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ABBREVIATIONS:

st[s] = stitch(es)
cs = chain stitch
sls = slip stitch
db = double crochet
tr = treble crochet
rnd[s] = round(s)
dec = decrease, work 2 stitches together
inc = increase, work 2 stitches in the same stitch
cr-tr = crossed treble crochets
foundation-db = foundation double crochet

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Special stitches:

Foundation double crochet: This is a way of starting a piece without foundation chains – the result is more elastic.

Begin with 2 chain stitches.

Insert the hook in 1st chain stitch, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 1st loop.

Yarn over and pull through 2 loops [= 1st foundation double crochet].

Insert the hook under both loops from step 1, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 1st loop.

Repeat the 3rd and 4th steps.

Crossed treble crochets:

Skip 1 stitch, work 1 treble crochet in the next stitch, work 1 treble crochet in the stitch you just skipped, inserting the hook from behind [see picture].



CONSTRUCTION

This sweater is crocheted top down. You begin with the neckline, continue with the yoke, and then split for the sleeves. Finish crocheting the body, and then crochet the sleeves.

The main pattern appears when alternating a row of double crochets and a row of crossed treble crochets. The double crochet rows are worked from the right side and the treble crochet rows are from the wrong side.

Both body and sleeves are worked back and forth in rows, completed with a slip stitch in 1st stitch of the row. By doing this, you are crocheting a tube and do not have to sew the piece together afterwards.

Turn with 1 chain stitch to make double crochets and 3 chain stitches to make crossed treble crochet.

When beginning the row, please notice that the slip stitch does not count as a stitch.

This design is perfect for playing with colours. For example, you can make stripes by crocheting the double crochet rows in one colour and the crossed treble crochets in another. When you change the colour, let the colour that is not being used hang on the wrong side. To make it invisible on the right side, you must crochet around the tread when making 1st stitch of the crossed treble crochets.

I have made a stripe where the primary and secondary colours switch places – it extends over 7 rows and begins on row 19.

SIZES

XS [S] M [L] XL [XXL]

MEASUREMENTS

Width: approx. 43 [47] 51 [55] 61 [67] cm

Length: approx. 53 [54] 55 [55] 56 [57] cm

YARN

Woolly Fraya

100% Alpaca

50 g = 155 m

YARDAGE

One colour: approx. 400 [450] 500 [550] 600 [600] g

Multicoloured:

Colour 1: approx. 250 [300] 300 [350] 350 [400] g

Colour 2: approx. 150 [150] 200 [200] 200 [250] g

CROCHET GAUGE

Measured over pattern worked with size 11 [3 mm] hook:

22 sts x 16 rows = 10 x 10 cm

SUGGESTED HOOK SIZE

UK size 11 [3 mm] crochet hook

Please note: It is important to obtain gauge. The work should have a close texture. Try with a smaller or larger needle if necessary.

PATTERN**Neck:**

Work 126 [130] 130 [132] 132 [134] foundation-db.

Work 1 cs, 126 [130] 130 [132] 132 [134] db.

Continue in a spiral by working a db in 1st st on the row. Work 4 rnds.

Yoke:

Now, work back and forth and finish each row with 1 sls.

Row 1: *1 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 62 [64] 64 [66] 66 [66] times + 2 [2] 2 [0] 0 [2] db. 188 [194] 194 [198] 198 [200] sts in total.

Row 2: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 93 [96] 96 [98] 98 [99] cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 188 [194] 194 [198] 198 [200] sts in total.

Row 3: 1 cs, 188 [194] 194 [198] 198 [200] db, 1 sls in 1st db.

Row 4-6: Repeat row 2 and 3.

Row 7: *2 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 62 [64] 64 [66] 66 [66] times + 2 [2] 2 [0] 0 [2] db. 250 [258] 258 [264] 264 [266] sts in total.

Row 8: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 124 [128] 128 [131] 131 [132] cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 250 [258] 258 [264] 264 [266] sts in total.

Row 9: 1 cs, 250 [258] 258 [264] 264 [266] db, 1 sls in 1st db.

Row 10-12: Repeat row 8 and 9.

Row 13: *3 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 62 [64] 64 [66] 66 [68] times + 2 [2] 2 [0] 0 [2] db. 312 [322] 322 [330] 330 [332] sts in total.

Row 14: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 155 [160] 160 [164] 164 [165] cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 312 [322] 322 [330] 330 [332] sts in total.

Row 15: 1 cs, 312 [322] 322 [330] 330 [332] db, 1 sls in 1st db.

Row 16-18: Repeat row 14 and 15.

Size XS

Row 19: 1 cs, *51 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 6 times. 318 sts in total.

