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## Boulder Beach Fit 'n Flare Topper

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Technique used: Crochet



### MATERIALS

[shop online](#)

[Naturally Caron.com Spa](#)

(75% Microdenier Acrylic/25% Rayon from bamboo;

3oz/85g, 251yds/230m):

#0008 Misty Taupe: 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9) balls

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[One size U.S. H-8 \(5mm\) crochet hook](#), or size to obtain gauge (for sizes S, M, 2X and 3X)

[One size US I-9 \(5.5mm\)](#), or size to obtain gauge (for sizes L and 1X)

### ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Stitch markers

Yarn needle



S (M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Bust:** 35 (39, 44, 48, 52 1/2, 56 1/2)"/89 (99, 112, 122, 133.5, 143.5)cm

### GAUGE

In panel pattern, 14 sc = 4"/10cm; panel = 7 1/2"/19cm wide (not including side edging), Rows 1-9 = 4"/10cm high, using smaller hook (sizes S, M, 2X and 3X);

In pattern, 12 sc = 4"/10cm; panel = 8"/20.5cm wide (not including side edging), Rows 1-7 = 4"/10cm high, using larger hook (sizes L and 1X)

### STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), double treble crochet (dtr), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st), treble crochet (tr)

### SPECIAL STITCHES

**ch-3 join:** Ch 1, drop loop from hook, insert hook in corresponding ch-3 sp of previous panel, pick up dropped loop and draw through, ch 1.

**ch-5 join:** Ch 2, drop loop from hook, insert hook in corresponding ch-3 sp of previous panel, pick up dropped loop and draw through, ch 2.

**sc2tog:** Single crochet 2 together—Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next



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stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

**shell:** (2 dc, ch 2., 2 dc) in indicated stitch or space.

## NOTES

1. Topper is made from 4 (4, 4, 4, 6, 6) panels. Edging is worked across the sides of the panels and joined to previous panels using a "join-as-you-go" technique.
2. Top and lower edgings, and straps, are added after the panels are joined.
3. The smaller hook is used for sizes S, M, 2X, and 3X. The larger hook is used for sizes L and 1X. Take care to use a hook that allows you to achieve the indicated gauge for the size you are making.
4. The lace panels and lacey edging are stretchy and will conform to the shape of the wearer.

## FIRST PANEL

Ch 30.

**Row 1 (WS):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—29 sc.

**Row 2:** Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1 here and throughout), sk next st, sc in next st, [ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 2 times, [sk next 2 sts, shell in next st] 3 times, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, [ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] 2 times, ch 1, sk next st, dc in last st, turn—2 dc, 6 sc, and 3 shells.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first st, sk next ch-1 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 2 times, [ch 1, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell] 3 times, ch 1, [sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3] 2 times, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch, turn—6 sc and 3 shells.

**Row 4:** Ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, sk next ch-1 sp, [ch 2, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell] 3 times, ch 2, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, dc in last st, turn—4 sc, 2 dc, and 3 shells.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, 8 tr in ch-2 sp of next shell, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch, turn—4 sc, 8 tr, and 2 shells.

**Row 6:** Ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, sc in next tr, [ch 3, sc in next tr] 7 times, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, dc in last st, turn—10 sc, 2 dc, and 2 shells.

**Row 7:** Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 3, sk first 2 ch-sps, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 6 times, ch 1, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch, turn—9 sc and 2 shells.

**Row 8:** Ch 5 (counts as dtr here and throughout), sk first ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 5 times, ch 1, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, dtr in last st, turn—6 sc, 2 dtr, and 2 shells.

**Row 9:** Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 3, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 4 times, ch 1, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sc in top of turning ch, turn—7 sc and 2 shells.

**Row 10:** Ch 3, 2 dc in first st, ch 1, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 3 times, ch 1, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, 3 dc in last st, turn—4 sc, 6 dc, and 2 shells.

**Row 11:** Ch 3, 2 dc in first st, ch 2, sk first ch-1 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 2 times, ch 1, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 2, sk next ch-1 sp, 3 dc in last st, turn—3 sc, 6 dc, and 2 shells.

