**PINEAPPLE LACE SUMMER TOP**

Items needed:

Hook: 4 mm

Yarn: Debbie Bliss Prima (80% Bamboo 20% Merino Wool) aprox 3 skeins (300 meters total) ← chose this yarn because it has a slight sheen to it and it drapes fantastically

1 Button

Bikini top (make 2):

In order to make it a custom fit, measure from underboob up to middle of nipple. Then chain as many as needed to reach that length, then chain an extra 2. I did 16 ch + 2 ch. I'll use these numbers in the rest of the bikini top pattern. (the ch2 turning ch doesn't count as a stitch)

Hdc in 3$^{rd}$ ch from hook and across til second to last ch (15 hdc, 1 ch left unworked). Work 3 hdc in last ch (mark middle hdc) work 15 hdc across the opposite side of the starting chain. Ch 2, turn

Rest of bikini top:

Hdc in first st and every st across until you reach the marked stitch. Hdc 3 in marked stitch (mark middle hdc) hdc til end. Ch 2, turn.

Keep working the row until you have reached the size you want to have. (when you fasten off, leave a long tail for attaching the tops to the body) I did 12 rows with a 4 mm hook and Debbie bliss prima – you can use any yarn thickness and hook size with this pattern, as long as you start with the right chain length and work enough rows. Just be sure that you use a hook/yarn combo that will give a dense enough fabric so as not to be see-through

Body:

**SHELL:** [2dc, ch2, 2dc] all in same st/space

**BEG-SHELL (BEGINNING SHELL):** [ch3, dc, ch2, 2dc) all in same st/space

**DOUBLE SHELL:** [2dc, ch2, 2dc, ch2, 2dc] all in same st/space

**BEG-SHELL DEC (BEGINNING SHELL DECREASE):** Slip st in indicated space, ch 2, yarn over, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops on hook), yarn over, insert hook in ch-2 space of next shell and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (3 loops on hook), yarn over, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

**SHELL DEC (SHELL DECREASE):** Yarn over, insert hook in indicated space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops on hook), yarn over, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (3 loops on hook), yarn over, insert hook in ch-2 space of next shell and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (4 loops on hook), yarn over, insert hook in same space and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

R1: ch 126. Hdc in 3$^{rd}$ ch from hook and in each ch across. Ch2, turn

R2-3: hdc in first st and each st across. Ch 2, turn

R4: hdc in first st and each st across. Ch 3, turn

R5: dc in first st (same st as turning ch) ch 2, 2dc in next st. Ch 4, skip 5 st, sc in next st. ch 4, skip 2 st, sc in next st.*Ch 4, skip 4 st, dc in next st. Ch 4, dc in next st. Ch 4, sk 4 st, sc in next st. ch 4, sk 5 st, shell in next st. Ch 4, sk 5 st, sc in next st Repeat from * 3 times. Ch 4, sk 4 st, dc in next st. Ch 4, dc in next st. Ch 4, sk 4 st, sc in next st. Ch 4, sk 2 st, sc in next st. ch 4, sk 5 st, 2dc in next st. Ch 2, 2dc in next st.

R6: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, ch 5, skip next ch-4 space, sc in next ch-4 space, ch 4, skip next ch-4 space, 9 tr in next ch-4 space, ch 4, skip next ch-4 space, *sc in next ch-5 space, ch 4, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, ch 4, sc in next ch-5 space, ch 4, skip next ch-4 space, 9 tr in next ch-4 space, ch 4, skip next ch-4 space; repeat from * across to last 2 ch-4 spaces, sc in next ch-4 space, ch 5, skip next ch-4 space, shell in ch-2 space of last shell

R7: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, *ch 5, skip next 2 ch-spaces, dc in next tr, [ch 1, dc in next tr] 8 times, ch 5, skip next 2 ch-spaces, shell in ch-2 space of next shell; repeat from * across

R8: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, *ch 5, skip next ch-5 space, sc in next ch-1 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-1 space] 7 times, ch 5, skip next ch-5 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell; repeat from * across

R9: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, ch 4, skip next ch-5 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] 6 times, ch 4, skip next ch-5 space, *double shell in ch-2 space of next shell ch 4, skip next ch-5 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] 6 times, ch 4, skip next ch-5 space; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 space of last shell

R10: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, ch 3, skip next ch-4 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] 5 times, ch 3, skip next ch-4 space, *shell in first ch-2 space of next double shell, ch 1, shell in last ch-2 space of double shell, ch 3, skip next ch-4 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] 5 times, ch 3, skip next ch-4 space; repeat from * across to last shell, shell in ch-2 space of last shell

R11: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] 4 times, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, *ch 3, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] 4 times, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell; repeat from * across

R12: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] 3 times, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, *ch 3, sc in next ch-3 space, ch 3, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] 3 times, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell; repeat from * across

R13: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] twice, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, *[ch 3, sc in next ch-3 space] twice, ch 3, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, [ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space] twice, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell; repeat from * across

R14: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, *ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, 6 dc in next ch-3 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, ch 4, sc in next ch-4 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell; repeat from * across

R15: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, *ch 2, skip next ch-3 space, dc in next dc, [ch 1, dc in next dc] 5 times, ch 2, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, sc in next ch-4 space, ch 3, skip next ch-3 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell; repeat from * across

