

Billerica

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 31½ (36, 40½, 44, 48½, 52, 55½, 59, 63½)"

Length: 20 (20, 20½, 21, 21½, 22, 22½, 23, 23)"

Shown in size 36". Recommended ease: 1–3" positive ease.

YARN

BERROCO MANTRA (50 grs): 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 8) balls #4433 Toffee

HOOKS and NOTIONS

Crochet hook, size 3.50 mm (E)

or size to obtain gauge

1 safety pin

GAUGE

19 dc and 10 rows = 4" in dc

1 Motif = 4" square

To save time and ensure accurate measurements, take time to check gauge.

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NOTE

This garment is made up of two motif panels, running down center of back and front, and two side panels which join together at the top of the motif panels to form the upper bodice section of back and front. The lower hem edging is worked at end, just before finishing.

STITCH GLOSSARY

2-dc cluster: *Yo, insert hook into stitch indicated, yo hook, draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook; rep from * in same stitch (3 loops on hook); yo hook and draw through all 3 loops on hook

3-dc cluster: *Yo, insert hook into stitch indicated, yo hook, draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook; rep from * in same stitch twice more (4 loops on hook); yo hook and draw through all 4 loops on hook

Cluster Shell: Work (2-dc cluster, ch 3, 2-dc cluster) in ch-3 space of shell below or stitch indicated

Dc2tog: *Yo, insert hook into next stitch, yo hook, draw up a loop; rep from * in next stitch (3 loops on hook); yo hook and draw through all 3 loops on hook—1 dc dec'd

Dc3tog: *Yo, insert hook into next stitch, yo hook, draw up a loop; rep from * in next 2 stitches (4 loops on hook); yo hook and draw through all 4 loops on hook—2 dc dec'd.

Standing dc: Holding yarn with your hook-holding hand, wrap the yarn around the hook twice, insert hook into stitch indicated, yo and draw up a loop, yo and pull through first 2 loops on hook, yo and pull through last 2 loops on hook (completing as for a normal dc). On next row, crochet over the tail left at the top from the standing dc.

MOTIF PANELS

First Motif: Begin with a sliding loop.

Rnd 1: Ch 5, (counts as dc and ch-2), * dc in ring, ch 2; rep from * 6 times more, join with a sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5. Pull sliding loop to close center opening.

Rnd 2: Ch 7 (counts as dc and ch-4), 2-dc cluster in 4th ch from hook, * dc in next dc, ch 4, 2-dc cluster in 4th ch from hook; rep from * 6 times more, join with a sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-7.



Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same st, * ch 3, skip next (ch-4 sp, cluster), [dc3 cluster, (ch 4, dc3 cluster) twice] all in next dc, ch 3, skip next (ch-4 sp, cluster), sc in next dc; rep from * around, omitting last sc, join with a sl st in first sc.

Rnd 4: Ch 4 (counts as tr), * 2 tr in next ch-3 sp, dc in next cluster, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, ch 3, 3 dc in next ch-4 sp, dc in next cluster, 2 tr in ch-3 sp, tr in next sc; rep from * around, omitting last tr, join with a sl st in 4th ch of beg ch-4.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in same st, * sc in each st to corner, (2 sc, ch 3, 2 sc) in corner ch-3 sp; rep from * 3 times more, sc in each st to end of rnd, join with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Next Motif: Work Rnds 1–4 as for first motif.

Rnd 5 (Joining Rnd): Work as for first motif, but join motif to last motif made on last full side of square as follows: On 3rd corner ch-3 sp, work (2 sc, ch 1, sl st in corner of last motif, 2 sc) in corner ch-3 sp, sc in next 6 sts, sl st in middle of edge of last motif, sc in each st to next corner, work as for last corner, joining to last motif, sc in each st to end of rnd, join with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Work a total of 3 motifs for Front Motif Panel and 4 motifs for Back Motif Panel.



LEFT SIDE PANEL

Ch 55 (65, 75, 83, 93, 101, 109, 117, 127).

