

MOTIF (Make 4)

With MC, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form ring.

RND 1: Ch 1, work 8 sc into ring, do not join, place marker in first st to mark beginning of round, move marker up with each new round—8 sts.

Note: After Rnd 1, rounds are worked in a spiral without joining.

RND 2: [2 hdc-blo in next st] 5 times, [2 dc-blo in next st] 3 times—16 sts. (See Special Stitches.)

RND 3: [2 dc-blo in next st] 10 times, [2 tr-blo in next st] 6 times, tr-blo in next st, 2 tr-blo in next st, tr-blo in next st—32 sts. (See Special Stitches.)

RND 4: [2 tr-blo in next st, tr-blo in next 3 sts] 8 times, [2 tr-blo in next st] 3 times, tr-blo in next st, [2 tr-blo in next st] 2 times—40 sts.

RND 5: [2 tr-blo in next st, tr-blo in each of next 4 sts] 8 times—48 sts.

RND 6: [2 dtr-blo in next st, dtr-blo in each of next 5 sts] 8 times—56 sts. (See Special Stitches.)

Work tr-blo in next st, dc-blo in next st, hdc-blo in next st, sc-blo in next st, sl st-blo in next st. Fasten off.

With sl st join CC in free lp (unworked front loop) of last stitch worked, ch 1, sc in same st, rev sc in free lp of each st worked, all the way back to the beginning of the spiral. Fasten off. Pull tail through original ch-4 lp and fasten to wrong side.

LOWER FRONT AND BACK (Make 2)

Note: Continuation of motif is worked in rows, so be careful to work through the back loops only (blo) on the right side and through the front loops only (flo) on the wrong side. You might find it helpful to mark the right side with a stitch marker to avoid confusion.

ROW 1 (RS): Ch 5 (counts as first dtr here and throughout), dtr-blo in same st, dtr-blo in each of next 4 sts, [2 dtr-blo in next st, dtr-blo in each of next 4 sts] 5 times, turn—36 sts.

ROW 2: Ch 5, dtr-flo in same st, dtr-flo in each of next 5 sts, [2 dtr-flo in next st, dtr-flo in each of next 5 sts] 5 times, turn—42 sts.

ROW 3: Ch 5, dtr-blo in same st, dtr-blo in each of next 6 sts, [2 dtr-blo in next st, dtr-blo in each of next 6 sts] 5 times, turn—48 sts.

ROWS 4–10: Continue to increase each row as established, working one additional dtr st between increases until there are 13 dtr between increases—90 sts.

SIZE 40" (101.5 CM) ONLY

ROWS 11–12: Continue to increase as established, working one additional dtr st between increases until there are 15 dtr between increases—102 sts.

SIZE 44" (112 CM) ONLY

ROWS 11–15: Continue to increase as established, working one additional dtr st between increases until there are 18 dtr between increases—120 sts.

SIZE 48" (122 CM) ONLY

ROWS 11–17: Continue to increase as established, working one additional dtr st between increases until there are 20 dtr between increases—132 sts.

Fasten off MC. With sl st join CC in free lp of last stitch worked with sl st, ch 1, sc in same st, rev sc into free lp of each stitch worked all the way back to the beginning of the motif.

Note: Every free loop created with MC will be covered with a rev sc with CC. Although this step could be worked after assembly, it is easier to manipulate the pieces (i.e., front, back, sleeves) before seaming.