



**The Long Sleeve Blooming Lace Top**  
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## Materials

- Mercerised cotton yarn

Link to the yarn I used: <https://rito.dk/1431-scheepjes-maxi-sugar-rush?variant=19391> (110 Black)  
50g /280 meter

This top is designed as a one size, adjustable with increases (explained in the pattern) to fit your upper body. The amount of yarn you need for your size is - XS-S: 200g, M: 250g, L-XL: 300g

- Crochet hook, 2mm / US B
- 4-5 m of ribbon (this is used to lace up the top in the back)

*Optional:* To reduce transparency, you can hand-sew a fabric square inside the top. See the photo for an example.

- Measuring tape

**Gauge:** 26 st x 10 rows of dc = 10cm x 10cm

## US terms I'm referencing to

ch = chain

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

## Good to know before starting the pattern

The top is crocheted from top to bottom, beginning with the turtleneck, followed by the sleeves, and then two rows down the sides where the ribbon will lace the back. To adjust the fit, make increases at each corner (similar to a raglan style) until the stitches align from the neckline down to one armpit and across to the other.

## Some tips for the filet chart

The grid chart consists of blank and colored squares:

- **Blank square:** Made up of a **double crochet (dc)**, **chain 1 (ch 1)**, and **another dc** into the next stitch. The ch 1 creates a skipped stitch from the previous row.
- **Colored square:** Follows the same structure, but the **ch 1 is replaced with a dc**, meaning it consists of **three dc stitches** in total.

Each row will end with a **dc**, unless otherwise stated.

For this pattern, there are two filet charts:

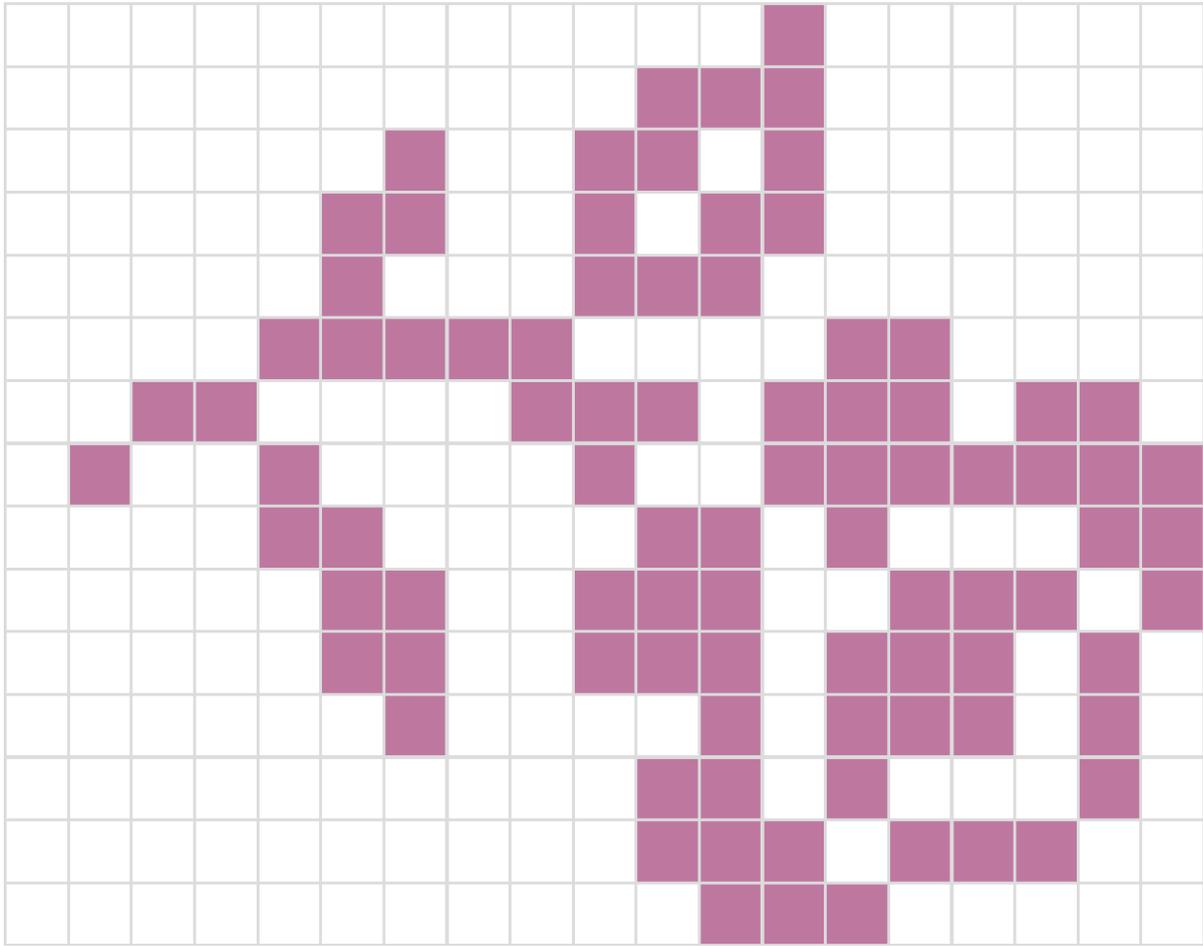
- One for the **body**, which is most visible on the chest and stomach.
- One for the **sleeves**

