Crochet Lace Top Pattern

Hello, crochet lovers!

Today, we're diving into a beautiful crochet top inspired by a video tutorial featuring Rubí Speed yarn and a truly delightful stitch pattern. This top is perfect for summer, as it's lightweight and airy, yet offers a beautiful textural element with raised stitches that gives it a more substantial feel for cooler weather.

Yarn & Hook:

- Rubí Speed yarn (100% Acrylic, 500m/100g) – I used "Oro Viejo" (Old Gold), but feel free to explore the wide range of colors available. This yarn is super fine, offering a lovely drape and a delicate, lace-like finish.

- Crochet hook 2.5mm (most of the time). You'll also need a 3mm hook for the last few motifs (optional, but it creates a nice widening at the bust).

Sizing:

This pattern provides instructions for four sizes:

- **Small:** 56 starting chains

- **Medium:** 80 starting chains

- **Large:** 104 starting chains

- **X-Large:** 128 starting chains

Gauge:
Gauge isn't super critical for this project as it's more about the design, but if you want to ensure your piece comes out correctly, aim for approximately 22 motifs across for a Small size.

Abbreviations:

- ch: chain

- sc: single crochet

- dc: double crochet

- sl st: slip stitch

- st(s): stitch(es)

- sp: space

- rep: repeat

- rnd: round

Notes:

- The pattern is primarily worked in rounds, but some sections will be worked in rows.

- It's very helpful to use stitch markers to keep track of your starting point and specific points within a motif.

- Be sure to pay attention to the stitch count for each row, and adjust your tension as needed to achieve the desired look.

The Pattern

Foundation Chain:

- Chain a number of stitches according to your desired size (56, 80, 104, or 128).

- Join the end of the chain to the first ch with a sl st.

Round 1: Motif Beginning

1. **Corners:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in the same st, ch 1, 2 dc in the same st.

2. **V Stitch:** Ch 1, skip 1 st, work 1 dc in the next st, ch 2, 1 dc in the same st. (This forms the "V" where your leaf-like motif starts.)

3. **Cluster of dc:** Ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next st, ch 1, 1 dc in the next st, ch 1, 1 dc in the next st, ch 1, 1 dc in the next st, ch 1, 1 dc in the next st.

4. **Rep steps 2 & 3** across the row, ending with a corner (ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next st, ch 2, 1 dc in same st, ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next st, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in same st, ch 1, 2 dc in same st.)

5. **Join** with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 2: Motif Development

1. **Corner:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in the same st, ch 1, 2 dc in the same st.

2. **9 dc Cluster within "V":** Work 9 dc in the ch 2 sp of the first "V" of the previous round.

3. **dc with ch:** Ch 1, skip the first dc of the cluster of 5 dc, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp.

4. **9 dc Cluster:** Ch 1, skip the first dc after the dc clusters, work 9 dc in the ch 2 sp of the next "V."

5. **Rep steps 3 & 4** across the row, ending with a corner (ch 1, skip the first dc after the dc clusters, 9 dc in the next "V", ch 1, skip the first dc after the cluster, work 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in same st, ch 1, 2 dc in same st.)

6. **Join** with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 3: Raised Stitch Clusters

1. **Corner:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in the same st, ch 1, 2 dc in the same st.

2. **Raised Stitch Cluster:** Insert hook in the first dc of the first 9-dc cluster. Yarn over and pull up a loop. *Yarn over and insert hook in next dc, yarn over and pull up a loop. Repeat this step twice more.* (You should have 4 loops on your hook). Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

3. **Rep Step 2** twice more for a total of 3 clusters of 3 raised dc within the 9-dc cluster.

4. **dc with ch:** Ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp.

5. **Rep Steps 2-4** across the row, ending with a corner (ch 1, skip 1 st, 3 raised stitch clusters in the next 9-dc cluster, ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in same st, ch 1, 2 dc in same st.)

6. **Join** with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 4: Continued Textured Development

1. **Corner:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in the same st, ch 1, 2 dc in the same st.

2. **Raised Stitch Cluster:** Work 3 raised dc (same as in Rnd 3) in the first raised dc cluster.

3. **ch & dc:** Ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next st, ch 1. (This creates a small chain space between the clusters).

4. **Rep Steps 2 & 3** twice more to complete the raised dc cluster section.

5. **dc with ch:** Ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp.

6. **Rep Steps 2-5** across the row, ending with a corner (ch 1, skip 1 st, 3 raised stitch clusters, ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in same st, ch 1, 2 dc in same st.)

7. **Join** with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 5: Petal Closure - Beginning

1. **Corner:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in the same st, ch 1, 2 dc in the same st.

