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ALMOND CROCHET TOP

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 5mm crochet hook (remember this is just a recommendation, the gauge will help you decide if you need to use a larger or smaller hook to get the same measurements)
- 2 [2] 2 [3] 3 skeins of 254m (277 yds) x 125g (4.4oz) approx.
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers

Gauge in half double crochet:

4" x 4" (10x10 cm) = 17 sts x 16 rows

MEASUREMENTS:

Length: XS - 4.3" (11 cm) [S - 4.3" (11 cm)] M - 5.3" (13,5 cm) [L - 6" (15 cm)] XL - 7" (17,5 cm)

Width: XS - 15.3" (39 cm) [S - 16" (41 cm)] M - 17" (43 cm) [L - 17.7" (45 cm)] XL - 18.5" (47 cm)

Strap length: XS/S/M - 8.2" (21 cm)] L/XL - 9" (23 cm).

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START CROCHETING!

BODY (X2)

1. **Row 0** - starting with the front, make 61 [68] 75 [82] 89 chains.

2. **Row 1** - make 1 half double crochet (hdc) in each chain.

3. Counting from the right edge to the middle of the top, place a stitch marker on stitches number:

XS - 18 and 19

S - 20 and 21

M - 22 and 23

L - 24 and 25

XL - 26 and 27

Do the same on the other edge. There is where you'll sew the straps #1.

4. Counting stitches from the right edge to the middle of the top, place a stitch marker on stitches number:

XS - 23 and 24

S - 25 and 26

M - 27 and 28

L - 29 and 30

XL - 31 and 32

Do the same on the other edge. That's where you will sew the straps No 2.

5. **Row 2** - continue to make 1 hdc in each hdc up to row 18 (XS-S) [22 (M)] 26 (L) [30 (XL)].

6. Repeat steps 3 and 4 on the last row: 18 (XS-S) [22 (M)] 26 (L) [30 (XL)].

7. Cut the yarn leaving a strand of 2 inches (5 cm) to weave in later.

8. Repeat the same steps to make the back.

Place the front and back facing each other. Using a tapestry needle and a long piece of the same yarn sew it together.

STRAPS (x4)

1. **Row 0** - make 150 (XS-S) [160 (M)] 178 (L) [188 (XL)] chains.

2. **Row 1** - make 1 hdc in each chain

3. Cut the yarn leaving a strand of 2 inches (5 cm) to weave in later.

4. Repeat the same steps to crochet 3 more straps.

STRAP No 1 (x2)

Count **24** stitches and place a stitch marker on that stitch. Do the same on stitch number:

XS/S - 45, 121 and 142

M - 50, 126 and 152

L - 47, 131 and 162

L - 55, 139 and 170

XL - 52, 136 and 172

XL - 60, 144 and 180

STRAP No 2 (x2)

Count **16** stitches and place a stitch marker. Do the same on stitch number:

XS/S - 37, 113 and 134

M - 42, 118 and 144

SEW THE STRAPS TO THE BODY

STRAP No. 1

1. Facing the front, match the stitches number: 18 and 19 (XS) [20 and 21 (S)] 22 and 23 (M) [24 and 25 (L)] 26 and 27 (XL) of the first row of the body (where you placed a stitch marker before) with the stitch number 24 of the strap #1. Using a tapestry needle and a piece of the same yarn, sew it together.
2. Now match the stitches number: 18 and 19 (XS) [20 and 21 (S)] 22 and 23 (M) [24 and 25 (L)] 26 and 27 (XL) of the last row of the body (where you placed a stitch marker

before) with the stitch number: 45 (XS/S) [50 (M)] 55 (L) [60(XL)] of the strap #1.

Using a tapestry needle and a piece of the same yarn, sew it together.

3. Match the stitches number: 18 and 19 (XS) [20 and 21 (S)] 22 and 23 (M) [24 and 25 (L)] 26 and 27 (XL) of the last row of the body (but this time on the back) with the stitch number: 121 (XS/S) [126 (M)] 139 (L) [144 (XL)] of the strap #1. Using a tapestry needle and a piece of the same yarn, sew it

together.

4. Match the stitches number: 18 and 19 (XS) [20 and 21 (S)] 22 and 23 (M) [24 and 25 (L)] 26 and 27 (XL) of the first row of the body (but this time on the back) with the stitch number 142 (XS/S) [152 (M)] 170 (L) [180 (XL)] of the strap #1. Using a tapestry needle and a piece of the same yarn, sew it together.
5. Repeat those steps to join the other strap #1 on the other edge of the body.

STRAP No. 2

1. Facing the front, match the stitches number 23 and 24 (XS) [25 and 26 (S)] 27 and 28 (M) [29 and 30 (L)] 31 and 32 (XL) on the first row of the body (where you placed a stitch marker before) with the stitch number 16 of the strap #2. Using a tapestry needle and a piece of the same yarn, sew it together.
2. Now match the stitches number 23 and 24 (XS) [25 and 26 (S)] 27 and 28 (M) [29 and 30 (L)] 31 and 32 (XL) on the last row of the body (where you placed a stitch marker before) with the stitch number: 37 (XS/S) [42 (M)] 47 (L) [52 (XL)] of the strap #2. Using a tapestry

needle and a piece of the same yarn, sew it together.

3. Match the stitches number: 23 and 24 (XS) [25 and 26 (S)] 27 and 28 (M) [29 and 30 (L)] 31 and 32 (XL) on the last row of the body (but this time on the back) with the stitch number 113 (XS/S) [118 (M)] 131 (L) [136 (XL)] of the strap #2. Using a tapestry needle and a piece of the same yarn, sew it together.
4. Match the stitches number: 23 and 24 (XS) [25 and 26 (S)] 27 and 28 (M) [29 and 30 (L)] 31 and 32 (XL) on the first row of the body (but this time on the back) with the stitch number: 134 (XS/S) [144 (M)] 162 (L) [172 (XL)] of the strap #2. Using a tapestry needle and a piece of the same yarn, sew it together.
5. Repeat those steps to join the other strap #2 on the other edge of the body.

FINISH YOUR PROJECT!

1. Using a tapestry needle weave in the ends.
2. Block your project to a better shape!