



Size: UK 10 – US 6 – EU 36 – **Skill Level:** advanced

How much yarn: 6 balls (each ball 50g and 125m) of Sugar yarn (100% Sugar cane) shade no. 7657

Hook: A 3.25mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: 3 metal hook-and-eye closures

STITCHES

Using hook: chain (ch) – Slip stitch (ss)

Double crochet (dc) – Treble (tr)

ARCH STITCH: **1st row:** 1 dc into each ch; 1 ch, turn.

2nd row: 1 dc into each of first 2 dc; * ch5, miss next 4 sts, 1 dc into next st, ch4, miss 3 sts, 1 dc into next st; rep from * until to last 6 sts, ch5, miss next 4 sts, 1 dc into each of last 2 sts; turn. **3rd row:** ch5 (ch3 = tr and ch2 = space), * (1 dc, ch1, 1 dc) into centre ch of next arch, ch4, (1 dc, ch1, 1 dc) into 3rd ch of next arch, ch5; rep from * until to last arch, (1 dc, ch1, 1 dc) into centre ch of next arch, ch2, 1 tr into next dc; 1 ch, turn. **4th row:** 1 dc into 1st st, * ch5, (1 dc, ch1, 1 dc) into centre ch of next arch, ch4, (1 dc, ch1, 1 dc) into 3rd ch of next arch; rep from * ending with ch5 and 1 dc into last tr; turn. Rep 3rd and 4th rows throughout.

SHELL STITCH: **1st row:** ch3 (= 1 tr), miss 1 ch, * (1 tr, ch and 1 tr = V-motif) into next ch, miss next 2 ch, 1 tr into each of next 3 ch, miss 2 ch; rep from * until to last 3 ch, 1 V-motif into next ch, miss 1 ch, 1 tr into last ch; turn. **2nd row:** ch3 (= first tr), ch1 (= space), * 5 tr into next ch3-sp, ch1, 1 tr into centre tr of the following three, ch1; rep from * ending with last tr into top of ch3 at beg of previous row, omit last ch, turn. **3rd row:** ch3 (= first tr), ch2 and 1 tr into next ch, * 1 tr into each of centre 3 trebles of following 5, into next tr work one V-Motif; rep from * to end working last V-Motif as follows: 1 tr into next ch1-sp, ch2 and 1 tr into top of ch3 at beg of previous row, turn. **4th row:** ch3 (= 1 tr), 2 tr into next ch2-sp, ch1, * 1 tr into centre tr of the following three, ch1, 5 tr into next ch3-sp, ch1; rep from * to end omitting last 5 tr into ch3-sp; work 2 tr into last ch2-sp and 1 tr into top of ch3 at beg of previous row, turn.

5th row: ch3 (= 1 tr), * into next centre tr work one V-Motif, 1 tr into each of centre 3 trebles of following 5; rep from * to end and, after last V-Motif, work

only 1 tr into top of ch3 at beg of previous row, turn. Rep from 2nd to 5th row throughout.

TENSION

5 arches and 10.5 rows measure 10cm square over arch stitch with 3.25 mm crochet hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Work in one piece.

Back and front: with 3.25 mm hook ch198 and, starting from 2nd ch from hook, work in Arch stitch (= 197 dc on 1st row and 43 arches on 2nd row). When work measures 12cm from beg, start neck shaping and, at the same time, divide piece to shape armholes, working 11 arches for either Front and 21 arches for Back. Shape neck on either Front, decreasing 3 arches evenly during 8 rows, and shape each armhole decreasing 1 arch inside first and last 11 arches. Work each piece separately. When work measures 31cm from beg, stop working on rem Back arches and continue to work 3 rows dc on rem 8 Front arches: there are 31 dc. Stop working but don't cut yarn. Continue to work in Shell stitch, along opposite side of starting chain. There are 28 V-Motifs. When Shell stitch measures 22cm from beg, fasten off and cut yarns.

Sleeves: sew shoulder seams, working a joining row as follows: **4th row:** 2 joinind dc to corresponding arches on Back shoulders (insert crochet hook into both sides: Front and Back), * ch5, miss 3 sts on 3rd row (= previous row), 1 joining dc; rep from * across the 31 shoulder sts, ending with a joining dc. Cut yarn and fasten off. For each Sleeve, work rounds in arch stitch around each armhole, ending each round with a joining slip stitch: there are 16 arches on 1st round. When work measures 16 cm, work a row dc. Then cut yarn and fasten off.

FINISHING

Work a row of dc on each Front opening edge, from bottom to neck shaping beg. Cut yarn and fasten off. Sew the eye-and-hook closures: the first corresponding to 1st row, the 3rd to neck shaping beg and the 2nd in the middle, between these closures.