Doris - crochet wrap vest for baby

A vintage inspired wrap vest for babies from designer Sidsel Sangild. Doris is a sweet and practical vest in a beautiful crochet stitch. Pattern uses US crochet terms.

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Materials
Merci from Filcolana: 100 g in colour 609
2,5 mm crochet hook
Stitch marker or contrast yarn

Sizes
6 mo/68 cl (12 mo/80 cl) 18 mo/86 cl (24 mo/92 cl)

Finished measurements
Chest circumference: 50 (52,5) 55 (60) cm

Gauge
27 dc, 12 rows = 10 cm

Abbrieviations
Ch: chain stitch
Sc: Single crochet
Sl st: slip stitch
Dc: double crochet

Special abbrieviations
V: (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in the same st/place.

Directions
The vest is made top down in one piece. It is closed with tying bands.

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Ch 68.

Row 1: 3 dc in 5th ch from the hook, skip 2 ch, 5 dc in next ch, *skip 2 ch, 3 dc in next ch*, repeat from * to * twice more, skip 2 ch, 5 dc in next ch, repeat from * to * 9 times, skip 2 ch, 5 dc in next ch, repeat from * to * 3 times, skip 2 ch, 5 dc in next ch, skip 2 ch, 3 dc in next ch, skip 1 ch, 1 dc in last ch, turn.

Place a stitch marker in the middle dc of each of the 4 5dc-groups.

Row 2: Ch 3, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in the middle dc of the first 3dc-group, *1 V in next dc (first dc of 5dc-group), skip 1 dc, 1 V in the marked st, skip 1 dc, 1 V in next dc**, 1 V in the middle dc in each of the next 3 3dc-groups, repeat from * to **, 1 V in the middle dc in each of the next 9 3dc-groups, repeat from * to **, 1 V in the middle dc in each of the next 3 3dc-groups, repeat from * to **, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in the middle dc in last 3dc-group, 1 dc in top of ch-3, turn.

Move markers up.

Row 3: Ch 3, *3 dc in each ch-space to marked ch-space, 5 dc in marked ch-space*, repeat from * to **, 3 times more, 3 dc in each ch-space to end of row, 1 dc in top of ch-3, turn.

Move markers up.

Row 4: Ch 3, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in the middle dc of the first 3dc-group, *1 V in the middle dc of each 3dc-group to marked 5dc-group, 1 V in next dc (first dc of 5dc-group), skip 1 dc, 1 V in the marked st, skip 1 dc, 1 V in next dc**, repeat from * to ** 3 times more, 1 V in the middle dc of each 3dc-group to last 3dc-group, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in the middle dc of the last 3dc-group, 1 dc in top of ch-3, turn.

Move markers up.

Repeat Rows 3-4 2 (3) 3 (4) times more.

Repeat Row 3 once.

In total 9 (11) 11 (13) rows.

Next row: Ch 3, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in the middle dc of the first 3dc-group, *1 V in the middle dc of each 3dc-group to the marked 5dc-group, 1 V in next dc (first dc of 5dc-group), skip 1 dc, 1 V in the marked st, ch 8 (8) 11 (11), 1 V in next marked st (skipping the sts of the sleeve), skip 1 dc, 1 V in next dc*, repeat from * to * once more, 1 V in the middle dc of each 3dc-group to last 3dc-group, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in the middle dc of the last 3dc-group, 1 dc in top of ch-3, turn.

Remove markers.

Continue over the sts of the body including the new stitches under each sleeve.

Next row: Ch 3, 3 dc in each ch-space to first chain under arm, *skip 2 ch, 3 dc in next ch**, repeat from * to ** 1 (1) 2 (2) times more, 3 dc in each ch-space to next chain under arm, repeat from * to ** 2 (2) 3 (3) times, 3 dc in each ch-space to end of row, 1 dc in top of ch-3, turn.

In total 49 (53) 55 (59) 3dc-groups.

Next row: Ch 3, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in the middle dc of the first 3dc-group, 1 V in the middle dc of each 3dc-group to last 3dc-group, (1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc) in the middle dc of the last 3dc-group, 1 dc in the top of the ch-3, turn.

Next row: Ch 3, 3 dc in each ch-space, 1 dc in the top of the ch-3, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows until the vest measures approximately 16 (18) 18 (21) cm from the neck opening.

Next row: Ch 3, *(1 dc, 2 ch, 1 dc) in the middle dc of next 3dc-group**, repeat from * to ** to end of row, 1 dc in top of ch-3, turn.

Repeat this row 4 (4) 6 (6) times more or to desired length.

Do not break yarn.

Edging and tying bands

Ch 1, continue along the front edge: 2 sc in each row end of the first 7 (7) 9 (9) rows, ch 51, beginning in the 2nd ch from the hook make 1 sl st in each ch. Make 2 sc in each row end along the front edge, continue making sc around the neck opening and down along the other front edge until 7 (7) 9 (9) rows remain, ch 51, beginning in the 2nd ch from the hook make 1 sl st in each ch. Continue making 2 sc in each row end along the last part of the front edge, fasten off.

Tying bands at the sides

At one side make a tying band to fasten the right front piece on the outside of the vest. At the other side make a tying band to fasten the left front piece on the inside of the vest.

Join yarn at the side in the same height as the tying bands, ch 51, beginning in the 2nd ch from the hook make 1 sl st in each ch, ending with 1 sl st in the same place as you joined the yarn. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Sleeve edging

Join yarn in the arm opening, crochet sc along the edge, fasten off.