### Filet chart (body)



The length of the front piece can be adjusted to your preferred length. The top as seen on the front page is the length of the first 52 rows. If you are to do the full length of the grid pattern, it will be 62 cm measured from your neckline and down.

### Filet chart (sleeve)



## The body

- Ch 78

Row 1:

- Skip the first 5 stitches and dc into the 6th stitch.
- Ch 1 (ch 1= skip 1 stitch), dc into the 2nd stitch.
- Repeat this until you are by the end of the row.

In total you will have made 37 squares.

Row 2:

- Turn your work
- Ch 4 (counts as 1 dc+1 ch).
- Make a dc into the same stitch where your ch 4 is coming from (this will count as an increase in the beginning of the row)
- Continue to make 5 squares, meaning you will continue with a ch 1 (ch 1= skip 1 stitch), continuing into the 2nd stitch with a dc.

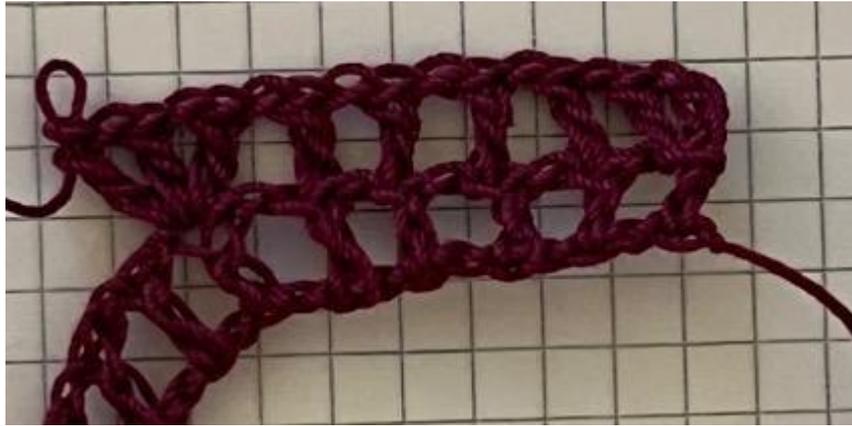
It will look like this:



You have finished the 5th square with a dc.

- Continue with 1 ch, dc into the same stitch as the previous dc, ch 1 and dc into the same stitch (in total you have made 3 dc + 2x1ch in the same stitch)

It will look like this - having made 2 increases in the 2<sup>nd</sup> corner:



- Continue to make 27 squares, starting with a ch 1 (ch 1= skip 1 stitch), continuing into the second stitch with a dc, and so on.

