

**SKILL LEVEL****Easy / Facile / Fácil****Size:**

This sweater is available in sizes XS (28 inch chest) through to 5XL (60-62 inch chest).

Shoulder to waist is approximately 20 inches (50cm), ease around the bust is approximately 1-2 inches

Instructions are given for the smallest size (XS/S). Minor changes for larger sizes are given in brackets:

XS/S 28-34 inch chest

M 36-38 inch chest (in brackets)

L/XL/2XL 40-50 inch chest (second number in brackets)

3XL/4XL/5XL 52-62 inch chest (third number in brackets)

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Materials:

- DK Yarn in cotton. I used Paintbox yarns DK cotton, available here on [LoveCrafts](#) (affiliate link)



Size XS/S Approx 650m

Size M Approx 750m

Size L/XL/2XL 1000m

Size 3XL/4XL/5XL 1200m

- 4.5mm (size 7) hook via [Amazon](#) (affiliate link) or [Lovecrafts](#) (affiliate link)
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Measuring Tape

Gauge:

Gauge is important to give you an idea of whether your project will be the size you want, especially important with clothing! Can you imagine putting in all that work to find you can't get your arm in or it's hanging off your shoulders? Ok maybe that's the look you want, but so many crafters miss this stage out and then spend just as long pulling out their work to remake it so it fits. Moral of the story is check it's going to fit first!!

I usually recommend making a swatch that measures at least 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 inches using the stitch in the pattern the gauge is given for (see below).

Test your yarn against the gauge sizing below or see your yarn information label to check the typical gauge if you want to use an alternative.

Rope Stitch = 6 stitches x 9 rows (10x10 cm) - see the pattern description below to help you out

If your swatch is smaller than this then swap to a larger hook, if you have a larger swatch then use a smaller hook needle until the required gauge is reached.

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Abbreviations:

Ch – Chain

Ch sp – Chain Space

DC – Double Crochet

HDC – Half Double Crochet

SC – Single Crochet

Sk – Skip a stitch

Slst – Slip stitch

Pattern Notes:

- Stitches are given in US terms
- All measurements given are unblocked.
- Note that measurements are given as exact as possible. Your tension & technique might give variations in the result, but that's what makes it unique!

Main Body (Make 2)

Chain 81 (89,113,137)

Row 1 – First we will create the foundation row, this is still worked in groups of three stitches but is slightly different to the main pattern rows.

DC into the fourth chain, Ch1, DC into the next stitch, sk1, repeat *DC,Ch1,DC,Sk1*.

Continue working from * to * in groups of 3 stitches until the end of the row.
Turn your work. (80 stitches) (88/112/136)

Row 2 – Ch3 Sk first DC *DC into ChSp, Ch1, DC into SAME Chsp, Sk2*. Repeat this pattern from * to * until the end of the row. Turn your work (80 stitches) (88/112/136)

Row 2 – 42 Continue with Row 2 until your piece is approximately 50cm long (or shorter if you prefer a cropped look)

Dolphin Waves Tee

Now we're going to create the shoulder border.

Row 43 – Ch2, HDC into first stitch, HDC into Chsp, HDC into the next stitch (this should be the second post of the “v” in the row below). *HDC,HDC into Chsp, HDC* , repeat from * to* to the end of the row.

Row 44 – Ch2, HDC into every stitch

Row 45 – Ch2 HDC into every stitch

Congratulations, the main work is done!

Now we get to put it all together.....

Putting it all together

Once your pieces have been blocked and have great straight edges it's time to lay them out on a flat surface, one on top of the other (there is no right or wrong side with this stitch pattern so whichever side looks best).

Mark your neck opening at the shoulder seams with pins (I left 35cm for the opening but you could make it wider if you prefer an off the shoulder style).

Starting from the shoulder edge SC your shoulder edges together to create a good strong seam.



Dolphin Waves Tee

This is what your shoulder seam will look like.

Now you have a right side and a wrong side so be sure to keep the wrong sides together and the seam facing out!



Keeping your two main body pieces lying flat on top of each other (wrong sides together so the seam is on the outside) measure 25cm from the shoulder seam down the side of your piece for the armhole and pin.

SC the seam together from your pin down to the base of your tee.

Do this on each side.

Turn your work the right side out (after removing your pins obv's!)

Dolphin Waves Tee

Now we're going to create the armhole borders, this means turning your work so the shoulder seam is to the left (or the right if you're left handed) with the edges of the sleeves facing away from you. We're going to work into the edge of these rows to create a nice smooth 'sleeve'.

With the right sides facing outwards and the seams on the inside, attach yarn at the armpit seam (see the image below), YO and insert your hook into the gap created by the DC at the end of the armhole row (this looks like a Chain space but it is technically the last stitch in the row turned on it's side).

Pull up a loop, YO and pull through all three loops. Continue picking up HDC stitches around the armhole – I made 2HDC in each of the spaces that the Ch3/HDC at the beginning or end of the row had created this worked out at 70 stitches including HDC into each row of the shoulder border. Yours may be slightly more or less depending on the size of your armhole.

Slst to your original HDC and secure.



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Dolphin Waves Tee

This is what your armhole should look like once you have completed your first row of HDC.



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Dolphin Waves Tee

Ch1 then HDC into each stitch. Repeat this once more so you have three rows of HDC to create your sleeve edging.

Repeat this for the second arm hole.



Weave in all of your ends (don't worry, you're almost finished, there aren't many).

Get your phone out and send me a selfie, I love to see what you've all created!

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