



## Simple X stitch top

With optional beaded trim

Materials needed:

5oz worsted weight cotton

Large holed beads in matching or contrasting color

Size I hook or hook needed to obtain gauge

Yarn or tapestry needle

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Size	2T-3T	4T-5	6/7	8/9	10/11
Measurement around chest	20"	22"	24"	26"	28"
Number to chain	65	71	78	86	91
# sts in front bodice	24	27	31	35	37
# sts in back bodice	25	28	31	35	38
Front and back shaping 2T-7			Front and back shaping 8-11		
Front 3 rows back 4 rows			Front 4 rows back 5 rows		
Straps 2-5		Straps 6-9		Straps 10/11	
Front 5 rows		Front 6 rows		Front 7 rows	
Back 4 rows		Back 5 rows		Back 6 rows	

Ch (please ch # of sts according to guide), slst to 1<sup>st</sup> ch making sure not to twist.

1 ch 3, dc in each ch around, slst to top

2 ch 3 dc in 1<sup>st</sup> st, skip next st, dc in next st, now working behind dc just made reach around and dc in st you skipped(X st just made), (dc in next st skip next st, dc in next st, dc in skipped st) repeat around, slst to top of ch 3

3 ch 3, dc in each dc around, slst to top

Repeat rnds 2&3 until you get length desired for under arm to hem ending with an all dc rnd

#### Front Bodice

1 slst in 1<sup>st</sup> 4 sts, ch 3 work X st pattern evenly across doing the # of sts required for bodice front in guide according to your size.

2 ch 3, turn, dc in each st across

3 ch 3 turn, work X st pattern across

If you are doing sizes 2T-7 skip to straps, if you are doing 8-11 do one more row

#### Front straps

Ch 3 turn dc in each of next 7 sts (please use guide for how many rows to do for front straps)

Repeat on other side with last 8 sts

#### Back bodice

Working in unworked sts on back, skip next 8 sts, join yarn in next st, ch 3

- 1 work X st pattern in number of sts according to guide for back bodice
- 2 ch 3 turn dc in each dc across

Now repeat pattern until you have the # of rows as required in size guide

For back straps do same as front but use back straps guide for # of rows

Finish off, sew shoulder seams, and sew in all ends

#### Beaded trim

Thread beads onto yarn and push down so you have plenty of yarn to crochet with, working with back towards you, and wrong side facing, join yarn in right hand corner of neck opening, sc in each st across, now working up strap work 2 sc in post of each dc until you get to top, now start working with beads. Insert hook in next st and pull up a loop, move one bead so it is all the way up touching hook, yo and finish sc, bead should be opposite of you on right/front side. (Beaded dc just made) Sc in same post, work beaded sc and sc in each dc post across, (sc in next st on bodice front, work beaded sc in next st), repeat across, now working up other side continue working beaded sc and sc in each dc post to top. Down other side, work 2 sc in each post to end, slst in 1<sup>st</sup> sc, finish off, and sew in all ends.