

# Mary vest

**Skill Level:** advanced easy

## Materials

- US I (5.50 mm) crochet hook
- Size #3 light weight/DK yarn
  - Specifics in the Finished product dimensions
- Yarn needle

## Gauge

- 8 rows x 13 dc = 4"
- 7 v-stitches x 9 rows = 4" (steamed and blocked)

## Terms/stitches used

- RS: right side
- Ch: chain
- St: stitch
- Dc: double crochet
- VS: V stitch

## Notes

- VS: \*dc twice\* worked into the same stitch. When you work back into this stitch you will work into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row.
- This pattern is worked in 4 sections: the Body, the Upper-Back, the Straps, and the Fringe.
- The ch 3 at the beginning of the rows **does count** as a stitch.
- The sample is medium and was made using [Mary Maxim](#) Simply Natural in Jamaica Bay.



## Finished product dimensions (approx)

Small	Medium	Large	XL	2X
Across: 25" Height: 17" Fits Chest: 32" - 34" Yarn: 5 oz/350 yds	Across: 27" Height: 17" Fits Chest: 36" - 38" Yarn: 5.5 oz/385 yds	Across: 29" Height: 17" Fits Chest: 40" - 42" Yarn: 5.8 oz/406 yds	Across: 31" Height: 21" Fits Chest: 44" - 46" Yarn: 6.5 oz/455 yds	Across: 33" Height: 21" Fits Chest: 48" - 50" Yarn: 7 oz/490 yds

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## Pattern instructions

### Body

**Sizing as follows:** SM (MD, LG, 2X, 3X)

**Row 1:** Ch 89 (95, 103, 109, 117), skip 4 chs (counts as a dc + skipping 1 st), \*VS, skip the next st,\* repeat from \* to \* 41 (44, 48, 51, 55) more times, dc into the last st - 42 (45, 49, 52, 56) VS, 2 dc (all sizes)

**Rows 2 - 22:** Ch 3 (counts as a dc here and throughout), turn, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 41 (44, 48, 51, 55) more times, dc into the last st - 42 (45, 49, 52, 56) VS, 2 dc (all sizes)

Do not fasten off, move into your First Strap.

**Note:** if you'd like your piece to be longer on your body, add more rows here before moving onto the Straps and Upper Back.

### For XL and 2X

**Rows 23 - 27:** Ch 3, turn, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 51 (55) more times, dc into the last st - 52 (56) VS, 2 dc (both sizes)

Do not fasten off, move onto your First Strap.

**Note:** if you'd like your piece to be longer on your body, add more rows here before moving onto the Straps and Upper Back.



Body piece completed to this point.

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**Row 1:** Ch 3, turn, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 4 (all sizes) more times, dc into the next st - 5 VS (all sizes), 2 dc (all sizes)

Rows 2 - 18: Ch 3, turn, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 4 (all sizes) more times, dc into the next st - 5 VS (all sizes), 2 dc (all sizes)

For sizes Small - Large fasten off leaving a very long tail (you will use this to secure your strap to your Upper Back section).

**For XL and 2X**

**Rows 19 - 23:** Ch 3, turn, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 4 (both sizes) more times, dc into the next st - 5 VS (both sizes), 2 dc (both sizes)

Fasten off leaving a very long tail (you will use this to secure your strap to your Upper Back section).



Close up of a Strap.



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## Upper Back

**Row 1:** From where you stopped on row 1 for your First Strap, skip the next unworked dc, skip the next 7 (7, 7, 10, 10) VS, and skip the next dc st, dc into the next st, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 13 (16, 20, 17, 21) more times, dc into the next st - 14 (17, 21, 18, 22) VS, 2 dc (all sizes)

**Rows 2 - 18:** Ch 3, turn, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 13 (16, 20, 17, 21) more times, dc into the next st - 14 (17, 21, 18, 22) VS, 2 dc (all sizes)

Fasten off for sizes Small - Large.

