Free Crochet Halter Top Pattern

An easy, adjustable summer top with a sweet scalloped finish



BEGINNER FRIENDLY	ADJUSTABLE TIES	XS - 5XL GUIDE

Make it in breathable cotton, choose your favorite color, and adjust the cups and ties to suit your preferred fit. This printable guide includes US crochet terms, a size-planning chart, a cup construction diagram, and finishing tips.

DESIGN NOTE
This is a made-to-measure style pattern draft. The size chart is a starting guide, not a professionally graded or physically test-crocheted size set. Make a gauge swatch and check fit as you work.

01 | PLAN YOUR PROJECT

Materials, stitch language, gauge, and a flexible size guide. Take your measurements before choosing a cup size.

MATERIAL	RECOMMENDATION
Yarn	DK weight (#3) cotton yarn; smooth, breathable yarn is recommended.
Hook	4.0 mm crochet hook (or size needed to match gauge).
Notions	Tapestry needle, scissors, 2-4 stitch markers, and a measuring tape.
Optional	Removable bra cups or soft lining fabric for extra coverage.

Yarn quantity (planning estimate)

SIZE	ESTIMATED YARDAGE
XS-S	200-250 yd
M-L	250-300 yd
XL-2XL	300-350 yd
3XL-4XL	350-400 yd
5XL	400-500 yd

Yardage varies with stitch tension, cup depth, band length, and tie length. Buy extra yarn if you plan to lengthen the top.

US crochet abbreviations

ABBREVIATION	MEANING	ABBREVIATION	MEANING
ch	chain	st / sts	stitch / stitches
hdc	half double crochet	sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch	dc	double crochet
inc	increase	FO	fasten off

Gauge

16 hdc x 12 rows = 4 x 4 inches (10 x 10 cm) in a flat swatch, measured after light blocking. Ch 18, work hdc in the second chain from the hook and across. Ch 1, turn, and repeat until the swatch is large enough to measure. If you have too many stitches per 4 inches, use a larger hook; if too few, use a smaller hook.

Size-planning chart

SIZE	BODY BUST*	CUP ROWS	LAST ROW STS	CUP BASE* (IN)	BAND ROWS
XS	30-32	14	29	7.25	6
S	34-36	15	31	7.75	6
M	38-40	16	33	8.25	7
L	42-44	17	35	8.75	7
XL	46-48	18	37	9.25	8
2XL	50-52	19	39	9.75	8
3XL	54-56	20	41	10.25	9
4XL	58-60	21	43	10.75	9
5XL	62-64	22	45	11.25	10

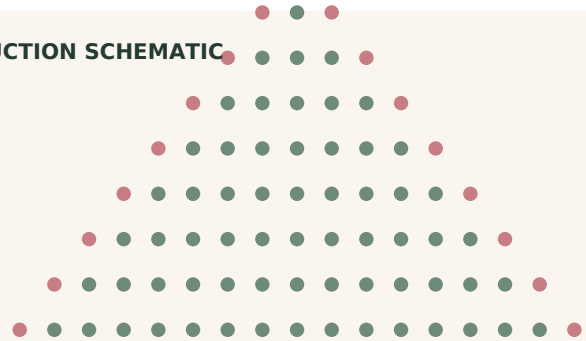
*Body bust is a suggested starting range only. Cup base width is estimated from 16 hdc per 4 inches (4 stitches per inch); actual width changes with stitch pattern and blocking. Band rows are a customization starting point, not a fixed grading rule.

Fit first: measure the desired cup width and height on your body or over a well-fitting top. If between sizes, choose cup rows for coverage, then adjust the straps and ties independently.

02 | MAKE THE TRIANGLE CUPS

Make two matching cups. Work each cup flat in rows from the top point toward the wide lower edge. The chain-1 turning chain does not count as a stitch.

TRIANGLE CUP - CONSTRUCTION SCHEMATIC



Begin with 3 hdc; add 2 hdc on every following row (one at each edge).

Cup instructions

Foundation - Ch 3. Work 3 hdc in the third chain from the hook. (3 sts) Ch 1 and turn.

Row 2 - Work 2 hdc in the first st, 1 hdc in the next st, and 2 hdc in the last st. (5 sts) Ch 1 and turn.