Row 20: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 158 cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 318 sts in total.

Row 21: 1 cs, 318 db, 1 sls in 1st db.

Row 22-24: Repeat row 20 and 21.

Continue to body.

Size S

Row 19: 1 cs, *15 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 20 times + 2 db. 342 sts in total.

Row 20: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 170 cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 342 sts in total.

Row 21: 1 cs, 342 db, 1 sls in 1st db.

Row 22-26: Repeat row 20 and 21.

Continue to body.

Size M

Row 19: 1 cs, *5 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 50 times + 22 db. 372 sts in total.

Row 20: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 185 cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 372 sts in total.

Row 21: 1 cs, 372 db, 1 sls in 1st db.

Row 22-28: Repeat row 20 and 21.

Continue to body.

Size [L] XL [XXL]

Row 19: *4 db, inc*, repeat from * to * [66] 66 [66] times + [0] 0 [2] db. [396] 396 [398] sts in total.

Row 20: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, [197] 197 [198] cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. [396] 396 [398] sts in total.

Row 21: 1 cs, [396] 396 [398] db, 1 sls in 1st db.

Row 22-24: Repeat row 20 and 21

Size L

Row 25: 1 cs, *197 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 2 times, 1 sls in 1st db. 398 sts in total.

Row 26: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 198 cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 398 sts in total.

Row 27: 1 cs, 398 db, 1 sls in 1st db.

Row 28-30: Repeat rows 26 and 27.

Continue to body.



Size XL

Row 25: 1 cs, *10 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 36 times, 1 sls in 1st db. 432 sts in total.
Row 26: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 215 cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 432 sts in total.
Row 27: 1 cs, 432 db, 1 sls in 1st db.
Row 28-32: Repeat row 26 and 27.
Continue to body.

Size XXL

Row 25: *5 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 66 times + 2 db. 464 sts in total.
Row 26: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 231 cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 464 sts in total.
Row 27: 1 cs, 464 db, 1 sls in 1st db.
Row 28-30: Repeat rows 26 and 27.
Row 31: 1 cs, *231 db, inc*, repeat from * to * 2 times, 1 sls in 1st db. 466 sts in total.
Row 32: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 232 cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 466 sts in total.
Row 33: 1 cs, 466 db, 1 sls in 1st db.
Row 34: Repeat row 32.
Continue to body.

Body:

Row 1: 2 [2] 2 [2] 2 [2] sts, skip 71 [76] 82 [87] 93 [98] sts, work 7 [8] 8 [9] 11 [12] cs, 88 [95] 104 [112] 123 [135] sts, skip 71 [76] 82 [87] 93 [98] sts, work 7 [8] 8 [9] 11 [12] cs, 86 [93] 102 [110] 121 [133] sts. 190 [206] 224 [242] 268 [294] sts in total.
The skipped sts will become the sleeves eventually.
Row 2: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 94 [102] 111 [120] 133 [146] cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 190 [206] 224 [242] 268 [294] sts in total.
Row 3: 1 cs, 190 [206] 224 [242] 268 [294] db, 1 sls in 1st db.
Row 4-49 [48] 48 [46] 46 [45]: Repeat row 2 and 3.
Row 50-58 [49-57] 49-57 [47-55] 47-55 [46-54]: [Worked in a spiral] 1 cs, 190 [206] 224 [242] 268 [294] db.
Row 59 [58] 58 [56] 56 [55]: 1 cs, 190 [206] 224 [242] 268 [294] sls.
Cut the yarn.

Right sleeve:

Join the yarn on the back, 1st st after cs.
Row 1: 1 cs, 78 [84] 90 [96] 104 [110] db.
Row 2: 1 cs, 2 sls, 3 cs, work 1 tr in 1st sls, forming a cross with the 3 cs, 38 [41] 44 [47] 51 [54] cr-tr, 1 sls in 3rd cs. 78 [84] 90 [98] 104 [110] sts in total.
Row 3-30 [30] 30 [32] 32 [34]: Repeat rows 1 and 2 – decrease 2 sts under the sleeve on every row of db.
Row 31 [31] 31 [33] 33 [35]: *2 db, dec*, repeat from * to * 12 [14] 15 [16] 18 [19] times + 2 [0] 2 [2] 2 [2] db. 38 [42] 47 [50] 56 [59] sts in total.
Row 32-35 [32-35] 32-35 [34-37] 34-37 [36-39]: Work db in a spiral.

Left sleeve:

Join the yarn on the back, 1st st before cs. Otherwise, work the left sleeve as the right sleeve.

Assembly:

Weave in the ends.