Row 1 (RS): Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 18 (23, 28, 32, 37, 41, 45, 49, 54) ch, skip next ch, * work [2-dc cluster, ch 3, 2-dc cluster] all in next ch (1 cluster shell made), skip next 3 ch; rep from * twice more, work [2-dc cluster, ch 3, 2-dc cluster] all in next ch, skip next ch, dc in next 19 (24, 29, 33, 38, 42, 46, 50, 55) ch, turn.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc to cluster shell panel, work cluster shell in center ch-3 of the next 4 shells, dc in each dc to end, turn.

Rep Row 2 until piece measures 11 (11, 10½, 10, 9½, 9, 8½, 8, 8)" from beginning, end on WS.

Divide for Back and Front: Next Row (RS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc to 1 dc before cluster shell panel, turn—18 (23, 28, 32, 37, 41, 45, 49, 54) dc.

Left Back: For Sizes 36", 40½", 44", 48½", 52", 55½", 59", and 63½" ONLY: Dec Row 1 (WS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc3tog, dc in each dc to end, turn—2 dc dec'd at armhole.

Dec Row 2 (RS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc to the last 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in last dc, turn—2 dc dec'd at armhole. Working decs in this manner, dec 2 sts at armhole X (0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 5, 7, 8) times more—X (19, 22, 24, 27, 27, 31, 31, 34) dc.

For ALL Sizes: Work even in dc on 18 (19, 22, 24, 27, 27, 31, 31, 34) sts until piece measures 16" from beginning. Fasten off.

Left Front: Join yarn in 2nd dc after the cluster shell panel, using a standing dc. Dc in each dc to end, turn—18 (23, 28, 32, 37, 41, 45, 49, 54) dc.

Next Row (WS): Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), dc in each dc to end. **For Sizes 36", 40½", 44", 48½", 52", 55½", 59", and 63½"**

ONLY: Dec Row 1 (WS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc3tog, dc in each dc to end, turn—2 dc dec'd at armhole.

Dec Row 2 (RS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc to the last 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in last dc, turn—2 dc dec'd at armhole. Working decs in this manner, dec 2 sts at armhole X (0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 5, 7, 8) times more—X (19, 22, 24, 27, 27, 31, 31, 34) dc.

For ALL Sizes: Work even if necessary until piece measures 12" from beginning, end on WS. Break yarn and slip loop from hook to safety pin, then set piece aside.

RIGHT SIDE PANEL

Work as for left side panel until piece measures 11 (11, 10½, 10, 9½, 9, 8½, 8, 8)" from beginning.

Divide for Back and Front: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc to 2 dc before cluster shell panel, turn—18 (23, 28, 32, 37, 41, 45, 49, 54) dc.

Right Front: Next Row: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc to end.

For Sizes 36", 40½", 44", 48½", 52", 55½", 59", and 63½"

ONLY: Dec Row 1 (WS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc3tog, dc in each dc to end, turn—2 dc dec'd at armhole.

Dec Row 2 (RS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc to the last 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in last dc, turn—2 dc dec'd at armhole. Working decs in this manner, dec 2 sts at armhole X (0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 5, 7, 8) times more—X (19, 22, 24, 27, 27, 31, 31, 34) dc.

For ALL Sizes: Work even if necessary until piece measures 12" from beginning, end on WS. Fasten off.

Right Back: Join yarn to the first dc after the cluster shell panel, using a standing dc. Dc in each dc to end, turn—18 (23, 28, 32, 37, 41, 45, 49, 54) dc.

For Sizes 36", 40½", 44", 48½", 52", 55½", 59", and 63½"

ONLY: Dec Row 1 (WS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc3tog, dc in each dc to end, turn—2 dc dec'd at armhole.

Dec Row 2 (RS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each dc to the last 4 dc, dc3tog, dc in last dc, turn—2 dc dec'd at armhole. Working decs in this manner, dec 2 sts at armhole X (0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 5, 7, 8) times more—X (19, 22, 24, 27, 27, 31, 31, 34) dc.

For ALL Sizes: Work even in dc on 18 (19, 22, 24, 27, 27, 31, 31, 34) sts until piece measures 16" from beginning. Fasten off.

UPPER BODICE

Sew Side Panels to side edges of Motif Panels.

Back: With RS facing, join yarn in first dc of Right Back using a standing dc. Dc into each dc in back side panel, dc in ch sp of motif corner, dc in next 7 sc, skip 1 sc, dc in next sc, skip 1 sc, dc in next 7 sc, dc in ch sp of motif corner, dc in each dc of Left Back—53 (55, 61, 65, 71, 79, 83, 91) dc. Work 2 more rows in dc. Mark center 31 dc on last row.

