The Summer Flirt Top

Size S (M, L)

Material
- 2 (2, 3) skeins à 50 gr of Portolino yarn by Schachenmayr
- 3.5 mm crochet hook
- Scissors and yarn needle
- 4 stitch markers
- Tape measure

Notes

- The top is worked in rows from top to down and is made from one rectangle. After the sides are sewn together, a final round of picot stitches are worked on the seam edge.
- At the beginning of each row the first double crochet is replaced by 3 chains.
- The pattern is made for sizes S (M, L) and uses US crochet terms.
- My top in the pictures is made with size S.
- The straps are tie so they can be adjusted to fit any body size!

Gauge
12 x 13 cm = 27 double crochets and 13 rows

Sizes and measurements (without straps)
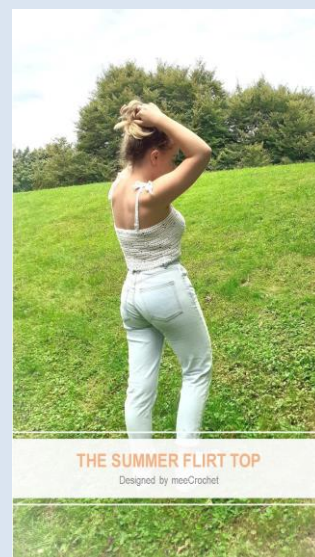S = 36 cm width x 22 cm length (2 skeins of yarn à 50 gr)
M = 40 cm width x 22 cm length (2 skeins of yarn à 50 gr)
L = 44 cm width x 25 cm length (3 skeins of yarn à 50 gr)

Crochet chart

⌐	chain
T	double crochet
+	single crochet

Top Body
Chain 138 (152, 166) + 3 (count as 1 double crochet).

Row 1: dc in 4th ch from hook and each chain stitch across. Total of 139 (153, 167) double crochets.

Row 2: turn, ch 3 (count as 1 dc), 1 dc into next 5 stitches, ch 1, skip one stitch, *1 dc into next 13 stitches, ch 1, skip one stitch*, repeat from * to * until the end of the row, 1 dc into last 6 stitches.

Row 3: turn, ch 3, 1 dc into next 3 stitches, ch 2, skip 2 stitches, 1 sc in ch 1 space, ch 2, skip 2 stitches, *1 dc into next 9 stitches, ch 2, skip 2 stitches, 1 sc in ch 1 space, ch 2, skip 2 stitches*, repeat from * to * until the end of the row, 1 dc into last 4 stitches.

Row 4: turn, ch 3, 1 dc into next 3 stitches, 2 dc in chain 2 space, ch 1, 2 dc in chain 2 space, *1 dc into next 9 stitches, 2 dc in chain 2 space, ch 1, 2 dc in chain 2 space*, repeat from * to * until the end of the row, 1 dc into last 4 stitches.

Row 5: turn, ch 3, 1 dc in next 5 stitches, 1 dc in ch 1 space, 1 dc in next 6 stitches, ch 1, skip one stitch, *1 dc in next 6 stitches, 1 dc in ch 1 space, 1 dc in next 6 stitches, ch 1, skip one stitch*, repeat from * to * until the end of the row, 1 dc into last 13 stitches.

Row 6: turn, ch 3, 1 dc into next 10 stitches, ch 2, skip 2 stitches, 1 sc in ch 1 space, ch 2, skip 2 stitches, *1 dc into next 9 stitches, ch 2, skip 2 stitches, 1 sc in ch 1 space, ch 2 , skip 2 stitches*, repeat from * to * until the end of the row, 1 dc into last 11 stitches.

Row 7: turn, ch 3, 1 dc in next 10 stitches, 2 dc in chain 2 space, ch 1, 2 dc in chain 2 space, *1 dc into next 9 stitches, 2 dc in chain 2 space, ch 1, 2 dc in chain 2 space*, repeat from * to * until the end of the row, 1 dc into last 11 stitches.

Repeat the pattern until you have a total of 22 (22, 25) rows.

The panel measures approx. 72 (80, 88) cm. Fasten off leaving a long tail of yarn for sewing.
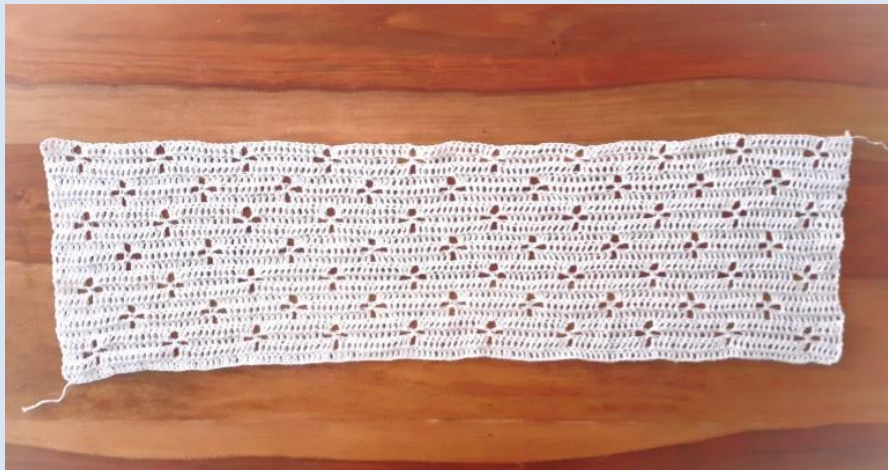
Fold over your body piece so the short sides are together, as shown in the photo below.
Start sewing the sides together.

Join the yarn in any stitch on the seam edge (last row of the body) and crochet 1 round of picot stitches:
Round 1: ch 5, 1 slip stitch in 4th ch from hook, skip 1 stitch, 1 sc, *ch 4, 1 slip stitch in 4th ch from hook, skip 1 stitch, 1 sc, repeat from * until the end of the round and finish with 1 slip stitch.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Strap (4 x)

In front and back side, measure 8 (9, 10) cm from the sides and place the stitch markers.

Join the yarn to the marked place and start crocheting the straps:
Row 1: ch 3, 1 dc in next 2 stitches.
Row 2: turn, ch 3, 1 dc in next 2 stitches.

Repeat row 2 until you have a total of 40 (40, 44) rows. Fasten off and weave in ends.

You can also crochet the straps separately and sew them on the top.

Tie the straps into bows and now…

… you're done!

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