**Row 12:** Ch 4, 2 dc in first st, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 2 times, ch 3, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 1, dc) in last st, turn—2 sc, 6 dc, and 2 shells.

**Row 13:** Ch 4 (counts as tr), 3 tr in next ch-1 sp, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, sk next ch-3 sp, 3 tr in next ch-1 sp, tr in 3rd ch of turning ch, turn—1 sc, 8 tr, and 2 shells.

**Row 14:** Ch 1, sc in first tr, [ch 3, sc in next tr] 3 times, ch 2, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, sk next 2 ch-3 sps, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 2, sc in next tr, [ch 3, sc in next tr] 3 times, turn—8 sc, and 2 shells.

**Row 15:** Ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 2 times, sk next ch-2 sp, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, shell in next ch, shell in ch-2 sp of next shell, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 2 times, ch 1, dc in last st, turn—6 sc, 2 dc, and 3 shells.

**Rows 16–41:** Repeat Rows 3–15 two more times.

**Row 42:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [draw up a loop in next sc, draw up a loop in next ch-3 sp, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook] 2 times, sc in next sc, [3 sc in ch-2 sp of next shell, sc in next sp between shells] 2 times, 3 sc in ch-2 sp of next shell, sc in next sc, [draw up a loop in next ch-3 sp, draw up a loop in next sc, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook] 2 times, sc in 3rd ch of beginning ch, DO NOT TURN—19 sc.

## First Side Edging

**Row 1 (RS):** Ch 1, working in ends of rows across long side of panel, work 26 sc, 25 hdc, and 25 dc (76 sts total) evenly spaced across side edge and in this order to create an edge that rises gently, as follows: work 1 st in the end of each sc row, 2 sts in the end of each dc row, 3 sts in the end of each tr row, and 4 sts in the end of each dtr row, turn—76 sts.

## Sizes M (L, 1X, 3X) Only

**Rows 2 and 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

## Sizes S (M, L, 2X, 3X) Only

**Row 2 (L, 1X, 3X):** Ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 2), dc in first st, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch 2 (5, 3, 2), dc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2

**Row 2 (4, 4, 4, 4):** Ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3), dc in first st, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch 3 (3, 3, 3), dc) in next st] 6 times, [sk next 2 sts, (hdc, ch 3 (5, 3, 3, 3), hdc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (sc, ch 3 (5, 3, 3, 3), sc) in next st] 9 times. Fasten off.

#### Size 1X Only

**Row 4:** Ch 9 (counts as tr, ch 5), tr in first st, [sk next 2 sts, (tr, ch 5, tr) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch 5, dc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (hdc, ch 5, hdc) in next st] 9 times. Fasten off.

#### Second Side Edging

**Row 1 (RS):** With RS facing, and working in ends of rows across other long side of panel, join yarn with sl st in end of Row 1, ch 3 (counts as dc), work 24 more dc, 25 hdc, and 26 sc evenly spaced across side edge and in indicated order to create an edge that lower gently, as follows: work 1 st in the end of each sc row, 2 sts in the end of each dc row, 3 sts in the end of each tr row, and 4 sts in the end of each dtr row, turn—76 sts.

#### Sizes M (L, 1X, 3X) Only

**Rows 2 and 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

#### Sizes S (M, L, 2X, 3X) Only

**Row 2 (4, 4, 2, 4):** Ch 1, (sc, ch 3 (5, 3, 3, 3), sc) in first st, [sk next 2 sts, (sc, ch 3 (5, 3, 3, 3), sc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (hdc, ch 3 (5, 3, 3, 3), hdc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch 3 (5, 3, 3, 3), dc) in next st] 9 times. Fasten off.

#### Size 1X Only

**Row 4:** Ch 1, (hdc, ch 5, hdc) in first st, [sk next 2 sts, (hdc, ch 5, hdc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch 5, dc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (tr, ch 5, tr) in next st] 9 times. Fasten off.

#### SECOND PANEL

Make same as First Panel to side edgings.