You will finish the 27th square with a dc.

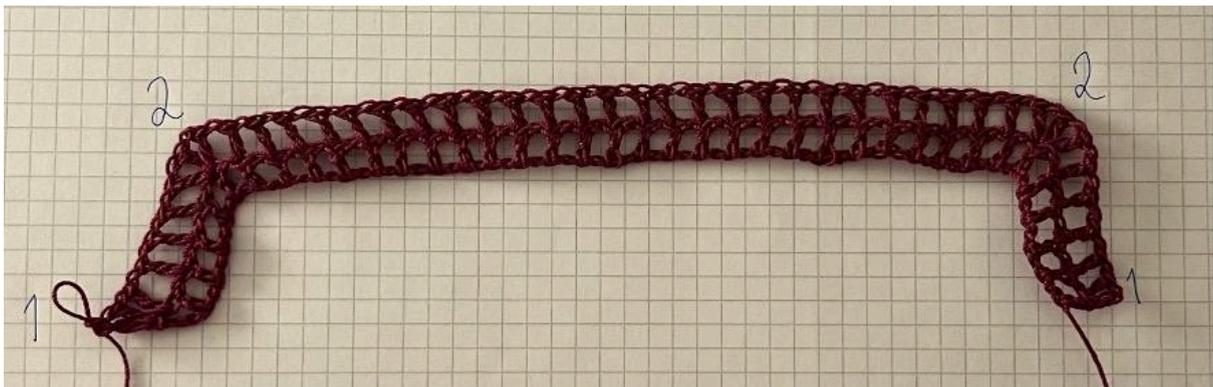
- Continue with 1 ch, dc into the same stitch as the previous dc, ch 1 and dc into the same stitch (in total you have made 3 dc + 2x1ch in the same stitch)

You will have made 2 increases in the 3rd corner

- continue to make 5 squares, starting with 1 ch (ch 1= skip 1 stitch), continuing into the second stitch with a dc, and so on.
- You will finish the 5th square with a dc.
- Ch 1, and dc into the same stitch.

You have made 1 increase in the 4th corner.

It will look like this:



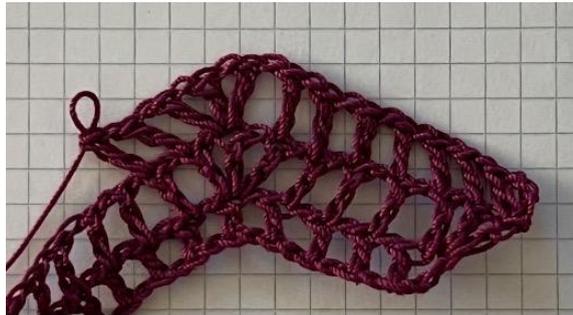
To sum up, you have made 1 increase in the beginning, 2 increases in the 2nd and 3rd corner, and 1 increase by the end of the row.

## Starting the filet chart (body)

Row 3

- Turn your work
- Begin by making 1 increase (ch 4 and dc into the same stitch)
- Continue by crocheting the squares until you get to the middle of the 2 increases from the previous row - stopping with a dc.
- Ch 1, dc into the same stitch as the previous dc, ch 1 and make another dc into the same stitch (in total you have made 3 dc + 2x1ch in the same stitch)

It will look like this:



**After the 2 increases you will work your way into the front part of the top, which is where the filet chart is made. Starting from the left side of the grid pattern.**

- Continue to make 15 squares, starting with a ch 1 (ch 1= skip 1 stitch), continuing into the 2nd stitch with a dc and so on.

After the 15 white squares you will do the 3 first pink colored squares.

**Just to recap:** to make a colored square you will do a dc instead of the ch 1, continuing with a dc into the next square.

- Continue by making the blank squares until you get to the middle of the 2 increases from the previous row.
- Ch 1, dc into the same stitch as the previous dc, ch 1 and make another dc into the same stitch (in total you have made 3 dc + 2x1ch in the same stitch)
- Continue by making squares until you get to the last dc, where you will do 1 increase, by chaining 1 and dc into the same stitch.

