

# Crochet Cropped Top: Easy Pattern for Beginners

This pattern is designed for a size Medium, but with some adjustments, you can easily adapt it for different sizes. It uses basic crochet stitches and is perfect for beginners or anyone wanting a quick and fun project.

**Skill Level:** Beginner

**Finished Size:** Medium (can be adjusted)

**Materials:**

- **Crochet Hook: 2.5mm (or adjust based on your tension)**
- **Yarn:**
  - **Color A (e.g., Cream or Beige):** For the initial foundation and some decorative details.
  - **Color B (e.g., Light Green):** For the main body of the top.
  - **Color C (e.g., Medium Green):** For continuing the gradient.
  - **Color D (e.g., Dark Green):** For the final touches.
  - **You can choose any yarn you like, but try to pick colors that create a nice gradient/ombre look. Consider using cotton or a cotton blend yarn for a comfortable and breathable top.**
- **Scissors**
- **Yarn Needle for weaving in ends**
- **Stitch Markers (optional)**
- **Buttons or ribbon (for optional back closure)**

**Sizing:**

This pattern is written for a size Medium. To adjust for different sizes, follow the tips under "Increasing and Decreasing" below.

**Gauge**

4" square = 12 sts x 8 rows in double crochet (dc)

\*Important: Check your gauge! The fit of the top depends on it. If your swatch is too small, use a larger hook. If it's too large, use a smaller hook.

**Abbreviations:**

- ch - chain
- sc - single crochet
- dc - double crochet
- sl st - slip stitch
- st(s): stitch(es)
- rep - repeat

**Notes:**

- The pattern is worked in rounds and rows.

- Stitch counts are provided at the end of each round/row.
- Be mindful of your tension throughout the project. Consistent tension will help your top have a nice, even look.
- Adjust the number of chains at the beginning based on the desired bust size and fit.

### **Front and Back Panels (Make 2):**

#### **Round 1:**

1. Ch 20 (This will be the foundation chain for the size Medium. You may need more or less chains depending on your desired size.)
2. Mark the last ch on your hook.
3. Ch 4, turn.
4. Dc in the marked ch.
5. Dc in each ch across.
6. Make 5 dc in the last ch (this makes a "corner").
7. Dc in the next ch.
8. Dc in each ch across the other side.
9. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

#### **Round 2:**

1. Ch 3, turn (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in the next dc across.
3. Dc in the first dc of the corner (the 5 dc group from round 1).
4. Make a leek in the next dc of the corner:
  - Dc in the stitch.
  - Ch 2.
  - Dc in the same stitch.
5. Dc in each dc across.
6. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

#### **Round 3:**

1. Ch 3, turn (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in each dc across.
3. Make a leek in the middle dc of the corner (just like in round 2).
4. Dc in each dc across.
5. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

#### **Round 4-6:**

1. Ch 3, turn (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in each dc across (follow the same pattern as rounds 2 and 3).
3. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 7:**

1. Fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.

**Round 8 (Color Change):**

1. Attach new yarn in the first stitch of Round 1.
2. Ch 3, turn (counts as a dc).
3. Dc in each dc across.
4. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 9-11:**

1. Ch 3, turn (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in each dc across.
3. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 12:**

1. Fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail.

**Round 13 (Color Change):**

1. Attach new yarn in the first stitch of Round 7.
2. Ch 3, turn (counts as a dc).
3. Dc in each dc across.
4. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 14:**

1. Ch 3, turn (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in each dc across.
3. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 15 (Color Change):**

1. Attach new yarn in the first stitch of Round 13.
2. Ch 3, turn (counts as a dc).
3. Dc in each dc across.
4. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 16 (Color Change):**

1. Attach new yarn in the first stitch of Round 15.
2. Ch 3, turn (counts as a dc).
3. Dc in each dc across.
4. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 17:**

1. Fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail.

**Round 18 (Lace Detail):**

1. Attach new yarn in the first stitch of Round 16.
2. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
3. Dc in the same stitch.
4. Ch 1.
5. Sk 2 dc.
6. Dc in the next dc.
7. Ch 1.
8. Sk 2 dc.
9. Dc in the next dc.
10. Rep steps 4-9 across.
11. Ch 2.
12. Sk 2 dc.
13. Dc in the next dc.
14. Ch 1.
15. Sk 2 dc.
16. Dc in the next dc.
17. Rep steps 13-16 across.
18. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 19:**

1. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in each dc across.
3. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 20 (Color Change):**

1. Attach new yarn in the first stitch of Round 18.
2. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
3. Dc in the same stitch.
4. Ch 1.
5. Sk 2 dc.
6. Dc in the next dc.
7. Ch 1.
8. Sk 2 dc.
9. Dc in the next dc.
10. Rep steps 4-9 across.
11. Ch 2.
12. Sk 2 dc.

13. Dc in the next dc.
14. Ch 1.
15. Sk 2 dc.
16. Dc in the next dc.
17. Rep steps 13-16 across.
18. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 21:**

1. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in each dc across.
3. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 22 (Color Change):**

1. Attach new yarn in the first stitch of Round 20.
2. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
3. Dc in the same stitch.
4. Ch 1.
5. Sk 2 dc.
6. Dc in the next dc.
7. Ch 1.
8. Sk 2 dc.
9. Dc in the next dc.
10. Rep steps 4-9 across.
11. Ch 2.
12. Sk 2 dc.
13. Dc in the next dc.
14. Ch 1.
15. Sk 2 dc.
16. Dc in the next dc.
17. Rep steps 13-16 across.
18. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 23:**

1. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in each dc across.
3. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Round 24:**

1. Fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail for sewing.

**Joining the Front and Back Panels:**

1. Place both front panels right side facing.
2. Pin panels together along the top edge.
3. Using a sewing needle and matching thread, sew panels together using a slip stitch along the top edge, leaving the opening at the top.
4. Securely knot the sewing thread.

**Finishing the Top Edge:**

1. Attach new yarn to the first stitch of Round 24.
2. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
3. Dc in the next dc.
4. Ch 1.
5. Skip the next dc.
6. Dc in the next dc.
7. Ch 1.
8. Skip the next dc.
9. Dc in the next dc.
10. Rep steps 3-9 across.
11. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Bottom Edge (Lace Detail):**

1. Attach new yarn to the first stitch of Round 24 on the bottom edge.
2. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
3. Dc in the next dc.
4. Ch 1.
5. Sk 2 dc.
6. Dc in the next dc.
7. Ch 1.
8. Sk 2 dc.
9. Dc in the next dc.
10. Rep steps 4-9 across the bottom edge.
11. Sl st in the top of the first dc of the round.

**Back Opening (Optional):**

1. If you want to add a ribbon or elastic cord to the back, follow these instructions:
  - Attach new yarn to the first stitch of the back opening.
  - Ch 100 (or adjust based on desired length).
  - Fasten off and cut yarn, leaving a long tail.
  - Thread the long tail through a yarn needle.

- Sew the long tail through the chain, gathering it into a loop.
- Securely knot the long tail.
- Insert your ribbon or elastic cord through the loop.

### **Increasing and Decreasing:**

To adjust for different sizes:

- **To Increase:** In Round 1, ch 24 (for a size Large), or 28 (for an XL), or ch more as needed. Follow the same pattern for the rest of the rounds, increasing stitches as necessary.
- **To Decrease:** In Round 1, ch 16 (for a size Small), or 12 (for an XS), or ch less as needed. Follow the same pattern for the rest of the rounds, decreasing stitches as needed.

### **Tips:**

- Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of your rounds.
- Use a different color yarn for each round (like a color-blocked effect) to make it even easier to follow the pattern!
- If you need to work with yarn tails, weave them in as you go or weave them in at the end.

**Enjoy making your beautiful crocheted crop top!**