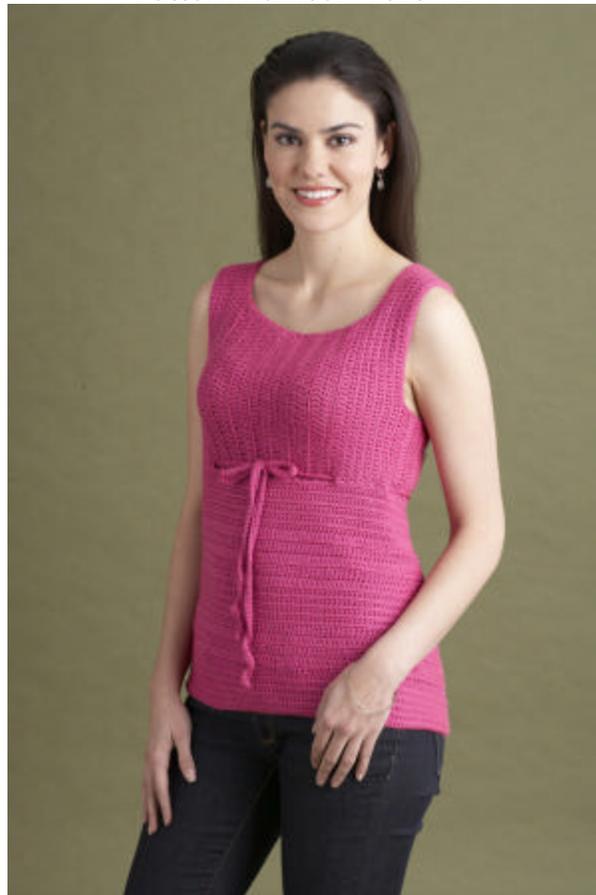




**Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Microspun
Empire Top**

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SKILL LEVEL: Easy +

SIZE: Small, Medium, Large, 1X, 2X

Finished Bust 32 (34, 36, 38, 40) in. (81.5 (86.5, 91 1/2, 96.5, 101.5) cm)

Finished Length 23 1/2 (23 1/2, 23 1/2, 26, 26) in. (59.5 (59.5, 59.5, 68.5, 68.5) cm)

Note: Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

CORRECTIONS: None

MATERIALS

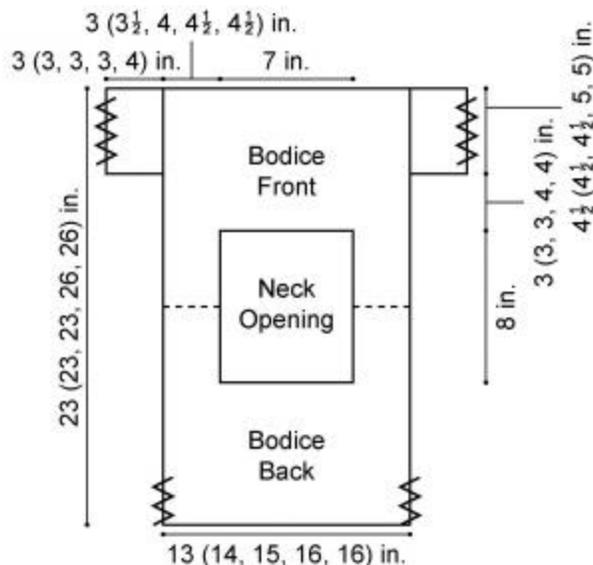
- 910-146 Lion Brand Microspun Yarn: Fuchsia
4 4, 5, 5, 6 Balls
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size H-8
- Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)

GAUGE:

18 sc + 16 rows = 4 in. (10 cm); 18 dc + 8 rows = 4 in. (10 cm). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you less stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

NOTES:

- 1) Top is made Bodice first. Bodice is made side to side. Underarms are worked after Bodice is complete. Skirt is picked up along lower edge and worked in rounds to lower edge. Tie is threaded through stitches below Bodice.
- 2) All stitches in Bodice and Skirt are worked into the front loop only. Work the last stitch of each Bodice row and the joining stitch of each Skirt round into both loops of stitch or ch.



BODICE**Shape Shoulder**

Ch 105 (105, 105, 119, 119).

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across - 104 (104, 104, 118, 118) sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, working in front loops only, sc in each sc across.

Rep last row until piece measures 3 (3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 4 1/2) in. (7.5 (9, 10, 11.5, 11.5) cm) from beg, end with a WS row.

Shape Front Neck

Row 1 (RS): Ch 3, turn, working in front loops only, dc in first 34 (34, 34, 41, 41) sts; leave remaining sts unworked.

Note: Continue working in front loops only throughout Bodice.

Row 2: Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across. Rep last row until Front neck measures 7 in. (18 cm), end with a WS row.

Shape Back Neck

From RS, skip center 36 sts along last row of sc, join yarn and ch 3, dc in last 34 (34, 34, 41, 41) dc across remaining sts of last sc row.

Next Row: Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across. Rep last row until piece measures same length as Front neck, end with a RS row. Do not fasten off.

Shape Shoulder

Row 1 (WS): Ch 3, turn, dc in 34 (34, 34, 41, 41) dc of Back neck, ch 36, dc in next 34 (34, 34, 41, 41) of Front neck - 104 (104, 104, 118, 118) dc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch across.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc across.

Rep last row for 3 (3 1/2, 4, 4 1/2, 4 1/2) in. (7.5 (9, 10, 11.5, 11.5) cm), end with a WS row.

Shape Underarms

Row 1: Ch 3, turn, dc in first 20 (20, 20, 23, 23) sts; leave remaining sts unworked.

Row 2: Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across. Rep last row for 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) in. (7.5 (7.5, 7.5, 7.5, 10) cm).

Fasten off.

From WS, join yarn in first free loop on opposite side of foundation ch.

Next Row: Ch 3, dc in free loops of first 20 (20, 20, 23, 23) ch.

Next Row: Ch 3, turn, dc in each dc across. Rep last row for 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) in. (7.5 (7.5, 7.5, 7.5, 10) cm).

Fasten off.

Fold Bodice piece in half along Shoulders and line up lower edge. Sew side edges of underarm pieces to lower side edges of Back.

SKIRT

From RS, join yarn at center of underarm.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, work 144 (154, 162, 172, 180) sc evenly spaced around lower edge of Bodice; join with sl st in first sc.

Rnds 2-10: Ch 1, working in front loops only, sc in each sc around; join with sl st in first sc.

Note: Continue working in front loops only throughout Skirt.

Rnds 11-15: Ch 3, dc in each sc around; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3.

Rep Rnds 2-15 until Skirt measures 12 (12, 12, 13, 13) in. (30.5 (30.5, 30.5, 33, 33) cm). Fasten off.

FINISHING**Tie**

Make a chain 54 (56, 58, 60, 62) in. (137 (142, 147.5, 152.5, 157.5) cm) long.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across. Fasten off.

Weave tie through sts in first row of Skirt and tie in a bow. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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<u>beg = begin(s)(ning)</u>	<u>ch(s) = chain(s)</u>
<u>dc = double crochet</u>	<u>rep = repeat(s)(ing)</u>
<u>rnd(s) = round(s)</u>	<u>RS = right side</u>
<u>sc = single crochet</u>	<u>sl st = slip stitch</u>
<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>	<u>WS = wrong side</u>

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