

Curvy Lady's Favourite Halter Top



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This pattern is made as a base so it can easily be customized with different lengths and edgings. Get creative! Its design is meant to offer maximal support and comfort for curvy ladies so it can be used as an everyday bra!

Extra support is provided:

- from the shape of the cups that wrap to the sides
- from the larger straps behind the neck and how wide they spread apart
- by the way it's shaped underneath the breasts as well as where the back straps are positioned
- from sturdier stitches used.

Materials Needed

Yarn: 200yrd (or more) of DK or Aran/Worsted weight yarn – 100% cotton (or cotton blends - cotton/polyester is great for bathing suits!!)

Note: I do not recommend the cotton “dish cloth” type yarn, I feel it is too rough to use against your skin.

Crochet hook: size E (3.5mm)

Scissors & yarn needle to weave in ends

Stitches used

- ch = chain
- st = stitch
- sts = stitches
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- hdc = Half double crochet
- ch-1 sp – the space made from the ch 1 in previous row
- rep = repeat



Size chart

Note: This pattern is completely customizable so feel free to improvise and adjust! Use a longer chain for wider chests and more rounds for a bigger cup. Keep in mind the back straps are also completely adjustable.

| | |
|------------|---|
| XXS | 30A, 32A, 30B |
| XS | 34A, 32B, 34B, 30C |
| S | 36A, 38A, 36B, 32C, 34C, 30D, 32D, 30DD |
| M | 40A, 38B, 40B, 36C, 34D, 32DD, 34DD, 30DDD, 32DDD |
| L | 38C, 40C, 36D, 38D, 40D, 36DD, 34DDD |
| XL | 38DD, 40DD, 36DDD, 38DDD, 40DDD |

Bra cup size info

Note : Use a size smaller if working with bigger thread OR a size bigger if you want more coverage.

| | |
|------------|----------------------------|
| XXS | Start with ch14 / 5 rounds |
| XS | Start with ch14 / 6 rounds |
| S | Start with ch16 / 7 rounds |
| M | Start with ch18 / 7 rounds |
| L | Start with ch20 / 7 rounds |
| XL | Start with ch20 / 8 rounds |

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(<http://www.mayalunacorazon.com/>)

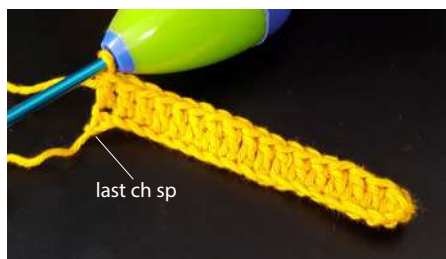


CUPS

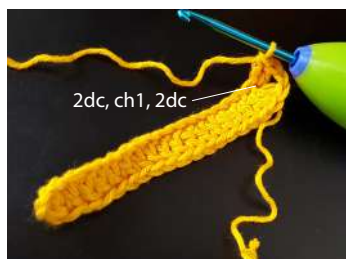
Note: Make your chain according to the desired bra size. For this pattern I am working with a large size in light worsted/DK weight)

Round 1

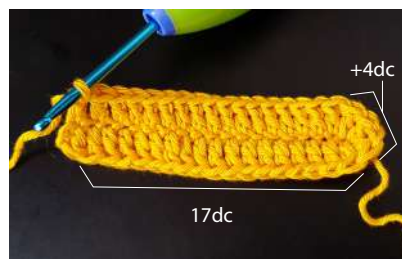
- ch20, dc in 3th ch from the hook, 1dc in each ch st (Through this pattern the first chain or a row do NOT count as a stitch. I count the posts) (Picture 1)
- 2dc, ch1, 2dc in last ch (Picture 2)
- 1dc in each ch st the other side across. (17dc on each side + 4 sts on top) (Picture 3)
- ch2, turn.



Picture 1



Picture 2



Picture 3

Round 2

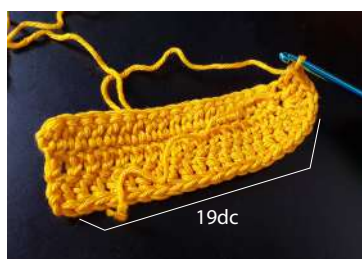
- dc in same stitch as the chain then 1dc in each st across (19dc)
- (2dc, ch1, 2dc) in the ch space at the top (Picture 4)
- 1dc in each st the other side across (17 DC on each side + 4 sts on top)
- ch2, turn.

