

Hairpin Lace Tunic

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SKILL LEVEL

■ ■ ■ □ INTERMEDIATE

SIZE

Small [medium and large]
Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in brackets.

MATERIALS

- Patons Classic Wool Merino light (sport) weight yarn (3½ oz/223 yds/100g per skein):
10½ oz #248 evergreen mix
7 [9, 10½] oz #220 bottle green
- Sizes H/8/5mm and I/9/5.5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Adjustable hairpin loom
- Safety pins

GAUGE

Gauge is difficult to determine with hairpin crochet. Center strip (129 stitches long) placed flat for joining should measure approximately 28½ inches. Unjoined strips are 2¾ inches wide. Joined strips (measured from center of join to center of join) are 2¼ inches wide. Check gauge to save time.

PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends into the spines of each strip after joining.

On the end, with final loops held by safety pins, carefully loop loose end through loop and then through the center spine. Use care not to draw loop too tight.

BASIC HAIRPIN CROCHET

Step 1 (first stitch): To begin, place a slipknot on hook, wrap yarn around the right prong from behind. In front of the loom, position hook with slipknot in the center, catch the yarn and draw it through the slipknot.

Step 2: Turn the loom to the left so

that the yarn wraps around the 2nd prong, which is now on the right. Insert hook upward through the loop that is on the left prong, single crochet (*one stitch completed*).

Rem stitches: Rep Step 2 twice for each additional stitch. Complete final stitch of each strip with a slip stitch instead of a single crochet.

TUNIC STRIPS

Set loom at 2¾ inches wide and with hook size I, follow basic hairpin crochet directions.

With each evergreen mix and bottle green, make 4 strips (*total 8 strips*) each 129 sts long to form center front and back neckline opening. With each evergreen mix and bottle green make 4 [5, 6] strips (*total 8, 10, 12 strips*) each 270 sts long to form the side sections.

JOINING STRIPS

Using diagram placement, place strips side by side on a flat surface, alternating colors as indicated.

First side

Step 1: To join the first 2 strips, start with right-hand strip, insert hook through the left lp of the right-hand strip, catch the right bottom lp of the left strip and draw it through the lp already on the hook.

Step 2: Catch the next 2 lps of the right strip and draw them through the lp on the hook.

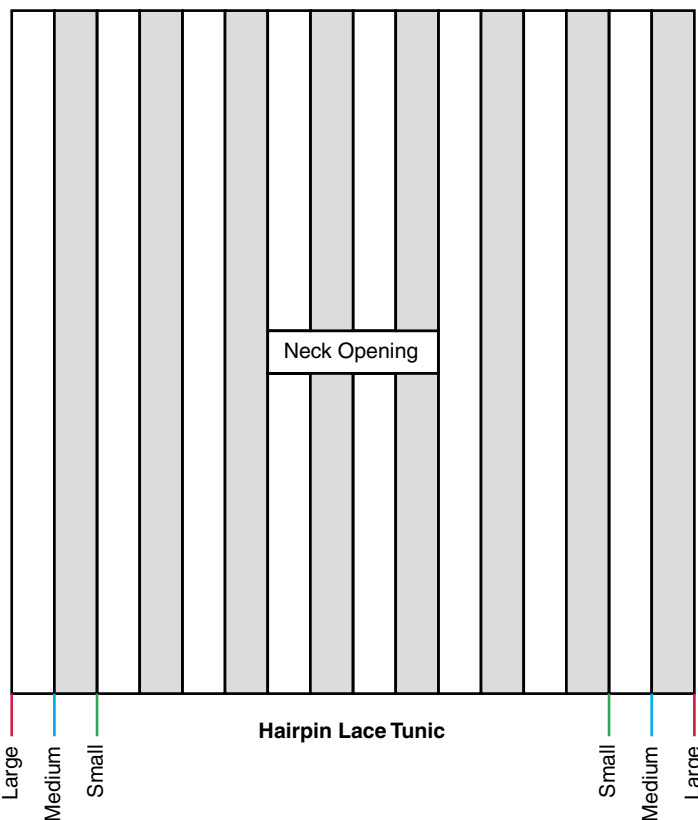
Step 3: Draw the next 2 lps on the left strip through the 2 lps on the hook.

Rep Steps 2 and 3 until there is only one lp left on each strip.

Step 4: Draw final lp of right strip through the 2 lps on hook.

Step 5: Draw final lp of left strip through lp on hook. Use a safety pin in the final lp to keep the joining from unraveling while you join the rem strips.

Step 6: Join the next strip the same way, but beg with the bottom right lp of the left strip. If you do not alternate the beg side in this manner, the top



COLOR KEY
 □ Evergreen mix
 ■ Bottle green

*The lovely hairpin lace
technique created this warm and
beautiful tunic. A thoughtful gift
for a dear friend!*



and bottom edges of the tunic will be slanted instead of even. (This means you will always beg a join with the same color of strip.)

Continue joining strips until 4 [5, 6] long strips have been joined.

Center front & back

Maintain alternating colors and join in the same manner as the side strips. To beg the center section, join one short strip, sk 2 lps on the long strip, join a 2nd short strip. Join the rem short strips to each other to complete the center section of the tunic.

Second side

Join the first part of the next long strip to the short center strip, sk 2 lps on the long strip and join the remainder

to the 2nd short center strip. Join the rem side strips as for first side.

Side seam

Fold tunic in half. Beg at bottom edge, follow basic joining instructions and join 90 [82, 78] lps from each strip to make side seam (*leaving 80 [96, 104] lps for armhole opening*). Rep side seam in same manner for 2nd side.

BOTTOM EDGING

With hook size H, attach evergreen mix around both strands of any bottom lp, ch 1, work (hdc, dc, hdc, ch 1) in each lp around bottom edge, join in first hdc, fasten off.

NECKLINE EDGING

With hook size H, attach evergreen mix through 2 unjoined lps (*lps are*

worked tog as one) at side of neck opening. In unjoined lps and around both strands of each end lp around neck opening, work (hdc, dc, hdc, ch 1), join in beg hdc, fasten off.

ARMHOLE EDGING (make 2)

Note: *Work each armhole color with same yarn color of armhole opening.*

With hook size H, attach yarn around both strands of right side of joined lps at top of armhole edge, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in each side of joined lps (*for shell*). Working into groups of 4 unjoined lps, shell in each group of 4 around armhole edge, join in beg sc, fasten off. ☞

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