**From now on you will continue by making the increases in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th corner + you will continue with the filet chart, until you have made enough rows so the 2 corners in the front (2nd+3rd corner), goes straight across your 2 armpits. Just have in mind you are working from side to side, starting each row by turning your work and chaining 4.**



### **Making room for the arms + continuing the front panel:**

In the video linked below, I will guide you how to make a hdc foundation ch that is connecting 2 corners to make an armhole.

[https://youtu.be/zLP\\_fN8c5GY](https://youtu.be/zLP_fN8c5GY)

In the video linked below I am showing how to continue the front panel, prior to making the armholes.

<https://youtu.be/WgADg5Xwzw4>

Continue to crochet from side to side, following the filet chart without any increases. You can choose how much of the pattern to complete; for reference, I did 52 out of 62 rows. After finishing your desired rows, complete with a final row of shell stitches.

### **Shell stitch pattern:**

- sc into the beginning stitch
- skip 1 stitch and continue with a cluster of 5 dc in the next stitch.
- Skip 1 stitch and continue with a sc in the next stitch.
- Repeat this until you have completed the full row.

It will look like this:



## The turtleneck

The turtleneck is crocheted using the same blank squares from the first row of the top. You can decide yourself which side you start from.

- Ch 4 (counts as your first dc+ ch 1)
- Continue with a dc into your next square

Continue the row out - in total you will have 37 squares.

- Turn and repeat the same for each row until you have 5 rows.

*Optional:* After 5 rows, add a row of shell stitches, following the same shell stitch pattern used at the bottom of the top.

The turtleneck ties around your neck, so crochet 30 rows of blank squares extending from each side of the 5 rows you just made.

It will look like this:



## The sleeves

Before starting the sleeves, try on the top and use a measuring tape to determine your desired sleeve length. Measure from where the sleeve begins to your preferred length. Since the bottom pattern (shell stitches) measures 20 cm, subtract this from your total sleeve length to determine how many rows to crochet before reaching the bottom section.

For reference, I measured my sleeve to be 60 cm:

$$60 - 20 = 40 \text{ cm}$$

Since each dc row equals 1 cm, I crocheted **40 rows** alternating **1 dc + 1 ch** before starting the flower pattern. Then, I added:

- **1 row of hdc**
- **3 rows alternating 1 dc + 1 ch**
- **1 row of hdc**
- **1 final row of shell stitching**

**Note:** The sleeves are crocheted similarly to the turtleneck (1 dc, ch 1, continuing into the next square with a dc). However, instead of turning at the end of a row, you will **sl st each row together** to work around.

Since the sleeves width is customized, follow the grid pattern on page 4 from left to right. Once you complete the flower, start over from the left and repeat until the end of the row. As a reference, I completed **three flower patterns** in total.

## Finishing the Sleeve:

1. After the rose pattern, crochet **1 row of hdc** in each stitch, sl st the row together.
2. Crochet **3 rows alternating 1 dc + 1 ch**, sl st each row together.
3. Crochet **1 row of hdc**, sl st the row together.
4. Finish with **1 row of shell stitching**.

### The laced up back

- Crochet a row of sc on each side of the top

Secure and cut the yarn, and go back to the top of one of the sides.

- Go 5 rows/squares down
- Secure your yarn to the stitch.
- Do 1 sc, ch 2 (you will skip 2 stitches), continued by a sc into the 3<sup>rd</sup> stitch
- Do an initial 11 sc
- Ch 2 (you will skip 2 stitches), continued by a sc into the 3<sup>rd</sup> stitch

Repeat this until you have made 6 holes, where you can pull your ribbon through.

Repeat on the other side of the top.

**A little tip:** For this top I have handsewn a piece of fabric into the piece. If you are to sew fabric into the piece, I would suggest going for some fabric that is a bit stretchy.



And all you have left to do is weave in the ends, lace it up and it is ready to be worn<3