

Vintage 30s Crocheted Lace Blouse Pattern Bust Size 34

Materials: Clark's O.N.T. (17 balls) or J. & P. Coats (11 balls) Mercerized Crochet, size 10, White or Ecru. Steel crochet hook No. 3.

Gauge: 8 sts or 1 pattern equal $\frac{7}{8}$ inch, 3 rows equal to 1 inch.

Back: Ch 131 sts, 1 d c in 4th st from hook, 1 d c in each of the next 2 sts, * 1 tr taking off first 2 loops only, skip 2 sts, 1 d c in next stitch taking off 2 loops 4 times; ch 2, 1 d c through the joining or center of the last d c and tr (this completes the cross stitch); 1 d c in each of the next 4 sts. *; repeat between *'s

ending with the cross stitch, then 1 d c in last stitch. Ch 3, turn. 2nd row: * 2 d c over the first 2 ch loop, 1 d c in next st, 1 tr in first st of d c group on last row taking off first 2 loops only, skip 2 d c, 1 d c in the last st of group, take off 2 loops 4 times; ch 2, 1 d c in center of the d c and tr, 1 d c in next st; repeat from * making last st in the same st with last d c. Repeat 2nd row. Work 4 inches. Continue as before on first 2 patterns, then work 4 d c over the 2 chain loops instead of 2 d c for 12 patterns, work last 2 patterns as usual. On the following row work as for first row. The pattern will be irregular and there will be 3 more pat-

terns (19 patterns). Work even 25 rows, break off. Skip 1 pattern on end and attach thread in beginning of next, work to within 1 pattern of end, make 1 d c in same st with last d c, ch 3, turn (17 patterns). * Work back and at end of row decrease $\frac{1}{2}$ pattern by working the tr and d c and take off 2 loops 4 times, ch 3, turn. Begin next row with the cross-stitch and repeat from *. For 2nd decrease, work 2 d c together over last cross-stitch chain, ch 3, turn; begin with 4 d c group and repeat decrease on end of row. For 3rd decrease repeat from * thus taking off ½ pattern each side 3 times. Rows will begin with the cross-stitch, work 14 patterns for 9 rows or until 5½ inches from the underarm. Work 4 patterns for shoulder, turn, work back and forth on these 4 patterns for 9 rows. Ch 35 sts at neck edge and work pattern on chain also for 4 rows. Increase $\frac{1}{2}$ pattern on armhole side (to increase make 2 extra d c in last st, ch 3, turn, and work the extra half over end sts making first st in the first st of chain and skipping only 1 st for the cross-stitch). Repeat until 3 increases. Leaving 6 patterns for center of back of neck work 2nd side to correspond, break off. Make a separate chain of 8 sts, attach at armhole of first side, work across, joining 2nd side and at end ch 11, turn. Work 21 patterns on all sts for 25 rows. Then work $1\frac{1}{2}$ patterns, skip $\frac{1}{2}$ pattern, work the 2nd half of pattern over the beginning of next pattern on last row; repeat across. This will throw the pattern out for 1 row. Work 4 inches, fasten off.

Sleeve: Fold armhole in half and mark center of shoulder. Attach thread on 8th row from center of shoulder, on the back, work 4 patterns to center and 4 patterns on front of armhole, working each pattern across the end of 2 rows, fasten off. Turn work, attach thread on front 2 rows below end of last row, working 1 row making 1 more pattern on each end of first row. * Turn work, attach thread 3 rows below end of last row and work 1 row making 1 more pattern each end of last row, break off. Repeat from * until 16 patterns and all of armhole is worked in. Work even 16 rows. Border: 1 s c in each st for 3 patterns, * s c 2 sts together, 1 s c in next st; repeat from * across end of 10 patterns, 1 s c in each st on end of 3 patterns, ch 1,

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turn. 2nd row: * 1 s c in each st for 4 sts, s c the 5th and 6th sts together; repeat from * across, ch 1, turn. Single crochet 5 rows, fasten off. Single crochet 1 stitch in each stitch across lower edge of blouse. Single crochet around edge of neck skipping sts as necessary to hold in across back of neck and make 2 s c in corners at front opening; divide right side of front opening for 5 button loops, ch 4, for each and s c between each loop.





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