R16: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell in first ch-2 space, ch 1, skip next 2 ch-3 spaces, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, *ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, dc in next dc, [ch 2, dc in next dc] 5 times, ch 2, skip next ch-2 space, shell in ch-2 space of next shell, ch 1, skip next 2 ch-3 spaces, shell in ch-2 space of next shell; repeat from * across

R17: Turn, slip st in first 2 dc, beg-shell dec in first ch-2 space, *ch 4, slip st in 3rd ch from hook (picot made), ch 1, [cluster in next ch-2 space, ch 4, slip st in 3rd ch from hook, ch 1] 7 times, shell-dec; repeat from * across. Fasten off

Straps (make 2):

(Ch 3 counts as a dc. Ch 1 does not count as sc)

R1: ch 5, sc in 2$^{nd}$ ch from hook and in each ch across (4 sc)

R2: ch1, sc in each st across (4sc)

R3: ch3, dc in next st and each st across (1 ch3 and 3 dc)

R4-31: repeat R2 and R3

R32: repeat R2

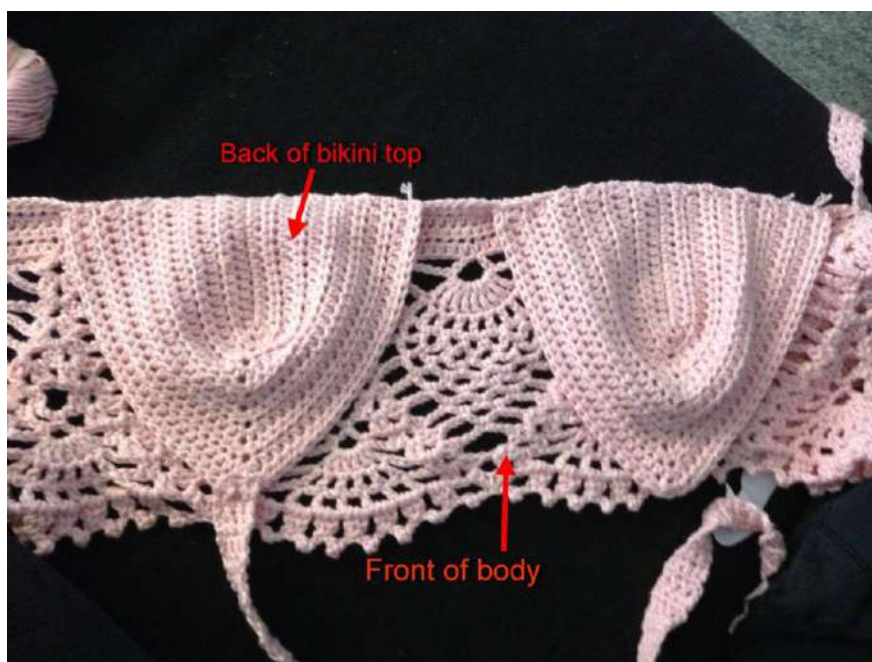R33: ch1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in last st
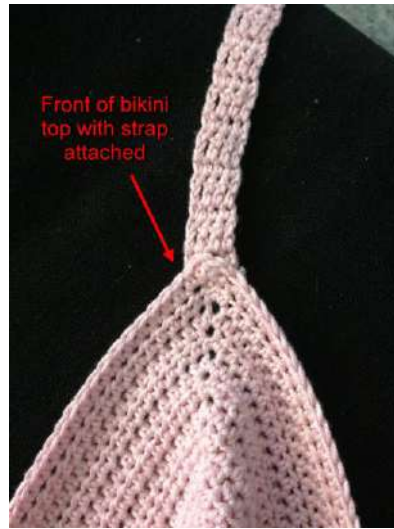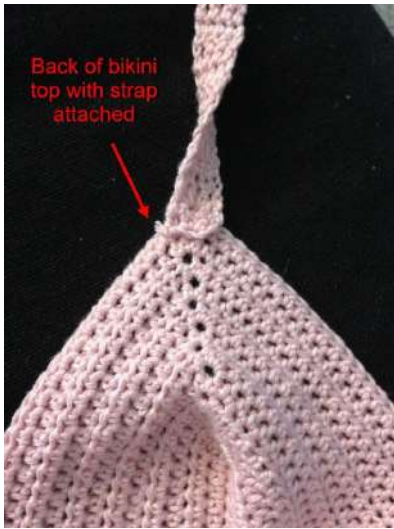
R34: ch1 sc in each st across (3 sc)

R35-44: repeat R34.

Fasten off

ATTACHING ALL PIECES TOGETHER:

Figure out which side of the Body you want to be the back and which side you want as the front. Do the same with the Bikini tops. Then find the middle of the body (between st 62 and 63). Position the two bikini top pieces so that they sit at equal distances from the middle of the body (I positioned them each three stitches from the middle point, so that there was a total of 6 stitches between them). Make sure that the front of the bikini top and the front of the body are facing each other, pin them into place. Using the long tail from the bikini top, sew the top and body together. Repeat for the second bikini top piece.

Back of bikini top with strap attached

Front of bikini top with strap attached

Attach straps to top by sewing the widest end of the straps to the top of the bikini tops

**ATTACHING BUTTON HOLE:**

Attach yarn and sc 2, ch as many as needed to fit snugly around the button, then sc in next 2 spaces

Sew button onto opposite end of top