#### First Side Edging

**Row 1 (RS):** Work same as Row 1 of first side edging of First Panel.

#### Sizes M (L, 1X, 3X) Only

**Rows 2 and 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

#### All Sizes

**Notes:** In the last row of first side edging, the current panel is joined to the previous panel, using a "join-as-you-go" technique. Hold the current panel and the previous panel, with RS together and stitches matching. The panels are joined as the ch-sps are worked. Read the instructions carefully, you will work this side edging like the previous edging EXCEPT ch-joins (see Special Stitches) are worked instead of ch-3 or ch-5 sps. When you see an instruction like "ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join" this means that you should work a "ch-3 join" for the S, L, 2X, and 3X sizes, or a "ch-5 join" for the M size.

#### Sizes S (M, L, 2X, 3X) Only

**Row 2 (4, 4, 2, 4):** Ch 4 (5, 4, 4, 4) (counts as dc, ch 1 (2, 1, 1, 1)), drop loops from hook, insert hook in center ch of corresponding ch-sp of previous panel, pick up dropped loop and pull through, ch 1 (2, 1, 1, 1), dc in first st, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join, dc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (hdc, ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join, hdc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (sc, ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join, sc) in next st] 9 times. Fasten off.

#### Size 1X Only

**Row 4:** Ch 6 (counts as tr, ch 2), drop loop from hook, insert hook in center ch of corresponding ch-sp of previous panel, pick up dropped loop and pull through, ch 2, tr in first st, [sk next 2 sts, (tr, ch-5 join, tr) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch-5 join, dc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (hdc, ch-5 join, hdc) in next st] 9 times. Fasten off.

#### Second Side Edging

Work same as second side edging of First Panel.

#### NEXT 1 (1, 1, 1, 3, 3) PANELS

Make same as Second Panel, joining the first side edging to the second side edging of the previous panel.

#### LAST PANEL

Make same as Second Panel, including first side edging. Then work second side edging, as follows, joining second side edge of Last Panel to first side edging of First Panel.

#### Second Side Edging

**Row 1 (RS):** Work same as Row 1 of second side edging of First Panel—76 sts.

#### Sizes M (L, 1X, 3X) Only

**Rows 2 and 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

#### All Sizes

**Notes:** Hold the last panel (current panel) and the first panel, with RS together and stitches matching.

#### Sizes S (M, L, 2X, 3X) Only

**Row 2 (4, 4, 2, 4):** Ch 1 (sc, ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join, sc) in first st, [sk next 2 sts, (sc, ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join, sc) in next st] 8 times

Row 2 (RS): Ch 1, (sc, ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join, hdc) in next st, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join, dc) in next st] 9 times, [sk next 2 sts, (hdc, ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join, hdc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch-3 (5, 3, 3, 3) join, dc) in next st] 9 times. Fasten off.

#### Size 1X Only

**Row 4:** Ch 1, (hdc, ch-5 join, hdc) in first st, [sk next 2 sts, (hdc, ch-5 join, hdc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch-5 join, dc) in next st] 8 times, [sk next 2 sts, (tr, ch-5 join, tr) in next st] 9 times. Fasten off.

#### LOWER EDGING

**Round 1 (RS):** With RS facing, and working across opposite side of foundation chains, join yarn with sc in first ch of any panel, \*sc in each ch across panel; working in ends of rows of side edging, work 3 sc in end of each of next 2 (4, 4, 4, 2, 4) rows, 3 sc in joining, 3 sc in each of next 2 (4, 4, 4, 2, 4) rows; repeat from \* around; join with sl st in first sc—140 (164, 164, 164, 210, 246) sts.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, (sc, ch 5, sc) in same st as join, \*sk next 2 sts, (sc, ch 5, sc) in next st; repeat from \* around to last 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2) sts, sk last 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2) sts; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

#### TOP EDGING

**Round 1 (RS):** With RS facing, and working in sts of last row of panels, join yarn with sc in first st of any panel, \*sc in each st across panel; working in ends of rows of side edging, work 2 sc in end of each of next 1 (3, 3, 3, 1, 3) row(s), sc in end of next row, place a marker in last sc made (move marker up as each round is worked), sc in end of same row, 2 sc in joining, 2 sc in end of each of next 2 (4, 4, 4, 2, 4) rows; repeat from \* around; join with sl st in first sc. **Note:** 4 (4, 4, 4, 6, 6) markers should have been placed, near the joining between panels. If you are making size 2X or 3X, there are 2 markers that will not be needed. These markers are at the underarms of the piece, and should be removed, as follows: Decide which side of the piece you like best, for front. Identify the two front markers and the two back markers, then remove the 2 underarm markers (between the front markers and back markers).

