

Lillian Top



Hook: 3 mm

Yarn: Cotton, size 1 (superfine), 70 grams (used for my size "small" pictured above), Brand: Mayflower

Stitches (abbreviations): Half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), decreased half double crochet (hdc dec), chains (ch), slip stitch (ss), decrease (dec), increase (inc)

Every row: Ch 2 and turn over, the 2 ch counts as the 1st stitch.

Size: Can be made in all sizes – crocheted after measurements –

Crochet tension: 10 cm = 14 rows x 20 hdc

Process:

See video

The bra cup is crocheted from the bottom up and in the end you make a strap out from the top of the bra cup.

You make one more bra cup.

The two bra cups are connected by placing them together and you make crochet rows over both bra cups until the length of your row matches your waist measurement and you've reached the length you want for the body.

Lastly you crochet edges on the top + holes for the straps.

MEASUREMENTS

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Bra cup

- 1) **Width.** Measure yourself from the middle of your chest to the side of your bust.
- 2) **Depth.** Measure yourself upwards – from under your bust to the nipple/fullest part of your bust.

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- 3) **Waist.** Measure yourself around your waist, subtract 25 cm from the measurement.
- 4) **Length.** Measure yourself from below your bust and down your body.

My example (for size "small"):

- 1) 16 cm – This was 34 hdc on my first row
- 2) 4 cm – This was 7 rows
- 3) $70\text{ cm} - 25 = 45\text{ cm}$ – This is what the last row of increase on the body measured
- 4) 9 cm – The length of my rows on the body

BRA CUP

Row 1:

Crochet x number of hdc with chainless foundation.

You row needs to match measurement 1. The number of stitches you have needs to be an even number.

You can also start off by just making chains and then hdc into the chains and then measure your row.

Row 2-xx:

Crochet rows of hdc back and forth and ch 2 and turn over for each row (the 2 chains counts as the 1st stitch)

Stop when you have the number of rows that matches measurement 2.

It doesn't matter if it measures a little above/below your measurement.

Just make sure to measure along the way until you are as close as the measurement as possible.

DECREASE

Now the decreases begins.

You alternate by making 2 dec and 1 dec per row.

The decreases are made on the middle of the row! Now and then you will sometimes have different number of stitches on each side of the decreases – that doesn't matter as it will be fixed along the way.

When you decrease with 1 stitch: subtract with 2, divide with 2, to find out how many stitches you make before the decrease.

When you decrease with 2 stitches on the row: subtract with 4, divide with 2, to find out how many stitches you make before the decrease.

If the number you have on your row is odd, you round up – for instance $33 - 2 = 29 / 2 = 12,5 \sim 13$.

Row 1:

Subtract 4 stitches from the number of stitches you have on the row (these are the middle stitches, that you are going to dec over).

Then make **2 hdc dec** after each other over those 4 middle stitches.

My example: I had 34 hdc on my row.

$$34 - 4 = 30 / 2 = 15$$

*Therefore I made **15 stitches** incl. the 2 ch), then 2 x hdc dec and then finish the row with 1 hdc in each stitch. Ch 2 and turn over (you do that for every row!)*

Row 2:

Crochet the same number of stitches as before, and now make **1 hdc dec** on the middle of the row.

Row 3:

Repeat row 1 – 2 hdc dec.

I had 31 stitches, so: $31 - 4 = 27 / 2 = 13,5$, so I made 14 stitches before the decrease.

Row 4:

Repeat row 2 – 1 hdc dec.

Repeat this so you alternate between making 2 and 1 decrease on the row.

Until you have **4 hdc left on the row**.

Depending on how many stitches you start out with you might have more than 4

stitches left on the row.

So for instance if you have 6 stitches left, just make 2 hdc dec in the middle of the row. If you have 7 hdc left make 1 rows with 2 dec followed by 1 row with 1 dec.

So you end up with 4 stitches on the row.

STRAP

See video

Now we crochet the strap.

You still ch 2 at the end of each row as before.

The straps is made by crocheting back and forth in hdc – but in every 1st stitch on the row you crochet 1 extra hdc – thereby *inc with 1 hdc* per row.

Stop the increase when your row has 18 stitches.

Now the decrease starts.

Decrease in the beginning of each row by *making 1 hdc dec*. Decrease on the beginning of every row until you have 4 stitches on the row.

Now crochet back and forth without inc/dec, until your whole strap measures at least 75 cm. Break off the yarn.

Crochet 1 more bra cup + strap the same way.

BODY

See video

Place the two bra cups next to each other.

Insert your hook in the first corner with 1 ss and ch 2.

Make 1 hdc into the same stitch = 1 inc.

Make 1 hdc into each stitch on both bra cups, finish with 1 extra hdc into the last stitch on the other bra cup. Ch 2 and turn over.

Crochet back and forth with *2 inc per row* until you have your measurement 3.

In my case I stopped when the row measured 45 cm.

Now you can continue to make rows of hdc but *without inc* until you have measurement 4.

EDGE AND HOLES FOR THE STRAPS

See video

Before you break off the yarn, crochet up the side of the top.

On the first rows where you didn't inc, you crochet: 1 sc, ch 3, skip 2 rows, and crochet sc over the rest of the rows on the body – 1 sc per row.

When you turn over you don't make any chains so naturally you skip the first stitch on the row.

You can also make the hole into the first row where you stopped the increase instead of on the last row.

Turn over and crochet back with sc, when you reach the 3 ch make 3 sc *around* the chains.

Turn over and make 1 more row with 1 sc in each stitch and finish with 1 ss in the last stitch.

Break off the yarn and do the same for the other edge.

I hope you liked the pattern :-)
Thank you so much for your support!

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