### For XL and 2X

**Rows 19 - 23:** Ch 3, turn, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 17 (21) more times, dc into the next st - 18 (22) VS, 2 dc (both sizes)

Fasten off.

## Second Strap

**Row 1:** From where you stopped on row 1 for your Upper Back, skip the next unworked dc, skip the next 7 (7, 7, 10, 10) VS, and skip the next dc st, dc into the next st, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 4 (all sizes) more times, dc into the next st - 5 VS (all sizes), 2 dc (all sizes)

**Rows 2 - 18:** Ch 3, turn, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 4 (all sizes) more times, dc into the next st - 5 VS (all sizes), 2 dc (all sizes)

For sizes Small - Large fasten off leaving a very long tail (you will use this to secure your strap to your Upper Back section). Block your finished piece if necessary.

### For XL and 2X

**Rows 19 - 23:** Ch 3, turn, \*skip the next dc, VS into the space between the 2 dcs from the previous row's VS, skip the next dc,\* repeat from \* to \* 4 (both sizes) more times, dc into the next st - 5 VS (both sizes), 2 dc (both sizes)

Fasten off leaving a very long tail (you will use this to secure your strap to your Upper Back section). Block your finished piece if necessary.

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The completed Body, Upper Back, and both Straps to this point.

## Seaming

Secure the tops of your straps with the first 12 and last 12 sts of the Upper Back piece using your preferred method of seaming.



Example of the finished Fringe

## Fringe

Cut 44 (47, 51, 53, 58) 20" pieces of yarn (you need 1 for each VS and the end dcs for the opposite side of your first row). Fold the yarn in half, use your hook to pull the loop end of your yarn through the other side of your st (each VS and the end dcs), pull the loose ends of your fringe through your loop and then pull the loose ends until the loop tightens around the st.

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Loop the fringe through the other side of Row 1 of the Body

## To create the knot detail:

**Row 1:** skip the first loose strand, \* knot together the next 2 loose strands about 1.5" from the Body piece, \* repeat \* to \* across until you get to the last strand (which you will leave alone for this row).



For first row of Fringe, knot together 2 strands of fringe

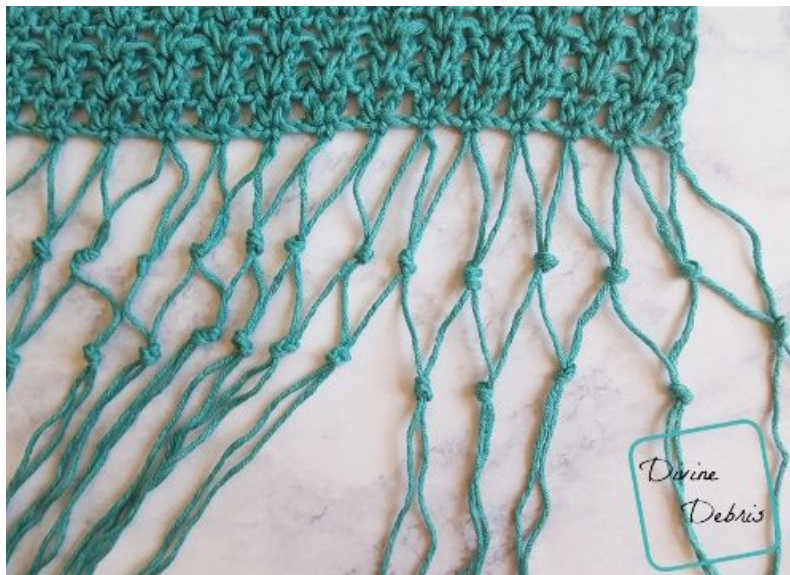
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**Row 2:** Use the first 2 strands to create a knot about 1" - 1.5" from the last row's knots, \*using the next 2 strands, create a knot about 1" - 1.5" from the last row's knots,\* repeat \* to \* across.



Close up of the fringe on Row 2



Example of the finished fringe