

# 29-18 Crochet Tunic Vest

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## *Finished measurements:*

bust                    88cm/34.6in  
back length        65cm/25.6in

## *Materials*

- Pierrot Yarns Cotton Lace #20 [100% cotton; 169.5 yds/155 m per 1.4 oz / 40g skein]; color #208 black, 5 skeins [200g]
- 2.3mm crochet hook (US size B)
- 2.5mm crochet hook (between US size B and C)
- darning needle
- 3 buttons (15mm – approx. 5/8 in)

## *Gauge*

33 sts/10 rows = 4" (10cm) in pattern A  
33 sts/13.5 rows = 4" (10cm) in pattern B

## *Abbreviations*

Note: instructions use US/Japanese conventions.

ch	chain
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	work two double crochet stitches together
dc-tr-tog	work one dc and one tr together
dtr	double treble crochet
hdc	half double crochet
prev	previous
rep	repeat
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
sl	slip
st(s)	stitch(es)
tr	treble crochet



**Note:** when advised to carry yarn along an edge, make sure that yarn is held loosely so that no binding occurs in the fabric. Yarn carried along edge will be hidden later when working edging.

**Pattern A** (multiple of 4 rows)

*When working into foundation row, use instructions for row 1A. When working into any other row, use instructions for row 1B.*

*Row 1A:* ch4 (in addition to ch289 already worked), dc into 5<sup>th</sup> chain from hook, \*ch1, sk5, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch\*, rep from \* to \* until 6 ch remain. ch1, sk5, work (dc, ch1, dc) into last ch of row, turn.

*Row 1B:* ch4, dc into last dc from prev row, \*ch1, sk ch-3 space from prev row, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* until one ch-3 space remains. ch1, sk ch-3 space from prev row, work (dc, ch1, dc) into top of ch-3 from prev row, turn.

*Row 2:* ch4, 2-dc cluster into first ch-1 space, \*ch1, sk ch-1 space, work (2-dc cluster, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into ch-3 space\*, rep from \* to \* until no more ch-3 spaces remain, ch1, sk ch-1 space, work (2-dc cluster, ch1, dc) into last ch-1 space, turn.

*Row 3:* ch3, sk first ch-1 space, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space, \*ch1, sk ch-3 space, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* until second-to-last ch-1 space (between ch-3 space and end of row), dc into 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of ch4 from prev row, turn.

*Row 4:* ch3, \*work (2-dc cluster, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into ch-3 space, ch1, sk ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* until one ch-3 space remains, work (2-dc cluster, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into ch-3 space, dc into top of ch3 from prev row, turn.

*Repeat rows 1-4.*

**Pattern B** (multiple of 2 rows)

*When working into foundation row, use instructions for row 1A. When working into any other row, use instructions for row 1B.*

*Row 1A:* NOTE: on this row, always work into back loop of foundation row chains. ch6, sc into 4<sup>th</sup> chain of foundation row, \*sk 2 sts, work (2dc, ch2, 2dc) into next ch, sk 2 sts, sc into next st, ch6, sk 5 sts, sc into next st\*, rep from \* to \* until 3 ch remain. At this point, you have just finished a (2dc, ch2, 2dc) shell but have not yet worked the ch6. *Instead of ch6, work ch3, sk2, dc in last ch of row, turn.*

*Row 1B:* \*ch6, sc into next ch space, work (2dc, ch2, 2dc) into next sc, sc into next ch space\*, rep from \* to \* until no ch spaces remain. ch3, dc into last sc from prev row, turn.

*Row 2:* ch1, sc into dc from prev row, \*ch6, sc into ch-2 space, ch6, sc into ch-6 space\*, rep from \* to \* until end of row, turn.

*Repeat rows 1-2.*

**Pattern C** (multiple of 2 rows)

*Row 1:* \*ch7, sc into next ch space, work (2dc, ch3, 2dc) into next sc, sc into next ch space\*, rep from \* to \* until no ch spaces remain. ch3, tr into last sc from prev row, turn.

*Row 2:* ch1, sc into tr from prev row, \*ch7, sc into ch-3 space, ch7, sc into ch-7 space\*, rep from \* to \* until end of row, turn.

*Repeat rows 1-2.*

## ***Directions***

### **Bodice**

Foundation row: using smaller hook, chain 289. Turn and work pattern A for twelve rows. Starting with row 13, you will now work each front side separately, starting with the left front.