2. **Closing the Petals:** Work 1 dc in the first raised dc of the first cluster. *Yarn over and insert hook in the next raised dc, yarn over and pull up a loop. Rep this once more for a total of 3 dcs on the hook.* Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. This should have closed the first part of the motif petal.

3. **ch & dc in sp:** Ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1.

4. **Rep Steps 2 & 3** twice more to complete the 3 raised dc cluster section.

5. **dc with ch:** Ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp.

6. **Rep Steps 2-5** across the row, ending with a corner (ch 1, skip 1 st, 3 closed petal section, ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in same st, ch 1, 2 dc in same st.)

7. **Join** with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

Round 6: Petal Closure - Completion & New Motif Prep

1. **Corner:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in the same st, ch 1, 2 dc in the same st.

2. **Finishing Petal:** Work 1 dc in the first raised dc of the first cluster. *Yarn over and insert hook in the next raised dc, yarn over and pull up a loop. Rep this once more for a total of 3 dcs on the hook.* Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

3. **ch & dc in sp:** Ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1.

4. **Rep Steps 2 & 3** twice more.

5. **dc with ch:** Ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the next sp.

6. **New Motif Start:** Ch 3, 1 dc in the same sp, ch 1, 1 dc in the same sp. (This starts a new "V" that will form the next motif.)

7. **Rep Steps 2-6** across the row, ending with a corner (ch 1, skip 1 st, 3 closed petal section, ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 1, 1 dc in next sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 1 dc in same st, ch 1, 2 dc in same st.)

8. **Join** with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

Continuing the Motifs:

Rep Rounds 2-6 until you reach the desired bust/underarm length for your size.

Bust/Underarm Shaping

Important! When you reach your desired underarm/bust size, you'll want to stop on the round where you've just worked the 9-dc cluster and four dc clusters with ch-1 spaces. This is where you'll begin shaping the sleeve and body separately.

Sleeve/Body Separation

1. **Mark your starting point:** Insert a stitch marker or a piece of contrasting yarn in the first st of the rnd.

2. **Attaching the Sleeve:** You'll need to attach your sleeve to the body with a new ball of yarn if you want a contrasting color. Follow these instructions to create a small connection between the sleeve and the top:

   o Insert your hook in the first st of the sleeve.

   o Insert your hook in the first st of the body (which will be the next st in your work).

- Yarn over and pull through both loops.

- Repeat step 2 and 3 for a total of 3-4 connections.

3. **Start Working the Body:** Turn your work so that you are now working in rows. In the first row, only work in the body part of your fabric, leaving the sleeve part on hold. You will continue with the stitch pattern from Round 3.

- Work 3 raised stitch clusters.

- Ch 1, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next st, ch 1.

- Rep the last 2 steps across the entire body row until you reach your last few sts before your sleeve section.

- Attach the sleeve on the opposite side. Repeat the first few steps to attach the sleeve on the other side.

Body Shaping

Continue working in rows for the body (following Round 3 stitch pattern) until you reach the desired length.

Final Edging (Casitas - Little Houses)

1. **Start:** At the bottom of your garment, ch 1, turn your work.

2. **Sc Row:** Work 1 sc in each st across the row.

3. **Rep Step 2** until the desired length of your lower edge is reached.

Neckline/Sleeves

Neckline:

- Ch 1, turn your work, then work 1 sc in each st across the neckline. (You can also work 2 sc in each st if you prefer a slightly wider, more rounded neckline.)

- If you want a slightly more detailed neckline you can use a sc stitch to create a little "V" shape at each of the corners of the neckline, to help round it out a bit more.

Sleeve:

1. **Finishing the Sleeve:** Work the remaining sleeve using the motif pattern, making sure you keep your sleeve shaped, if you are using the tapered look for the sleeve.

2. **Sleeve Edging:** Work a finishing edge, using the same instructions used for the bottom edge (casitas - little houses) and neckline if you like.

Finishing Touches (Optional):

- **Add a Label:** Include a personalized label to your garment.

- **Decorative Arcs:** To mimic the original, you can work several rounds of decorative arches along the bottom edge after completing the casitas edging:

  - Ch 5, skip 2-3 st, sl st in next st.

  - Rep across the row.

- **Picots:** For the finishing touch in the original, you can work a row of picots along the arc rows.

  - Work 3 ch, sl st in the first ch.

  - Rep across the row.

Congratulations! You've completed your "Rubí's Delight" crochet top. I hope you've enjoyed creating this beautiful and versatile piece.

I hope this pattern helps you create a stunning top! Feel free to personalize it with your own color combinations, and have fun with the process. Happy Crocheting!