**Rounds 2 and 3:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Do not fasten off.

#### FIRST STRAP

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl st in each st to next marked st (front of piece), ch 1, sc in marked st, [ch 3, sk next st, sc in next st] 3 times, turn; leave remaining sts unworked—4 sc and 3 ch-3 sps.

**Row 2:** Ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 2 times, ch 1, dc in last st, turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in first st, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] 2 times, ch 3, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch, turn.

**Rows 4–33 (33, 35, 35, 37, 37):** Repeat Rows 2 and 3.

**Note:** Adjust the strap length, as desired, by working more or fewer repeats of Rows 2 and 3.

**Row 34 (34, 36, 36, 38, 38):** Repeat Row 2 once more.

**Row 35 (35, 37, 37, 39, 39):** Ch 1, sc in each st and ch-sp across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Matching stitches with corresponding marked stitch on back, whipstitch last row stitches to stitches of back.

#### SECOND STRAP

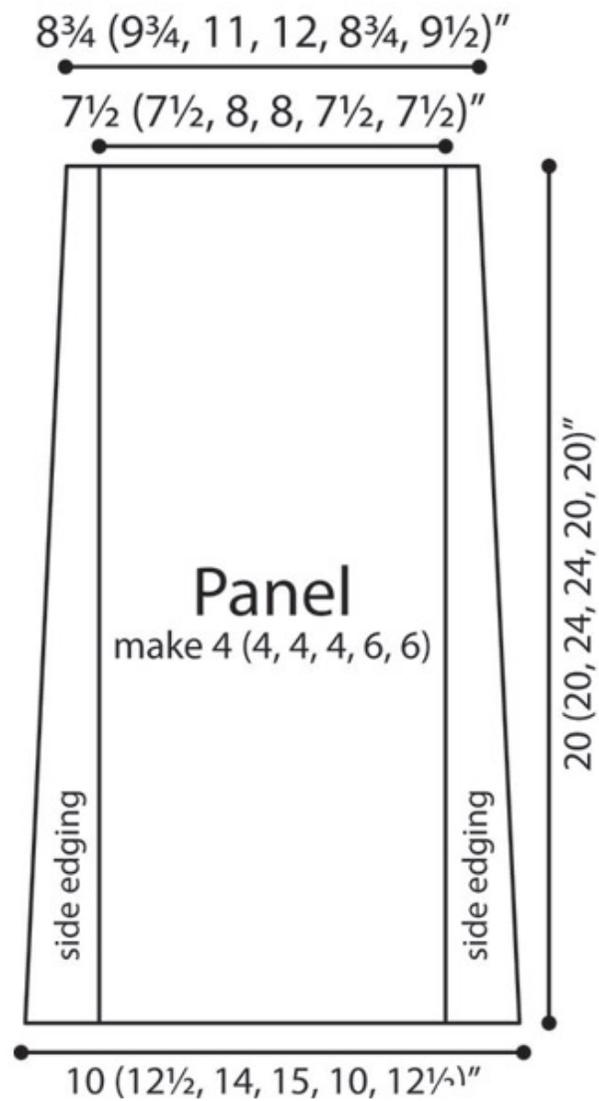
With RS facing, join yarn with sc in next marked st following Row 1 of first strap (front of piece), work same as first strap.

#### STRAP EDGING

**Round 1 (RS):** With RS facing, and working in ends of rows across one edge of strap, join yarn with sl st in top edging immediately before Row 1 of first strap, sc in end of each sc row, 2 sc in end of each dc row, sl st in top edging. Fasten off. Repeat across other edge of strap. Repeat across both edges of second strap.

#### FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends.



The lace panels, and lacey edging are stretchy and will conform to the shape of the wearer. It is important to achieve measurements close to those shown at the top of each panel (for bust). The other measurements can vary and still yield attractive results. The other

measurements are provided as a guide only.

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