Shape Neck: Left Back Neck/Shoulder: Next Row (WS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 7 (8, 11, 13, 16, 16, 20, 20, 23) dc, dc2tog, dc in next dc, turn—10 (11, 14, 16, 19, 19, 23, 23, 26) dc.

Work 1 row even in dc over these 10 (11, 14, 16, 19, 19, 23, 23, 26) dc. Fasten off.

Right Back Neck/Shoulder: With WS facing, join yarn in the 11th (12th, 15th, 17th, 20th, 20th 24th, 24th, 27th) dc from the edge, using standing dc. Dc2tog using the next 2 dc, then dc in each st to end—10 (11, 14, 16, 19, 22, 23, 25, 29) dc.

Work 1 row even in dc over these 10 (11, 14, 16, 19, 19, 23, 23, 26) dc. Fasten off.

Front: With RS facing, join yarn in first dc of left Front, using a standing dc. Dc in each dc of front side panel, dc in ch-space of motif corner, dc in next 7 sc, skip 1 sc, dc in next sc, skip 1 sc, dc in next 7 sc, dc in ch-space, dc in each dc of front side panel—53 (55, 61, 65, 71, 71, 79, 79, 95) dc. Work 2 more rows in dc.

Shape Neck: Right Front Neck/Shoulder: Next Row (WS): Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 7 (8, 11, 13, 16, 16, 20, 20, 23) dc, dc2tog, dc in next dc, turn—10 (11, 14, 16, 19, 19, 23, 23, 26) dc.

Work even in dc until Front measures same as Back. Fasten off.

Left Front Neck/Shoulder: With WS facing, join yarn in the 11th (12th, 15th, 17th, 20th, 20th 24th, 24th, 27th) dc from the edge, using standing dc. Dc2tog using the next 2 dc, then dc in each st to end—10 (11, 14, 16, 19, 22, 23, 25, 29) dc.

Work even in dc until Front measures same as Back. Fasten off.

HEM EDGING

With RS facing, begin in Right Side section, in space before cluster shell panel, join yarn using a standing dc in ch-1 sp, * (dc in cluster, 3 dc in ch-3 sp) 3 times, dc in cluster, dc in ch-1 sp, dc in each dc to motif, dc in corner, dc in each sc of motif, dc in corner, dc in each dc to cluster shell panel, dc in ch-1 sp, rep from * once more, omitting last dc in ch-1 sp, join with a sl st in standing dc—144 (164, 184, 200, 220, 236, 252, 268, 288) dc. Work even in dc for 0 (0, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 8) more rounds.

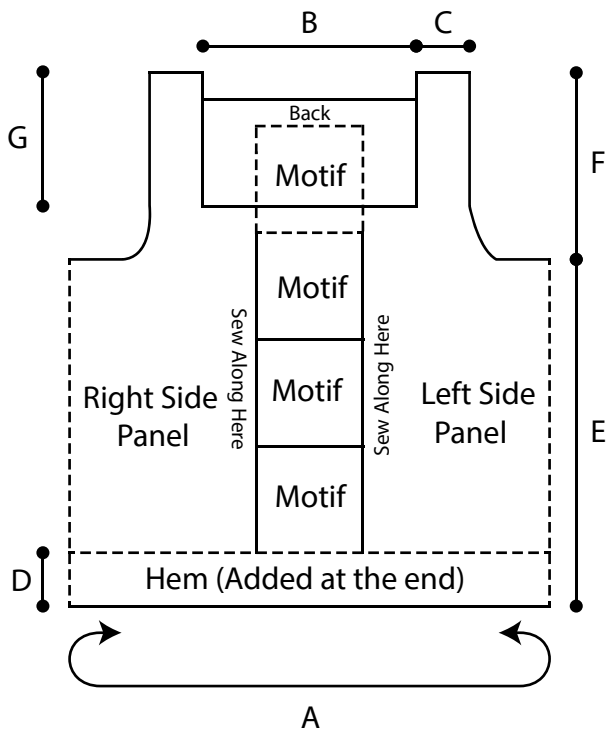
Rnd 2: Ch 3, * work (2-dc cluster, ch 3, 2-dc cluster) all in next st, (1 cluster shell made), skip next 3 dc's, rep from * around, join with a sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 3: Ch 3, cluster shell in each cluster shell to end, join with a sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, * work (2-dc cluster, ch 6, sl st in 4th ch from hook, ch 2, 2-dc cluster) all in ch-3 sp of shell below, rep from * around, join with a sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off.