Row 3 and every increase row - Work 2 hdc in the first st, hdc in each st until 1 st remains, then work 2 hdc in the last st. Ch 1 and turn. Each row adds 2 sts.

Continue - Repeat the increase row until you reach the cup row count for your chosen size in the chart on page 2. Count the foundation row as Row 1.

Second cup - Make a second cup with exactly the same number of rows. Lay the pieces side by side and compare their width and height before joining.

Cup reference

CUP ROW	STITCH COUNT	APPROX. WIDTH
14	29	7.25 in
15	31	7.75 in
16	33	8.25 in
17	35	8.75 in
18	37	9.25 in
19	39	9.75 in
20	41	10.25 in
21	43	10.75 in
22	45	11.25 in

03 | JOIN, BAND, STRAPS & EDGING

Arrange the cups with their points at the top and wide edges along the bottom. The inner lower corners sit near the center front. Use stitch markers to keep the placement balanced.

CUP 1	CENTER BRIDGE	CUP 2
\ /	2-4 chains	\ /
LEFT BASE	JOIN	RIGHT BASE
UNDERBUST BAND - worked across the joined lower edge		

A. Join the cups

With the right sides facing you, join yarn at the outer lower corner of the first cup. Work single crochet evenly along its wide lower edge toward the center. Ch 2-4 to form a small center bridge, then continue single crochet across the lower edge of the second cup. This joining pass is Band Row 1. Keep the bridge loose enough for a natural fit, but not so loose that the cups separate excessively.

B. Work the underbust band

After the joining pass (Band Row 1), ch 1 and turn. Band Row 2: hdc in each st across. Turn.
Repeat the hdc row until you reach the total band-row count shown in the size chart, counting the joining pass as Row 1. Fasten off.

C. Make the neck ties

Join yarn at the top point of one cup. Ch until the cord measures about 18-22 inches (46-56 cm), or your preferred length. Sl st back along the chain for a firmer cord. Fasten off. Repeat at the second cup. Check the length around your neck before securing the ends.

D. Make the back ties

Join yarn to an outer lower corner of the band. Ch until the tie measures about 22-28 inches (56-71 cm). Sl st back along the chain. Fasten off and repeat at the opposite corner. Longer ties can be used for a wraparound bow.



Back-tie placement reference.



Finished top inspiration.

E. Add the scalloped lower edge

Join yarn at one end of the lower band. Ch 1, then sc evenly across the edge. For the scallop round, repeat: skip 1 st, work 5 dc in the next st, skip 1 st, sl st in the next st. Adjust spacing at the end of the row so the scallops lie flat. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

04 | FINISHING & FIT CHECK

A few careful checks make the finished top look neater and feel more comfortable.

Compare the cups: Lay them flat and confirm the row counts, base widths, and heights match.

Check the center: Make sure the bridge is secure and the cups sit at the spacing you prefer.

Try it on before weaving ends: Adjust neck ties and back ties while wearing the top over a suitable layer.

Weave in ends: Use a tapestry needle and secure each tail through several stitches.

Block gently: Follow the yarn label. Pin the cups into shape without stretching the fabric excessively.

Customization and fit tips

CUSTOMIZE	HOW TO ADJUST
More coverage	Add increase rows to both cups, then check the cup height and width as you work.
Less coverage	Use fewer cup rows, but make sure the cup still covers the area you want.
Longer top	Add rows to the band or add a simple body section below it.
More support	Use a snugger band, reinforce tie attachment points, or add removable cups/soft lining. This design is not a supportive bra.
Different yarn	If you change yarn weight, make a new gauge swatch and expect to recalculate the cup dimensions.

Troubleshooting

ISSUE	POSSIBLE FIX
Cups curl at edges	Check gauge and avoid tight turning chains. Lightly block if yarn allows.
Cups look uneven	Count every row and compare both pieces before joining.
Band feels too tight	Add a row or use a larger hook for the band; adjust back ties.
Scallops ripple	Space the shells farther apart or reduce the number of skipped stitches as needed.

IMPORTANT PATTERN NOTES
This guide is an original draft pattern prepared from written construction instructions. It has not been physically sample-tested or professionally size-graded. Stitch counts and widths are calculated from the stated gauge; real results vary by yarn, hook, tension, blocking, and body shape. Make a swatch, try on as you go, and adjust for personal fit.

Happy crocheting!

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