8(10, 12, 14, 16)(18, 20, 22, 24): BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st, ch 21(26, 29, 32, 35)(38, 41, 44, 47) [58 + 21 chs for strap](61+26chs, 64+29chs, 67+32chs, 70+35chs)(73+38chs, 76+41chs, 79+44chs, 82+47chs)

Row 9(11, 13, 15, 17)(19, 21, 23, 25): hdc in the 2nd ch from the hk and in each remaining ch, BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st [78](86, 92, 98, 104)(110, 116, 122, 128)

Row 10-11(12-13, 14-15, 16-19, 18-21)(20-23, 22-25, 24-29, 26-31): BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st [78](86, 92, 98, 104)(110, 116, 122, 128)



panel cont...

NECKLINE DECREASE:

Row 12(14, 16, 20, 22)(24, 26, 30, 32): BLO hdc in the next 57(60, 63, 66, 69)(72, 75, 78, 81) st, hdc in the next st (leave the rest of the st unworked) [58](61, 64, 67, 70)(73, 76, 79, 82)

Row 13(15, 17, 21, 23)(25, 27, 31, 33): BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st [58](61, 64, 67, 70)(73, 76, 79, 82)

Row 14(16, 18, 22, 24)(26, 28, 32, 34): BLO hdc across until 4 st remain, hdc in the next st [55](58, 61, 64, 67)(70, 73, 76, 79)

Row 15(17, 19, 23, 25)(27, 29, 33, 35): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [55](58, 61, 64, 67)(70, 73, 76, 79)

Row 16(18, 20, 24, 26)(28, 30, 34, 36): BLO hdc across until 4 st remain, hdc in the next st [52](55, 58, 61, 64)(67, 70, 73, 76)

Switch to red yarn. PHOTOS 01 & 02

Row 17(19, 21, 25, 27)(29, 31, 35, 37): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [52](55, 58, 61, 64)(67, 70, 73, 76)

Row 18(20, 22, 26, 28)(30, 32, 36, 38): BLO hdc across until 4 st remain, hdc in the next st [49](52, 55, 58, 61)(64, 67, 70, 73)

Row 19(21, 23, 27, 29)(31, 33, 37, 39): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [49](52, 55, 58, 61)(64, 67, 70, 73)

Row 20(22, 24, 28, 30)(32, 34, 38, 40): BLO hdc across until 4 st remain, hdc in the next st [46](49, 52, 55, 58)(61, 64, 67, 70)

Row 21-24(23-28, 25-32, 29-34, 31-36)(33-38, 35-40, 39-44, 41-48): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [46](49, 52, 55, 58)(61, 64, 67, 70)

- Switch to orange yarn
- Additional rows will be added in orange for sizes L-5XL before crocheting the neckline increase. Sizes XS-M will proceed straight to the neckline increase below

SIZE XS, S & M: PROCEED TO ROW 25 (NECKLINE INCREASE)

SIZES L - 5XL IN ORANGE: ROW 35-36(37-38, 39-42, 41-44, 45-48, 49-52): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [55](58)(61, 64, 67, 70)

NECKLINE INCREASE: PHOTOS 03 & 04

Row 25(29, 33, 37, 39)(43, 45, 49, 53): ch 4, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and next 2 chs, BLO hdc until last st, hdc in last st [49](52, 55, 58, 61)(64, 67, 70, 73) PHOTO 03

Row 26(30, 34, 38, 40)(44, 46, 50, 54): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [49](52, 55, 58, 61)(64, 67, 70, 73) PHOTO 04

Row 27(31, 35, 39, 41)(45, 47, 51, 55): ch 4, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and next 2 chs, BLO hdc until last st, hdc in last st [52](55, 58, 61, 64)(67, 70, 73, 76)

Row 28(32, 36, 40, 42)(46, 48, 52, 56): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [52](55, 58, 61, 64)(67, 70, 73, 76)



panel cont. & assembly

Switch to yellow yarn.

