



Rainbow sleeveless cardigan



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Supplies:

Durable Comfy yarn in 8 different colors

Color 1: Ivory (326) (base color)

Color 2: Tomato (318)

Color 3: Pink Lemonade (242)

Color 4: Light purple (269)

Color 5: Atlantis (342)

Color 6: Lime (352)

Color 7: Orange (2194)

Color 8: Sunflower (2178)

Hook size 4 mm.

Scissors and needle

Abbreviations (US)

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

dc = double crochet

hdc = half double crochet

Sl st = slip stitch

St (s) = stitch(es)



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Pattern

For this rainbow cardigan I used the Millstone stitch.

The Millstone stitch is a beautiful stitch that creates a wonderful pattern. Lots of blankets are made with this stitch and you can find a lot of Free patterns/tutorials on Pinterest/YouTube when you search: Millstone stitch. With this sleeveless cardi I show you that you can do more with this stitch!

Millstone stitch is worked in rows. You can use 2 or more colors (like I did) I used 8 colors). You start by making a foundation chain of multiples of 10 + 2. The first row is always made by sc. Other stitches used are: hdc and dc.

This cardi is a size S but you can adapt the size by adding more ch sts (measure the chain on your back).

Back part:

Ch80 (multiple of 10) + ch2

Now work the base pattern till desired length for back (my back length is 55cm and width: 45cm)

Base pattern:

Start row. Color 1: 1sc in 2nd chain from hook, 1sc in each chain to end. Change to color 2 at the end of this row.

Row 1: (RS) using color 2 ch1, skip first sc, *1sc, 1hdc, 5dc, 1hdc, 1sc, ch1, skip 1, repeat from * to end, do not ch1 after last sc but do work 1sc into last st (turning chain), turn.

Row 2: repeat Row 1, using color 2, change color at end.

Row 3: using color 1, ch1, skip first sc, *1sc into next 9 sts, 1dc into skipped stitch from Row 1, repeat from * to end working last dc into turning chain, turn.

Row 4: using color 1, ch1, skip first sc, 1sc in each st to end, last sc into turning chain, change color at end, turn.

Row 5: using color 3, ch3, skip first sc, 1dc in next 2sts, 1hdc, 1sc, ch1, skip 1 (this forms a half repeat), *1sc, 1hdc, 5dc, 1hdc, 1sc, ch1, skip 1, repeat from * to last half repeat, 1sc, 1hdc, 2dc, work 1dc in turning chain, turn.

Row 6: repeat Row 5, using color 3, change color at end.

Row 7: using color 1, ch1, skip first st, 1sc in next 4sts, 1dc into skipped stitch from Row 5, *1sc in next 9sts, 1dc into skipped stitch from Row 5, repeat from * to last half repeat, 1sc in next 4sts, 1sc in top of turning chain, turn.

Row 8: using color 1, ch1, skip first sc, 1sc in each st to end, last sc into turning chain, change color at end, turn.

Repeat Rows 1 - 8 for pattern.

Always change color after crocheting 2 rows.

Rows between the different colors are always made in color 1.

Color scheme:

Color 1: Ivory

Color 2: Tomato

Color 1: Ivory

Color 3: Pink lemonade

Color 1: Ivory

Color 4: Light purple

Color 1: Ivory

Color 5: Atlantis

Color 1: Ivory

Color 6: Lime

Color 1: Ivory

Color 7: Sunflower

Color 1: Ivory

Color 8: Orange



Front parts (2):

For the front parts you take half of the beginning number of sts + 2

For me this is ch40 +2

Work the base pattern till 50 cm length. Or: last 8 rows are decrease rows.

Decrease row: crochet the row as Base pattern, only shorter (stop when you have made two complete motifs (see photo of front panels). Continue base pattern for 7 more rows and fasten off.

Make a second front panel.

Assembling:

Sew all yarn ends.

On wrong side: sew front panels to back panel at the shoulders.

Crochet sc along all sides of the cardigan (see photo).

Sew or crochet the sides together leaving an opening for armholes (I made an armhole of 15cm length).

I hope you like this colorful cardigan and happy crocheting!

I would love to see your rainbow cardigan on Facebook and Instagram.

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