### **Left front**

- Row 13:* ch4, turn, dc into base of ch just worked, \*ch1, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* 9 more times (total of 10 repeats), ch1, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space **but** last dc should form part of dc2tog: *first dc is worked into ch-1 space, second dc is worked into 3<sup>rd</sup> ch of next ch-3 space.* ch1, sc into top of next 2-dc cluster from prev row, turn.
- Row 14:* Carrying yarn loosely along edge, sl into top of dc2tog just worked in prev row. Work (sc, ch2, hdc) into next ch-3 space, \*ch1, work (2-dc cluster, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into next ch-3 space\*, rep from \* to \* 9 more times (total of 10 repeats). ch1, work (2-dc cluster, ch1, dc) into next ch-1 space (between dc and ch-4 post from prev row), turn.
- Row 15:* ch1, work sc into ch-1 space, work (hdc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space, \*ch1, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* 7 more times (total of 8 repeats), ch1, work (dc, ch3, hdc) into next ch-1 space, ch1, hdc into last ch of next ch-3 space, turn.
- Row 16:* Carrying yarn loosely along edge, sl into top of hdc just worked in prev row (the one in the (hdc, ch3, dc) shell), ch3, \*ch1, work (2-dc cluster, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into next ch-3 space\*, rep from \* to \* 7 more times (total of 8 repeats). **On last repeat**, work the 2-dc cluster together with a dc, working 2-dc cluster into the ch-3 space and working dc into top of last dc from prev row, turn.
- Row 17:* Work ch4 and dc tog, placing dc into ch-1 space, ch2, dc into same ch-1 space, \*ch1, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* 4 more times (total of 5 repeats), ch1, work (dc, ch3, hdc) into next ch-1 space, ch1, sl into last ch of last ch-3 space, turn.
- Row 18:* Carrying yarn loosely along edge, sl into top of dc just worked, ch1, sc into same dc, ch1, work (hdc, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into next ch-3 space, \*ch1, work (2-dc cluster, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into next ch-3 space\*, rep from \* to \* 3 more times (total of 4 repeats). **On last repeat**, work the 2-dc cluster together with a tr, working 2-dc cluster into the ch-3 space and working tr into top of last st from prev row, turn.
- Row 19:* Work ch4 and dc tog, placing dc into ch-1 space, ch3, dc into same ch-1 space, \*ch1, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* 1 more time (total of 2 repeats), ch1, work dc2tog, with first dc into ch-1 space and second dc into first ch of last ch-3 space, turn.
- Row 20:* Work ch5 and dc tog placing dc into 2<sup>nd</sup> dc of prev row. Work 2-dc cluster twice into next ch-3 space, work dc and 2 tr tog, *working dc into second-to-last dc of prev row, 1<sup>st</sup> tr into last ch-3 space, and 2<sup>nd</sup> tr into last dc of prev row.* Cut yarn and bind off.

## Right front

- Row 1: Join yarn with sl st into 12<sup>th</sup> ch-1 space from right front edge. ch1, sc into 2dc-cluster, ch1, dc2tog *with first dc into 1<sup>st</sup> ch of ch-3 space and 2<sup>nd</sup> dc into ch-1 space*. ch3, dc into same ch-1 just worked. \*ch1, sk ch-3 space, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* until last ch-1 space is worked, ch1, work (dc, ch1, dc) into top of ch-3 post from prev row, turn.
- Row 2: ch4, 2-dc cluster into first ch-1 space, \*ch1, work (2-dc cluster, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into next ch-3 space\*, rep from \* to \* until one ch-3 space remains. ch1, work (hdc, ch2, sc) into last ch-3 space, turn.
- Row 3: Carrying yarn loosely along edge, sl into 1<sup>st</sup> ch-1 space from prev row, ch1, sc into 2-dc cluster, hdc into ch-3 space, ch1, work (hdc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space, \*ch1, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* until one ch-1 space remains, ch1, work (dc, ch3, hdc) into last ch-1 space, sc into top of ch4 post from prev row, turn.
- Row 4: Carrying yarn loosely along edge, sl into 1<sup>st</sup> dc from prev row, ch3, \*work (2-dc cluster, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into next ch-3 space\*, rep from \* to \* until one ch-3 space remains, ch4, sl into last ch of last ch-3 space, turn.
- Row 5: Carrying yarn loosely along edge, sl into 1<sup>st</sup> ch of 1<sup>st</sup> ch-3 space, ch1, work (hdc, ch3, dc) into ch-1 space, \*ch1, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* until only one ch-1 space remains. Work the same (dc, ch3, dc) into this final ch-1 space, but *the last dc should be worked as dc-tr-tog*, with the dc worked into the ch-1 and the tr worked into the last 2-dc cluster from prev row. Turn.
- Row 6: ch4, \*work (2-dc cluster, ch3, 2-dc cluster) into next ch-3 space, ch1\*, rep from \* to \* until only one ch-3 space remains, work (2-dc cluster, ch3, hdc) into last ch-3 space, ch1, sc into last dc from prev row, turn.
- Row 7: Carrying yarn loosely along edge, sl into 1<sup>st</sup> 2-dc cluster from prev row. ch3, dc into ch-1 space, \*ch1, work (dc, ch3, dc) into next ch-1 space\*, rep from \* to \* until only one ch-1 space remains. Work the same (dc, ch3, dc) into this final ch-1 space, but *the last dc should be worked as dc-tr-tog*, with dc worked into ch-1 space and tr worked into last 2-dc cluster from prev row. Turn.
- Row 8: ch5, work tr and dc tog (with tr in 1<sup>st</sup> ch-3 space and dc in dc from prev row), work 2-dc cluster twice into ch-3 space, work dc and dtr tog (with dc in dc from prev row and dtr in second-to-last dc from prev row). Cut yarn and bind off.