Row 29(33, 37, 41, 43)(47, 49, 53, 57): ch 4, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and next 2 chs, BLO hdc until last st, hdc in last st [55](58, 61, 64, 67)(70, 73, 76, 79)

Row 30(34, 38, 42, 44)(48, 50, 54, 58): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [55](58, 61, 64, 67)(70, 73, 76, 79)

Row 31(35, 39, 43, 45)(49, 51, 55, 59): ch 4, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and next 2 chs, BLO hdc until last st, hdc in last st [58](61, 64, 67, 70)(73, 76, 79, 82)

SECOND STRAP:

Row 32(36, 40, 44, 46)(50, 52, 56, 60): BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st, SWITCH TO GREEN, ch 21(26, 29, 32, 35)(38, 41, 44, 47) [58 + 21 chs for strap](61+26chs, 64+29chs, 67+32chs, 70+35chs, 73+38chs, 76+41chs, 79+44chs, 82+47chs) **PHOTO 05**

Row 33(37, 41, 45, 47)(51, 53, 57, 61): hdc in the 2nd ch from the hk and in each remaining ch, BLO hdc in each st across until the last st, hdc in the last st [78](86, 92, 98, 104, 110, 116, 122, 128) **PHOTO 06 & 07** (photo 06 shows where to transition from hdc back down the chain in green, and on to the yellow)

Row 34-35(38-39, 42-43, 44-47, 48-51)(52-55, 54-58, 58-63, 62-67): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [78](86, 92, 98, 104)(110, 116, 122, 128) **PHOTO 08**

Row 36(40, 44, 48, 52)(56, 59, 64, 68): BLO hdc in the next 57(60, 63, 66, 69)(72, 75, 78, 81) st, hdc in next st [58](61, 64, 67, 70)(73, 76, 79, 82) **PHOTO 09**

ARMPIT DECREASE:

Switch to blue yarn **PHOTO 09**

Row 37(41, 45, 49, 53)(57, 60, 65, 69): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [58](61, 64, 67, 70)(73, 76, 79, 82)

Row 38(42, 46, 50, 54)(58, 61, 66, 70): BLO hdc across until the last 7 st, hdc in the next st [52](55, 58, 61, 64)(67, 70, 73, 76)

Row 39(43, 47, 51, 55)(59, 62, 67, 71): BLO hdc across until last st, hdc in last st [52](55, 58, 61, 64)(67, 70, 73, 76)

Row 40(44, 48, 52, 56)(60, 63, 68, 72): BLO hdc across until the last 5 st, hdc in the next st [48](51, 54, 57, 60)(63, 66, 69, 72)



panel cont. & assembly

Switch to purple yarn

Row 41(45, 49, 53, 57)(61, 64, 69, 73): BLO hdc across until the last st, hdc in last st [48](51, 54, 57, 60)(63, 66, 69, 72)

Row 42(46, 50, 54, 58)(62, 65, 70, 74): BLO hdc across until the last 3 st, hdc in the next st [46](49, 52, 55, 58)(61, 64, 67, 70)

Row 43(47-49, 51-55, 55-61, 59-67)(63-73, 66-79, 71-85, 75-91): BLO hdc across until the last st, hdc in last st [46](49, 52, 55, 58)(61, 64, 67, 70)

PHOTO 10: Image of neckline increase (orange/yellow) and armpit decrease (blue/purple)

PHOTO 11: Image of mid-neckline (red)

Fasten off.

ASSEMBLY:

1. Place panels on top of each other, wrong sides together **PHOTO 12**
2. Whip stitch along sides from the hem up to the armpit **PHOTOS 12 & 14**
3. Whip stitch along the top of the straps
4. Tie off color changes along neckline with a simple knot. Do not snip ends. **PHOTO 15**
5. Flip crop top right-side-out
6. Begin with the back green yarn and heading up the strap, use the yarn tails to slip stitch all the way around the neckline. Color change as appropriate with the long tails, to match the color sections with the slip stitches. Place one slip stitch at the top of each of the rows of hdc, and one slip stitch into each of the stitches you made as you increased and decreased (making the scalloped edge). **PHOTO 16** Fasten off.
7. Repeat the slip stitch border around the arm holes. Fasten off.
8. Weave in any remaining ends. **PHOTO 17**
9. OPTIONAL: Steam block crop top to add more fluidity to the drape if wanted.

Excellent job! Slip into your rainbow love crop top, go make a margarita and celebrate!



Production Photos

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