

Daisy Farm Crafts

Crochet Gingham Swing Top



MATERIALS

Bernat Softee Cotton (60% Cotton, 40% Acrylic, 120 g/ 4.2 oz, 232 m/ 254 yds)

1 skein each; Sandstone, Blush, Cotton

Tapestry needle, scissors, size G, 4.0 mm hook

SIZE

For 24 months

Gauge: 3 inches = 16 griddle stitches and 10 rows

STITCHES

Single Crochet (SC): Insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through two loops on hook.

Double Crochet (DC): YO, insert your hook, YO and pull up a loop, YO and pull through two loops, YO and pull through remaining two loops.

PATTERN

Gingham Bodice

(3 inches x 20 inches for size 24 months)

Chain 17 with Sandstone

Row 1: In the second CH from the hook, work one SC. In the next stitch, work DC. Repeat alternating SC and DC across the next 2 stitches. Before finishing the fourth stitch, (which will be a DC) pull through with Blush. Do not cut Sandstone, crochet over it as you work the next 4 sts of alternating SC and DC. Before you pull through on the fourth DC, drop Blush and pull Sandstone through.

Now work the next 4 sts with Sandstone and crocheting over Blush. Change colors and work last 4 sts across with Blush. Keep in mind that you will always be changing colors on a DC. CH 1 and turn. Bring the Sandstone yarn around the end of the row to start the next row with Blush. (Your last block of color should be Blush.) (16 sts of griddle stitch)

Row 2: Work the griddle stitch across the row changing colors every 4 sts and crocheting over the color not in use. On the last DC of the row, pull through with Blush, drop Sandstone (do not cut). CH 1 and turn.

Row 3: Work griddle stitch across the row, beginning with 4 sts of Blush, then 4 sts of Cotton. Change color every 4 sts and crochet over the color not in use. CH 1 and turn. Carry yarn around the end of the work.

Row 4: Work griddle stitch across the row changing colors every 4 sts. On the last stitch of the row, bring Sandstone up the side and pull through to change color. Drop Cotton (do not cut). CH 1 and turn. (Crochet over Blush)

Work the griddle stitch gingham until you have 34 blocks of gingham or 20 inches for size 24 months. (refer to the size chart for smaller chest measurements.)

With tapestry needle, sew the gingham strip together matching starting chain with the final row. Tie off, weave in the ends.

Skirt

With Blush

Round 1: Pull up a loop at the seam and chain one. Working along the side of the gingham strip, place 3 SC at the end of one row and 2 SC at the end of the next row for a total of 5 SC per color. Join with a SL ST to the first SC. Do not turn.

Round 2: CH 2. DC into same st as the join. Work DC into each SC around. Join with a SL ST to the first DC of the round. Do not turn.

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Round 3: CH 1. SC into the same st as the join. Work SC into each DC around. Join with a SL ST to the first SC of the round. Do not turn.

Repeat rounds 2 and 3 until you have 5 inches of skirt. Tie off and weave in the ends.

Spaghetti Straps

With Blush

Round 1: Pull up a loop in between the first two rows to the left of the seam, ch 2 and work 3 DC into same space. *Skip next row, 3 DC in between the next row. Repeat from * around. Join with a SL ST to first DC of the round. Do not turn.

Line up the back seam to be in the middle back. Place stitch markers 2.5 inches on either side of the seam for 5 inches apart, and place corresponding markers 5 inches apart to mark the front. (4 total markers this is where you will be working the spaghetti straps.) For size 24month- 5 inches = 8 groups of 3 DC.

Refer to chart "armhole depth" and measure for other sizes and to make sure you have enough width for armholes.

Round 2: *Work SC into each DC to the stitch marker, CH 55 or 11 inches. Work SL ST into each chain. Repeat from * around. Join with a SL ST to the first SC of the round. Tie off. Weave in all the ends.