

LOOSE LONG SLEEVED PULLOVER

IMPORTANT NOTE: Unless yarn specified is used, African Expressions cannot accept the responsibility for the finished work.

Owing to printing restrictions the colour reproduction is matched as closely to the yarn as possible.

Original garment worked in size 34 and shown on a size 34 model.

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MEASUREMENTS:

To fit bust	82-87cm(34)	87-92cm(36)	92-97cm(38)	97-102cm(40)	102-107cm(42)
Measurement: Bust (actual)	110cm	114cm	118cm	122cm	124cm
Length to shoulder	65	66	68	70	72
Sleeve length	43	43	45	45	45

MATERIALS:

	82-87cm(34)	87-92cm(36)	92-97cm(38)	97-102cm(40)	102-107cm(42)
Hope, Col 6071	9	9	10	11	11
Hook	4.00mm				

TENSION: SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME, CHECK TENSION

14sts x 8 rows = 10x10cm using a 4.00mm crochet hook and working in trebles. (size after blocking) FOR BEST RESULTS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT TENSION. IF THERE ARE TOO FEW STS ON THE TEST SWATCH, USE A THINNER CROCHET HOOK; IF THERE ARE TOO MANY STS, USE A THICKER CROCHET HOOK.

ABBREVIATIONS:

alt = alternate; **beg** = begin (ning); **ch** = chain; **cont** = continue; **dc** = double crochet; **dec** = decrease; **foll(s)** = follow(s)ing; **patt(s)** = pattern(s); **rem** = remaining; **rep** = repeat; **RS** = right side; **RSF** = right side facing; **sk** = skip; **sl st** = slip stitch; **st(s)** = stitches; **tr** = treble; **WS** = wrong

side; **WSF** = wrong side facing

Pattern Notes:

3ch replace the first tr of every row, 1ch is used to begin rows starting with a dc and does not replace the first dc of each row, unless otherwise stated.

BACK:

With 4.00mm hook and Hope Colour 6071, make 88 (94, 102, 110, 120) ch.

Foundation row: Insert hook in 4th ch from hook and work 1tr, work 1tr in each ch across, turn = 85 (91, 99, 107, 117) tr.

Next row: Ch3 (counts as first tr), 1tr in each tr across, turn.

Work another 42 (44, 46, 48, 50) rows in tr's.

Shape shoulders: (The middle 27 (29,

31, 33, 35) sts are no longer worked.)

Next row: Work across the next 29 (31, 34, 37, 41) sts, turn.

Next row: Work 1 tr in each tr, fasten off. Rep for second shoulder.

FRONT:

Work as for back until a total number of 34 (35, 36, 37, 38) rows are completed.

Shape Neckline: (The middle 23 (25, 27, 29, 31) are no longer worked.)

Next row: Work across the first 31 (33, 36, 39, 43) sts, turn.

Next 2 rows: Dec one stitch at neckline. 29 (31, 34, 37, 41) sts remain.

Cont straight until front measures same as back.

With WS facing, sew together shoulder seams. Sew side seams, leaving an opening of 19 (20, 21, 22, 22) cm for the armholes.

SLEEVES:

(The sleeves are not crocheted separately but are worked in the armhole, in the round, without any seams.)

First Round: (RS) With bottom of armhole facing insert hook around the post of the first tr and make 4ch. (Counts as 1tr and ch1), *1tr around post of next tr, ch1*, rep from *-* around to first 1chsp made, join with htr in 3rd ch.

Next Round: DO NOT TURN, make 4ch, *1tr in next 1chsp, ch1*, rep from *-* around to first 1chsp made, join with htr in 3rd ch.

Rep prev row until piece measures 41 (41, 43, 43, 43) cm, **AT THE SAME TIME**, dec 1 1chsp every 10th row, a total of 3 times. (dec can be made by skipping one 1chsp).

Last round: Ch1, 1dc in same st, 1dc in every tr and 1chsp around, close with slst in first dc. Fasten off. Rep for second sleeve.

Neck Edge: Work 1 evenly spaced row of dc all around the neck edge. Fasten off.

Bottom Edge:

Shell: 2tr, 2ch, 2tr

Round 1: With RS facing insert hook in first ch just left from the seam. Ch1 (does not count as st), 1htr in same st, *sk next 2 ch, (shell) in next ch, sk next 2 ch, 1 htr in next ch*, rep from *-* around, end with a shell and a slst in first htr.

Round 2: Ch1 (does not count as st), 1htr in same st, *1 shell in 2chsp of next shell, 1 htr in next htr*, rep from *-* all around, end with slst in first htr.

Rep prev round 2 (2, 3, 3, 3) more times. Fasten off.

TO FINISH:

Weave in all loose ends. Block garment to measurement, cover with a damp cloth or spray with water and allow to dry.

Tension

Correct tension for even stitching requires that the yarn move easily when the hook is pulling it through a loop, and stay taut when the hook is grabbing a yarn over, prior to the pull through. Because there are two phases “yarn over and pull through” there are actually two different rates of tension needed in every stitch (and needed repeatedly in each taller stitch). If the yarn is being controlled with too much space between the hook and yarn-guiding finger, it will continually become too loose for the “taut” part of the stitch. When that happens, either the fingers clench more tightly (leading to stress injury), or the yarn hold must continually be adjusted or “re-wrapped” through the fingers. This process fatigues the hand, slows the work, and causes inconsistencies in the finished fabric. On the other hand, if the yarn is held so as to avoid movement, perhaps with a double wrap around a finger or palm, it stays put when needed, but won’t flow, and the hook continually fights this extra tension when “pulling through” the yarn hand must continually adjust and re-wrap the yarn. Either of these “single tensioning” methods is likely to lead to stress injuries, reduced quality of the finished work, unnecessarily slow the work, and impair the rhythm of the crochet.

Garment Care

This is important for ensuring that your labour of love remains in pristine condition. Always hand wash garments in a mild soapy solution. Allow to dry flat (on a bath towel on the floor). Never hang your garment on the washing line to dry and always fold and store in a drawer or flat on a shelf.

CROCHET HOOK SIZES AND CONVERSIONS

Metric sizes(mm)	US	UK / Canada
2.0	-	14
2.25	B/1	13
2.5	-	12
2.75	C/2	-
3.0	-	11
3.25	D/3	10
3.5	E/4	9
3.75	F/5	-
4.0	G/6	8
4.5	7	7
5.0	H/8	6
5.5	I/9	5
6.0	J/10	4
6.5	K/10 1/2	3
7.0	-	2
8.0	L/11	0
9.0	M/13	00
10	N/15	000

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