Round 3 – 7

- Repeat round 2 , increasing 4 sts (2 on each side) every round.
- For a large size I end up with 29 sts on each side (+ 4 sts on top) (Picture 5)

ch1, Turn your work around to finish the bottom part.

sc crochet across the bottom (I placed 2 sc in each row = 28) (Picture 6). Fasten off the first cup.



Picture 4



Picture 5



Picture 6



Picture 7

Note: Make another cup in the same size. When you finish the second cup, do not cut the thread as we will continue from there. (Picture 7)

Also don't worry if you feel the cups are a bit small at this point. There will be rows added all around.

CONNECTING THE CUPS

Note: Tip the cups sideways. Make sure the cups have the right side facing you. (Meaning that the ends to weave face away from you) (Picture 8)

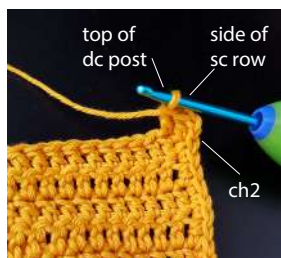
Row 1

From the second cup:

- ch 2, 1dc in the side of the last row then on the first dc. (Picture 9)
- 1dc in each st along till the second st from the middle ch space (Picture 10)



Picture 8



Picture 9



Picture 10

- ch 3 (Picture 11)
- connect on the other cup, dc in the second st from the middle ch (Picture 12)
- 1dc in each st along the way (same with the other side), dc in the top of the last row (Picture 13)
- ch 2, turn.



Picture 11



Picture 12



Picture 13

Row 2

- 1dc in each st along the way. (make sure to put your 3 sts along the chain)
- ch 2, turn.

Row 3

Repeat row 2 (Picture 14)



Picture 14

Row 4

- ch5, skip 2, dc in the next st.
- *ch 2, skip 2, dc in the next st. (Picture 15)
- rep from * across
- ch2, turn.

Note: This may seem like a decorative row but it's actually where the top will come tighter underneath your breasts. If you have much larger breasts, feel free to add a row or two before this one AND/OR to repeat rows 4-5 once more underneath. (Picture 17-Alt)

Row 5

- 3 dc in each chain space across, last dc goes in the 3rd chain of the ch5 of the previous row. (Picture 16)
- ch2, turn.

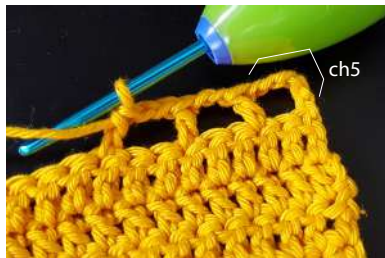
Row 6

- 1dc in each st along the way.

Row 7

At this point if you followed these exact step, you should have “wrong side” facing you. We want to add a row so the “right side” is facing you. (If the right side is facing you then skip that row)

- ch1, sc across. (Picture 17)



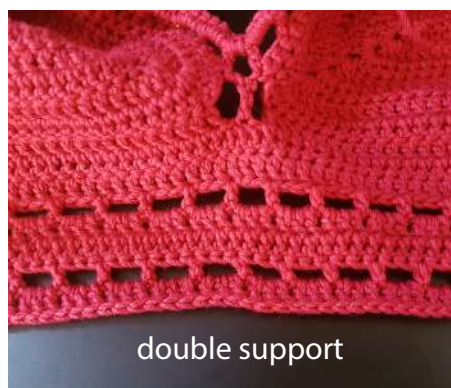
Picture 15



Picture 16



Picture 17

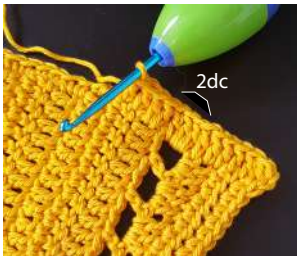


Picture 17-Alt

WORKING THE TOP PART

Round 1

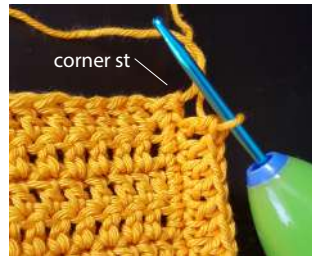
- ch 2, dc in the side of the rows your just worked till you reach the side of the cup (2 dc in each row ends, 2dc in ch space). *Note: There is 3 in the picture but I realized afterward I prefer 2* (Picture 18)
- dc in the first st of the side of the cup (Picture 19)
- dc along the side of the cup till you reach the corner (Picture 20)
- 4dc in the corner (Picture 21)



