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2024

SUMMER CROCHET CALENDAR

BONUS! 3 Patterns for Summer

June

Crochet Challenge

Start crocheting for Christmas today! It's never too early.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Yarn Bombing Day	12	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 First Day of Summer	21	22
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Crochet Tip

Make a list of people to crochet for this year and create a plan for what to complete each month.

Alix One-Shoulder Tee

by Michele Maks

Alix is a fun top that is crocheted in two pieces with elastic bands for optimal sizing. Put the first piece on like a tube top and then attach the top piece where you see fit using simple seaming methods!

Skill Level: Easy
Size: XS (S, M, L, XL, XXL)
Finished bust 33 (36, 39, 42, 45, 48)"
Gauge: 12 dc = 4" [10 cm] and 12 rows V stitch = 7" [18 cm]

Materials

Yarn: Lion Brand 24/7 Cotton (100% Cotton; 186 yards [170 meters]/100 grams): #100 White (MC, 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3) skeins), #110 Navy (A, 1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2) skeins), #107 Sky (B, 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2) skeins), #158 Goldenrod (C, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 2) skeins), #113 Red (D, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) skein)

Hook: US size 8/H (5.00 mm)

Notions: Tapestry needle, scissors, 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3) yards 0.5" elastic, safety pin for help weaving elastic through casings

Special Stitches

V-stitch (V-st): (dc, ch 1, dc)

Pattern

Tube Top Body

Row 1: Beg at side seam, with MC, ch 35 (37, 39, 39, 41, 43), sc in 2nd ch from hook and every ch across. (34 (36, 38, 38, 40, 42) sc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), sk first sc, [sk next sc, make V-st in next sc] 12 (13, 14, 14, 15, 16) times, sk 1 sc, dc in rem 8 sc.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), sk first dc, dc in next 7 dc, V-st in next 12 (13, 14, 14, 15, 16) V-sts, ending with sk last dc of V-st, dc in last dc.

Rows 4-5: Work same as Row 3, changing to A in last 2 lps of last st.

Rows 6-7: Work same as Rows 3 with A, changing to MC in last 2 lps of last st.

Rows 8-51 (56, 60, 65, 70): Cont to work same as Row 3, changing colors in sequence as follows:

Color Sequence

4 rows MC

2 rows A already worked

2 rows MC

2 rows B

1 row C

2 rows B

1 row C

2 rows B

2 rows MC

2 rows D

2 rows MC

2 rows A

1 row C

2 rows A

1 row C

2 rows A

Rep Color Sequence as needed to obtain the right number of rows.

Fasten off. Sew end of last row and beg ch edge of first row of sc to form side seam of tube.

Tube Top Finishing

Sew end of last row to beg ch edge of first sc row to form side seam.

Bottom Edging

Rnd 1: Attach MC in side seam with RS facing with sl st, ch 1, sc evenly around entire bottom edge, sl st to join at end of rnd.

Rnd 2 (WS): Ch 1, turn, sc in every sc around, ending sl st to join.

Rnds 3-4: Rep Rnd 2, working on RS, then WS.

Rnd 5 Rnd (Picot): Ch 2, turn, with RS facing, [sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sk 1 sc, sl st in next 2 sc] around, ending with sl st into first st.

Fasten off.

Turn dc at top edge over to the inside and sew down, forming elastic casing, leaving an opening at side seam. Thread elastic through casing, adjust to fit top of chest, sew ends together securely when fit above upper bust snugly. Sew casing opening closed.

Faux Sleeve/Ruffle

Row 1: With MC, ch 25, sc in 2nd ch from hook and every ch across. (24 sc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), sk first sc, [sk next sc, make V-st in next sc] 7 times, sk 1 sc, dc in rem 8 sc.

Rep patt above as for Tube Top, repeating Color Sequence, working for 75 (84, 90, 97, 105) rows.

Faux Sleeve/Ruffle Finishing

Sew end of last row to beg ch edge of first sc row to form seam.

Bottom Edging

Rnd 1: Attach MC in side seam with RS facing with sl st, ch 1, sc evenly around entire bottom edge, sl st to join at end of rnd.

Rnd 2 (WS): Ch 1, turn, sc in every sc around, ending sl st to join.

Rnds 3-4: Rep Rnd 2, working on RS, then WS.

Rnd 5 Rnd (Picot): Ch 2, turn, with RS facing, [sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sk 1 sc, sl st in next 2 sc] around, ending with sl st into first st. Fasten off.

Elastic Casing

Turn dc at top edge over to the inside and sew down, forming elastic casing, leaving an opening at side seam. Thread elastic through casing and sew ends together securely when fit above upper bust snugly. Sew casing opening closed.

Sew together in the same manner as the tube top. Tack the top at side seam.

Wear with ruffle above the opposite shoulder.

July

Crochet Challenge

Kick summer boredom to the curb with advanced and engaging crochet patterns!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31		National Anti-Boredom Month	

Crochet Tip

Stay cool this summer by crocheting with plant-based yarn. Cotton, linen, hemp and bamboo are more breathable than animal-based or synthetic fibers.