## Skirt

Starting from bottom of bodice piece with RS facing, use smaller hook to join yarn into back loop of 1<sup>st</sup> ch in bodice foundation row (left side as worn). Work 24 repeats of pattern B [total of 289 sts]. Continue in pattern B for 10 rows. Still using smaller hook, work pattern C for 10 rows. Change to larger hook and work pattern C for an additional 21 rows. Cut yarn and bind off.

## Finishing

### Edging

Weave in ends. Work edge as follows: with smaller hook, join yarn to hem by working sl st into the 1<sup>st</sup> ch of a ch-3 space. ch1, work sc into each st (whether ch, dc, or sc) across bottom of garment until tr at bottom corner of right front. sc into tr st, ch1, turn and work sc evenly spaced

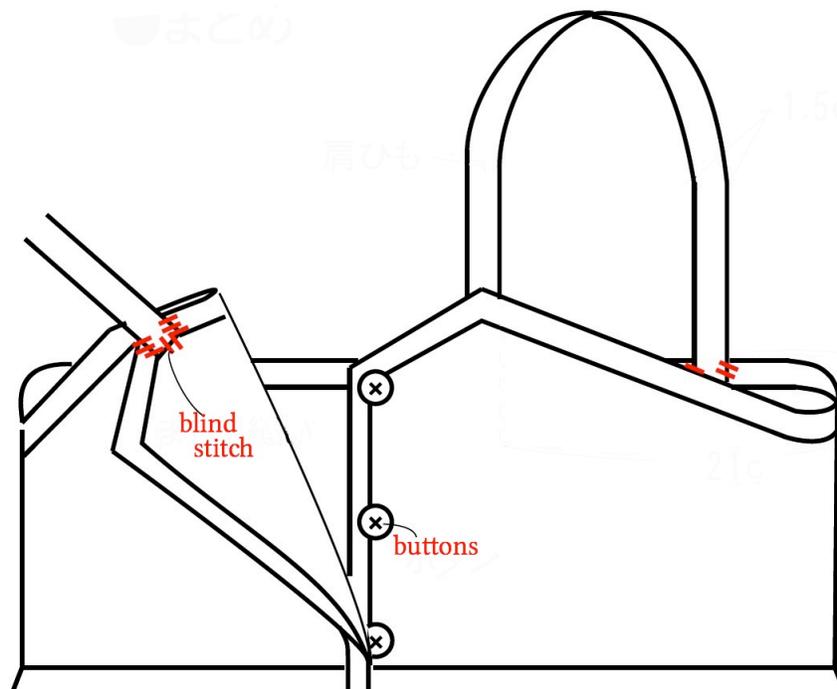
along right front (4 sc worked into each tr, then 3 sc into each dc) until bottom of bodice is reached. Continue working sc along right front edge of bodice, but now work 2 sc into each dc. [When you reach right front bodice corner, you should have 78 sts on right front piece between hem and bottom of bodice and 40 sts on right front between bottom of bodice and neckline.]

Work edge B around top of bodice: starting at corner, ch1, \*sc, work (2dc, ch2, 2dc) into ch-3 space (or tr)\*, rep from \* to \* four times along right front neckline. Rep from \* to \* 6 times along top of right front bodice (from top of neckline to armpit), then rep from \* to \* 16 times along back of bodice (from armpit to armpit). Rep from \* to \* 6 times along top of left front bodice (from armpit to top of neckline), then rep from \* to \* 4 times from top of neckline to bottom of neckline.

Now resume working sc evenly spaced along left front edge: 2 sc into each dc for bodice, then for skirt portion, 3 sc into each dc and 4 sc into each tr. After 4sc have been worked into last tr on left front, ch1, turn, work sc into each st (whether ch, dc, or sc) across bottom of garment until you reach beginning of edging. Sl to join round. Cut yarn and bind off.

### Straps (make 2)

Using smaller hook, ch79, sc into 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, sc into each ch across to end of row. ch1, turn, sc into each st across. Row 3: ch1, turn, \*sc, ch1, sk1\*, rep from \* to \* until end of row. Cut yarn and bind off. Join yarn to 1<sup>st</sup> ch of foundation row, ch1. Working in back loops of foundation row, \*sc, ch1, sk1\*, rep from \* to \* until end of row. Cut yarn and bind off. Sew straps to inside edge of bodice using blind stitch using figure below as guide for strap placement.



Weave in loose ends. Sew three buttons to garment on left front edge using figure above as guide for button placement. Use spaces between edge stitches as buttonholes.