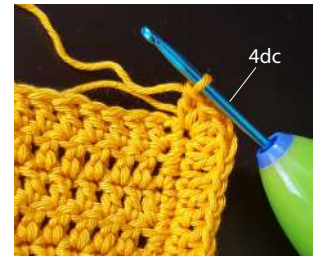
Picture 18



Picture 19



Picture 20



Picture 21

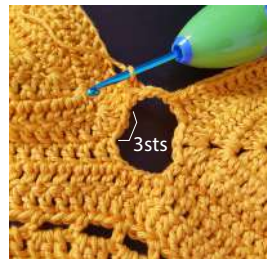
- dc along the top of the cup till you reach the second st from the middle (just as the bottom part) (Picture 22)

Note: take this occasion to weave in the end from the first cup along while you work

- ch 3
- connect on the other side on the second st from the middle of the cup (there should be 3sts free at the inner point of each cup) (Picture 23)
- work your way on the other side just like the first. (Picture 24)
- ch1, turn



Picture 22



Picture 23



Picture 24

ALTERNATE TOP PART

Alt Round 1

After the 4dc in the corner

- sc till you reach the second st from the middle (just as the bottom part) (Picture 22,23-Alt)
- ch1
- dc in the middle of the bottom chain
- ch1
- connect on the other side on the second st from the middle of the cup (there should be 3sts at the inner point of each cup) (Picture 24-Alt)
- work your way on the other side just like the first. (don't forget 4dc in the corner and dc on the side)
- ch1, turn



Picture 22-Alt



Picture 23-Alt



Picture 24-Alt

Alt Round 2

- sc all the way up till the last dc of the 4dc in the corner.
- *ch 2, skip 2, dc in the next st.
- rep from * till you reach the middle.
- do not chain 2, simply dc on the other side (Picture 25-Alt)
- work the second side just like the first.
- ch1, turn

Alt Round 3

Work the round 2 and the straps like the regular version simply put 3 sc in each chain spaces in between. (Picture 26-Alt)



Picture 25-Alt



Picture 26-Alt



Alternate version
front

Round 2

- sc all the way up to the 2nd st of the 4dc at the corner of the cup. (or the 1st st of 4dc if making a thicker strap) (Picture 25,26)

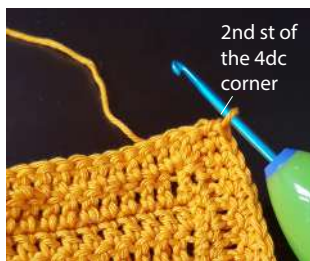
Note: Here we will work the strap without fastening off. If you plan on doing a custom decorative or higher front part, now is the time to do so.

- ch 60-80 (Picture 27)

Note: I personally do not like a big bow in the neck so I make the straps shorter for a simple knot (see picture next to size chart on page 3). You can decide to chain 100 or more if you want them longer to tie a bow.

-sc in the second chain then sc all the way back down (Picture 28)

Note: you could decide to stop here if you like the look of thinner straps but I highly recommend thicker straps for more comfort and support.



Picture 25



Picture 26



Picture 27



Picture 28

- sl st in the same space as the chain
- sl st in the next st (the 3rd st of the 4dc at the corner of the cup) (Picture 29)
- ch1, turn
- sc all the way back up, turn (sc down and up once more for even thicker straps)
- sl st all the way back down (the sl sts are tighter than the sc so this will provide sturdier support in the straps)
- sl st in the same space as last row (3rd st of the 4dc at the corner of the cup) (Picture 30, 30-Alt)



Picture 29



Picture 30

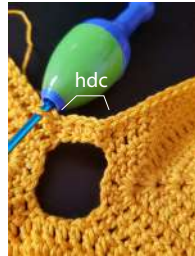


Picture 30-Alt

- sc along the top till the middle chain
- hdc in the 3 chains (Picture 31)
- sc along the top of the other side
- work out the 2nd strap in the same as the first
- sc all the way down. (Picture 32, 32-Alt)

DO NOT fasten off

- ch1, turn



Picture 31



Picture 32



Picture 32-Alt

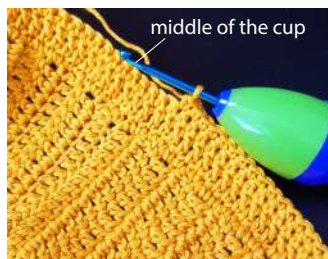
WORKING THE SIDES

Row 1

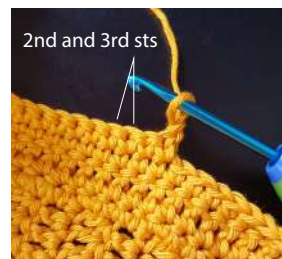
- sc 28 along the side (this should bring you a little under the middle line of the cup) (Picture 33)
- ch1, turn

