Sugar

Size: UK 10 - US 6 - EU 36 - **Skill Level:** intermediate

How much yarn: 7 balls (each ball 50g and 125m) of **Sugar** yarn (100% Viscose Sugar cane), whose 3 balls cream no. 7649 and 4 balls beige shade no. 8723
Hook: A 4.00mm crochet hook
Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

STITCHES
Using Hook: chain (ch) – Slip stitch (ss)
Double crochet (dc) – Treble (tr)
CHECKERED MESH STITCH: (worked over a multiple of 5 sts plus 3 sts) **Row 1:** ch3 (corresponding to 1st treble), 1 tr into each of next 2 ch, * ch2, miss next 2 ch, 1 tr into each of next 3 ch; rep from * to end, turn. **Row 2:** ch5 (corresponding to 1st treble and 1st 2ch-space), * 3 tr into next 2ch-space, * ch2, 3 tr into next 2ch-space; rep from * ending with 1 tr into 3rd beg ch of previous row, turn. **Row 3:** ch3 (corresponding to 1st tr), 2 tr into next 2ch-space, * ch2, 3 tr into next 2ch-space; rep from * ending with last tr into 3rd beg ch of previous row, turn. Rep Rows 2-3 throughout, **alternating 1 row with cream yarn and 1 row with beige** yarn. **Note:** 1 square of Checkered Mesh Stitch corresponds to 3 tr or 2 ch (for example: 2 squares correspond to 1 tr3square and 1 ch2square; 3 squares correspond to 3 tr,ch2 and 3 tr or ch2, 3 tr and ch2, depending on the row you are working).

TENSION
20 sts (corresponding to 8 motifs) and 9 rows measure 10cm square over checkered mesh with 4.00mm crochet hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS
Back and front: work in one piece until to armholes. With cream yarn ch158 and work in Checkered Mesh st, decreasing 1 square of the stitch Motif at each end, for Front neck shaping, on 8th, 19th and 28th rows. AT THE SAME TIME, on 17th row (when work measures 18cm) divide work into three pieces, to create armholes as follows.

Left front: work 10 squares of the stitch Motif, turn work, dec 1 square and work row to end. Cont to work only on these squares 16 more rows (= corresponding to 18.5cm from armhole beg), decreasing other 2 squares as given before for neck shaping: 7 square remain for shoulder. Fasten off.

Back: omit to work 8 squares for armhole and work on following 25 squares, turn work, dec 1 square and work 23 squares, decreasing 1 square at end of the row. Cont to work on rem squares 13 more rows (= corresponding to 15.5cm from armhole beg), then, for neck shaping, omit to work on centre 7 squares and cont separately on either side: work 1 row, decreasing 1 square on neck edge, and work another row on rem 7 squares (= shoulder). Fasten off.

Right front: omit to work 8 squares for armhole and work on rem squares as given for Left Front, but reversing shaping.

Sleeves: for each sleeve, with cream yarn ch73 and work in Checkered Mesh st, decreasing 1 square of the stitch Motif at each end, on 6th, 13th and 18th rows. Cont to work straight (without decs). When Sleeve measures 40cm and 36 rows have been worked, inc 1 square at each end on next row and every following 3 more rows. When Sleeve measures 46.5cm and 42 rows have been worked, shape sleeve top: omit 3 squares at each end, then dec 1 square at each end on next and every following alternate row 7 times, then every row 3 times. When sleeve top measures 20cm and 18 rows have been worked, fasten off.

Twisted Cord: cut several strands of yarn 3 times longer than needed. For example: if your cord is to be 180cm long you will need strands 540cm long. Knot the strands together at each end and insert a pencil through one end. Pin down the other end securely. Keeping the yarn full length and taut, twist the pencil until the yarn is tightly twisted and kinks when the tension is relaxed. Fold yarn in half keeping it taut to avoid tangling and remove pencil. Make a knot at both ends, leaving extra yarn to make small tassels.

FINISHING
Sew shoulder seams. Set in sleeves and sew sleeve seams. All around bodice with beige yarn work as follows:
1st round: work dc all round, end with 1 ss into first dc. **2nd round:** * 1 dc, ch2, miss 1 st; rep from * ending with a ss into first dc. **3rd round:** ch3 (corresponding to first tr) and 5 tr (= first shell) into first ch2-space, miss next ch2-sp, 1 dc into next ch2-sp, miss next ch2-sp, * 6 tr (= shell) into next ch2-space, miss next ch2-sp, 1 dc into next ch2-sp, miss next ch2-sp; rep from * trying to work a shell on the corners of the fronts to round them out. End with a ss at beg of first shell. Fasten off. Work same border around each sleeve. For closing bodice, insert cord into 5th row from Front beg and cross it between opening spaces on both Front sides, as shown in picture.