Aruba Sea Throw

by Roseanna Beck

Capture the feel of the ocean with this sea-inspired throw. Fresh and colorful, this afghan will become a summertime favorite.

Skill Level: Easy
Size: 47" x 57"
Gauge: 8 row pattern = 5½"; sc, Shell, sc, sc = 3"

Materials

Yarn: Red Heart Super Saver (100% acrylic; 160 yards [146 meters]/85 grams): #0505 Aruba Sea (5 skeins)

Hook: US size G/6 (4.5 mm) hook or size needed for gauge

Special Stitches

V Stitch (V st): (dc, ch 3, dc) in space or stitch indicated.

Fan Shell: Dc, (sc, dc) 4 times in space or stitch indicated.

Dc dec: Worked over three stitches. Work the first double crochet until only 2 loops are on the hook. Skip next dc, Yarn over, place hook in next stitch, yarn over, pull through stitch, yarn over, pull through 2 loops (3 loops on hook). Yarn over, pull yarn through all 3 loops for a completed decrease.

Pattern Notes

Throw is crocheted in multiples of 9 plus 2.

Pattern

Row 1: Ch 146, sc in 2nd ch from hook, [ch 4, skip 2 chs, sc in next ch] across, turn. (48 ch 4 spaces)

Row 2 (RS): Ch 6, *sc in next ch space, ch 2, 5 dcs in next ch space, ch 2, sc in next ch space, ch 2, repeat from * across, tr in last stitch, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first stitch, ch 2, skip 2 ch spaces, *dc in each of next 2 dcs, V st in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dcs, ch 2**, skip next ch space, sc in next ch space, ch 2, skip next ch space, repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, skip last 2 ch spaces, sc in last stitch, turn.

Row 4: Ch 4, [dc dec in next 3 dcs, ch 3, (2 dcs, ch 1, 2 dcs) in ch space of V st, ch 3, dc dec in next 3 dcs] across ending with a tr in last stitch, turn.

Row 5: Ch 5, [sc in next ch space, ch 3] across, dc in last stitch, turn.

Row 6: Ch 3, 2 dcs in next ch space, *[ch 2, sc in next ch space] twice, ch 2**, 5 dcs in next ch space, repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, 2 dcs in last ch space, dc in last stitch, turn.

Row 7: Ch 4, dc in same stitch, dc in each of next 2 dcs, *ch 2, skip next ch space, sc in next ch space, ch 2, dc in each of next 2 dcs**, V st in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dcs, repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, (dc, ch 1, dc) in last stitch, turn.

Row 8: Ch 3, 2 dcs in next ch space, ch 3, *[dc dec in next 3 dcs] twice, ch 3**, (2 dcs, ch 1, 2 dcs) in next ch 3 space, repeat from * across ending last repeat at **, 3 dcs in last stitch, turn.

Row 9: Ch 1, sc in first stitch, [ch 3, sc in next ch space] across ending ch 3, sc in last stitch, turn.

Continue pattern repeating Rows 2-9 for a total of 81 rows.

Edging

Work along top edge Fan Shell in right corner sc, *(sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch 3 space, [Fan Shell in next ch 3 space, sc in next ch 3 space, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next sc, sc in next ch 3 space] across ending (sc, ch 3, sc) in last ch 3 space, Fan Shell in last sc.

Work along side edge, skip 1 ch space, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch space, [Fan Shell in next ch space, sc in next ch

space, (sc, ch 3, sc) in space between 2 ch spaces, sc in next ch space] across ending (sc, ch 3, sc) in last ch space.

Work along bottom edge Fan Shell in bottom corner sc, repeat pattern from * around for bottom edge and opposite side edge, join to beginning dc and fasten off.

August

Crochet Challenge

It's National Dog Month! Crochet your furry friend a brand new dog coat or collar cozy.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
National Dog Month	*I Like Crochet* www.ilikecrochet.com			1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15 Granny Square Day	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Crochet Tip

For any project, buy a little extra in the same dye lot. You never know when you might need it!

Rincón Stripes Afghan

by Michele Maks

Inspired by the colors of Rincón, Puerto Rico, single crochet striped strips make this an easy and satisfying stitch for whatever beach you find yourself crocheting upon. Construction is done with single crochet as well to avoid sewing.