Row 2

- sc decrease in the 2nd and 3rd sts from the hook (-2 sts) (Picture 34-35)
- sc all the way back down (total = 26)
- ch1, turn



Picture 33



Picture 34



Picture 35

Row 3

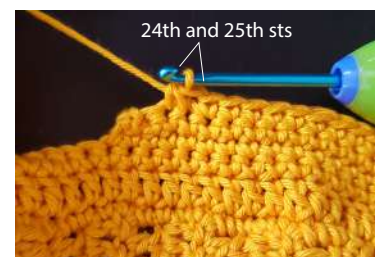
- sc all the way back up
- sc decrease in the 24th and 25th sts (-1 st) (Picture 36)
- skip the last st (the decrease from the last row (-1 st) (total = 24)
- ch 1, turn

Row 4 - Repeat row 2 (total = 22)

Row 5 - Repeat row 3 (total = 20)

Row 6 - Repeat row 2 (total = 18)

Row 7 - Repeat row 3 (total = 16)

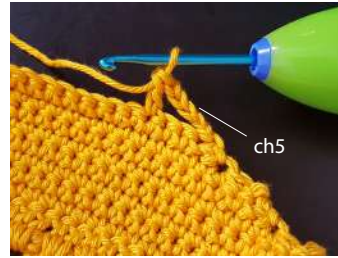


Picture 36

Repeat row 7 as much as you want if you want to close it more at the back. Keep in mind this factor will vary greatly with the stretchiness of material used

Row 8

- ch5, skip 3, dc in the next st. (Picture 37)
- *ch 2, skip 2, dc in the next st.
- rep from * across (Picture 38)
- ch1, turn.



Picture 37

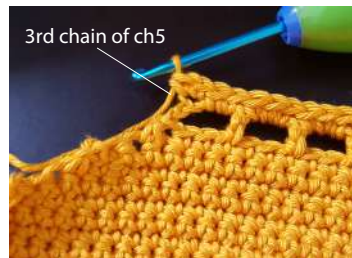


Picture 38

Row 9

- 3 sc in each ch sp along
- 2 sc in the 3rd ch of the ch5 (Picture 39)
- 2 sc in the side of the chain (Picture 40)
- sc along the top edge of the side part
- sl st in the side of the cup (Picture 41)

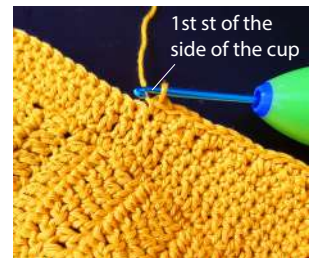
Fasten off.



Picture 39



Picture 40



Picture 41

Turn your work around and join just below the bottom corner of the other side (**wrong side will be facing you and it's ok**).

- ch1
- Work the second side just the same.



Finished regular side



Longer side on the
alternate version

FINISHING UP

- With the right side facing you, attach the yarn in the 1st sc at the bottom of the top
- ch1, 2 sc in the chain ([Picture 42](#))
- sc along all along the bottom (1 sc at the end of sc rows)

Note : Here you can decide to customize your top to make it longer or add decorative edges. Otherwise:

Fasten off.
Weave in the ends.



Picture 42

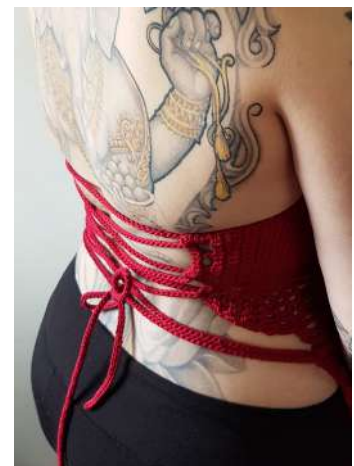
CLOSING THE BACK

To make the back strap:

- ch300 – 600 (widely varies with stretchiness of material, wideness of your chest and how many times you want to pass the straps through the holes)
- sl st in the second chain and along
- Fasten off
- Weave in the ends.

Enjoy your pretty halter top!

Note: In the first few hours of wearing your top, it is normal for the material to stretch so feel free to tighten the neck and back straps.



**Finished alternate version
and detail of the closing
in the back**



For customization, on the left I chose a simple cream lace edging made with cotton thread.

On the right, I pulled out a chart for a traditional pineapple stitch I liked and simply added it as an extension to the basic top.

Let your imagination run wild!

- With love, Karine