FINISHING

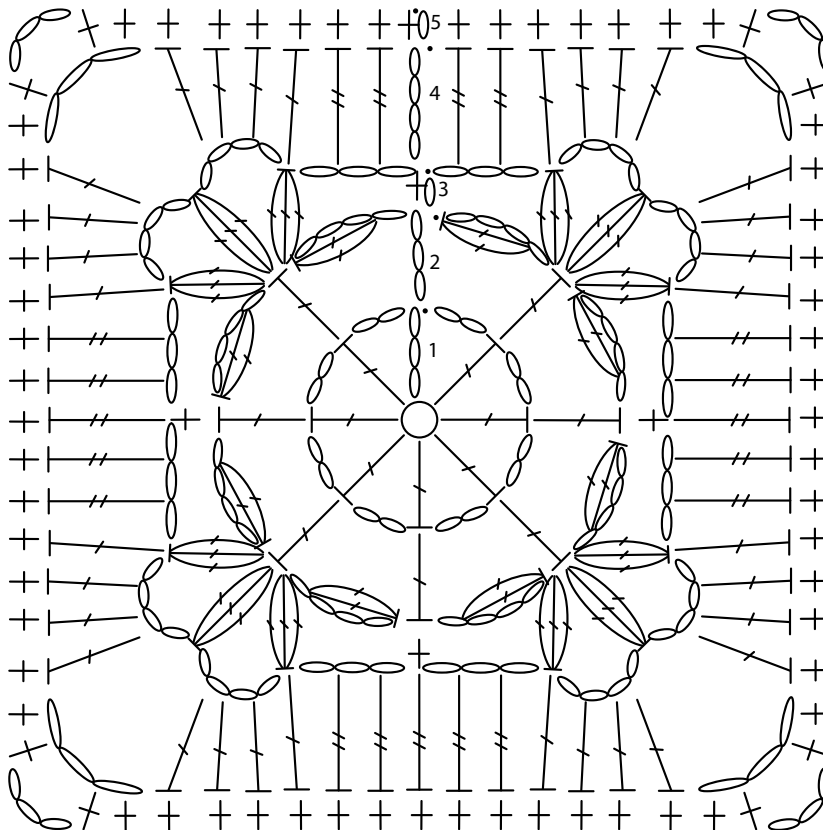
Weave in all ends and block as desired.



BILLERICA MEASUREMENTS

- A (Bust Circumference): 32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 64)"
- B (Neck Width): 7"
- C (Shoulder Width): 2¼ (2½, 3, 3½, 4¼, 4¾, 5, 5, 5¾)"
- D (Hem Length): 2 (2, 2½, 3, 3½, 4, 4½, 5, 5½)"
- E (Length to Underarms): 13"
- F (Armhole Length): 7 (7, 7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10)"
- G (Front Neck Depth): 5"

MOTIF CHART



KEY TO CHART

- sl st
- chain
- ⊕ sc
- ⊥ dc
- ⊥ tr
- ⊥ ch 4, 2-dc cluster
- ⊥ 3-dc cluster

STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

beg: beginning

CC: contrasting color

cont: continue

ch: chain

dec: decrease

dc: double crochet

dtr: double treble crochet

est: established

hdc: half double crochet

inc: increase

MC: main color

pat(s): pattern(s)

pm: place marker

rep: repeat

rnd(s): round(s)

RS: right side

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

sliding loop: Form a loop of yarn around your fingers, with the end attached to the ball on the right and the tail on the left. Insert hook into the loop under both pieces of yarn and draw up a loop onto hook. (This does not count as your first stitch.) Work first row into the original loop. Pull up the yarn tail after your first row is complete to close the loop.

sp: space

st(s): stitch(es)

tog: together

tr: treble

WS: wrong side

yo: yarn over

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