Skill Level: Beginner
Size: 50" x 57¼" before edging; 52½" x 60" with edging
Gauge: 11 sts = 4' [10 cm]; 16 rows = 5" [12.7 cm] in sc

Materials

Yarn: Lion Brand Vanna's Choice (100% Acrylic; 170 yards [156 meters]/100 grams): #145 Eggplant (A), 1 skein; #139 Rose Shocking (B), 1 skein; #112 Raspberry (C), 1 skein; #134 Terracotta (D), 1 skein; #158 Mustard (E), 2 skeins; #146 Dusty Purple (F), 1 skein; #173 Dusty Green (G), 1 skein; #142 Rose (H), 1 skein; #169 Pistachio (I), 1 skein; #101 Pink (J), 1 skein; #171 Fern (K), 1 skein; #106 Aquamarine (L), 1 skein; #105 Silver Blue (M), 1 skein; #123 Beige (N), 1 skein; #111 Sky Blue (O), 1 skein; #115 Light Blue (P), 1 skein; #102 Aqua (Q), 1 skein; #113 Scarlet (X), 2 skeins

Hook: 10/J (6 mm)

Notions: Tapestry needle; scissors

Pattern Notes

Each square is 27 sts across x 26 rows high. This allows an uneven number of 2 row stripes (13 changes) to begin and end with the same color.It is helpful to mark each skein with A, B, C, etc., to avoid color confusion.

Pattern

Strips 1 and 5

With A, ch 28.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and every ch across – 27 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in every sc across, changing to B at end of row.

Rows 3-4: With B, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to A at end of last row.

Rows 5-6: With A, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to B at end of last row.

Rows 7-36: Rep Rows 3-6, changing to C at end of Row 26. Break A.

Rows 37-38: With C, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to B at end of last row.

Rows 39-40: With B, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to C at end of last row.

Rows 39-68: Rep Rows 37-40, changing to D at the end of last row. Break B.

Rows 71-72: With D, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to C at end of last row.

Rows 73-74: With C, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to D at end of last row.

Rows 73-100: Rep Rows 69-72. Break C.

Rows 101-104: Rep Rows 69-70, changing to E at end of last row.

Rows 105-106: With E, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to D at end of last row.

Rows 107-108: With D, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to E at end of last row.

Rows 109-136: Rep Rows 105-108. Break D.

Rows 137-138: With E, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to F at end of last row.

Rows 139-140: With F, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to E at end of last row.

Rows 141-172: Rep Rows 137-140.

Fasten off E and F at end of last row.

Strips 2 and 4

With G, ch 28.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and every ch across – 27 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in every sc across, changing to H at end of row.

Rows 3-4: With H, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to G at end of last row.

Rows 5-6: With G, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to H at end of last row.

Rows 7-36: Rep Rows 3-6, changing to I at end of Row 36. Break G.

Rows 37-38: With I, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to H at end of last row.

Rows 39-40: With H, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to I at end of row.

Rows 41-68: Rep Rows 37-40, changing to I at the end of last row. Break H.

Rows 69-70: With I, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to J at end of last row.

Rows 71-72: With J, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to I at end of last row.

Rows 73-100: Rep Rows 69-72. Break I.

Rows 105-106: With K, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to J at end of last row.

Rows 107-108: With J, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to K at end of last row.

Rows 109-136: Rep Rows 103-106, changing to K at end of last row. Break J.

Rows 137-138: With K, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to L at end of last row.

Rows 139-140: With L, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to K at end of last row.

Rows 141-172: Rep Rows 135-138.

Fasten off K and L at end of last row.

Strip 3 (make 1)

With M, ch 28.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and every ch across – 27 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in every sc across, changing to N at end of row.

Rows 3-4: With N, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to M at end of last row.

Rows 5-6: With M, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to N at end of last row.

Rows 7-36: Rep Rows 3-6, changing to O at end of row.

Break M and N.

Rows 37-38: With O, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to P at end of last row.

Rows 39-40: With P, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to O at end of row.

Rows 41-72: Rep Rows 37-40, changing to Q at the end of last row.

Rows 73-74: With Q, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to O at end of last row.

Rows 75-76: With O, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to Q.

Rows 77-108: Rep Rows 73-76, changing to P at end of last row.

Rows 109-110: With P, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to O at end of last row.

Rows 111-112: With O, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to P at end of last row.

Rows 113-144: Rep Rows 103-106, changing to N at end of last row. Break O and Q.

Rows 145-146: With N, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to P at end of last row.

Rows 147-148: With P, ch 1, turn, sc in every sc across, changing to N at end of last row.

Rows 139-172: Repeat Rows 145-148 consecutively.

Fasten off N and P at end of last row.

Join Strips

Line the strips up in 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 order. With RS held together, sc Strips together on the WS edge with the right-hand side to the left-hand side of Strips in the above order. Using X, sc in sides of corresponding rows all along the long edges from bottom to top.

When all 5 strips are joined, work Edging.

Edging

Rnd 1: With X, attach yarn in any sc at top edge, sc across top edge of Afghan, making 3 sc in each top corner, sc along long edge evenly, 3 sc in bottom corner, sc across beg ch edge, 3 sc in right-hand bottom corner, sc evenly along rem long side, sl st to join in first sc.

Rnds 2-4: Sc in each sc around, again working 3 sc in each corner and ending with sl st to join at end of rnds. Fasten off X.

Rnd 5: With E, attach yarn in any sc with WS facing, and continuing with WS facing throughout, (sc in sc, ch 1, sk next sc) around, sl st to join in first sc.

Fasten off E.

Finishing

Weave in loose ends.