Talca Lace Tunic

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Technique used: Crochet

Naturally Caron.com Country
(75% Microdenier acrylic, 25% Merino wool; 3 oz/85g, 185 yds/170 m ball): 24 (27, 30, 33) oz

Shown in:
#0015 Deep Taupe: 7 (7, 8, 9, 10) balls

One size US F-5 (3.75mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge.

Stitch markers
Yarn needle

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

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Bust: 34 1/2 (39, 44, 45 1/2, 51, 56 1/2)/87.5 (99, 112, 115.5, 129.5, 143.5) cm
Length: 32 1/2 (32 1/2, 32 1/2, 33 1/2, 33 1/2, 35)/82.5 (82.5, 85, 85, 85, 59) cm, including skirt edging

Note: The top is a close-fitting garment. The lace stitch provides plenty of sideways stretch.

GAUGE
In (shell, ch 2) pattern, 3 pattern repeats = 4 3/4"/12 cm and 6 rows = 4"/10 cm;
In (shell, ch 1) pattern, 3 pattern repeats = 4 1/4"/11 cm and 6 rows = 4"/10 cm;
In (shell) pattern, 3 shells = 3 1/2"/9 cm and 6 rows = 4"/10 cm.

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

SPECIAL TERMS
FPdc: Front-post double crochet—Yarn over, insert hook from front to back and then to front again around post of stitch, yarn over and draw up loop, complete as dc. Note: FPdc are worked in stitches 2 rows below (1 row below the row into which you would usually work a stitch), skip the stitch directly behind the FPdc.
shell: (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in indicated stitch or space.
NOTE
Skirt is worked in rounds, from lower edge up to bust band. Bust band is then worked in rounds, and front bust band extension is worked in rows on top of bust band. The back and fronts are worked separately in rows. Sleeves are worked in rounds from the wrist upwards.

SKIRT
Note: Skirt shaping is achieved by working shells separated by ch-sps of different lengths. Ch-2 sps separate shells in first 17 rounds. Ch-1 sps separate shells in Rounds 18–20. And, no ch-sps separate shells in the last three rounds. Beginning at lower edge, ch 150 (174, 192, 210, 234, 252); taking care not to twist chain, join with sl st in first ch to form ring.

Round 1 (RS): Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1, here and throughout), 2 dc in same ch as join, ch 2, sk next 5 ch, *shell in next ch, ch 2, sk next 5 ch; repeat from * around, dc once more in same ch as join; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—25 (29, 32, 35, 39, 42) (shell, ch 2) repeats.

Rounds 2–17: (Sl st, ch 4, 2 dc) in first ch-1 sp, ch 2, *shell in ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 2; repeat from * around, dc once more in first ch-1 sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—25 (29, 32, 35, 39, 42) (shell, ch 1) repeats.

Rounds 21–23: (Sl st, ch 4, 2 dc) in first ch-1 sp, shell in ch-1 sp of each shell around, dc once more in first ch-1 sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—25 (29, 32, 35, 39, 42) shells.

Do not fasten off.

Bust Band
Round 24: (Sl st, ch 1, sc) in first ch-1 sp, sc in next 4 dc, *sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 4 dc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—125 (145, 160, 175, 195, 210) sc.

Rounds 25 and 26: Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc.

Note: In Round 27 when instructed to work FPdc around sc 2 rows below, work the FPdc around the sc that is directly below the next sc (the FPdc should not "lean").

Round 27: (Sl st, ch 1, sc) in next sc (following sc of join), sc in next 3 sc, FPdc around next sc 2 rows below, *sc in next 4 sc, FPdc around sc 2 rows directly below next sc; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc—25 (29, 32, 35, 39, 42) FPdc.

Round 28: Repeat Round 25.

Round 29: Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next 3 sc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, *sc in next 4 sc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below; repeat from * around; join with sl st in first sc.

Rounds 30 and 31: Repeat Rounds 28 and 29.
Round 32: Repeat Round 25.

Do not fasten off.

Bust Band Extension
Round 33: Sl st in first 2 sc, (sl st, ch 1, sc) in next sc, sc in next sc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, [sc in next 4 sc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below] 2 (1, 1, 2, 2, 2) times, sc in next 2 sc, turn; leave remaining sts unworked (for back and second front)—3 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3) FPdc.

Note: Piece is now worked back and forth in rows.

Row 34: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn—15 (10, 10, 15, 15, 15) sc.

Row 35: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, [sc in next 4 sc, FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below] 2 (1, 1, 2, 2, 2) times, sc in last 2 sc, turn.

Rows 36–43 (43, 43, 49, 49, 49): Repeat last 2 rows 4 (4, 4, 7, 7, 7) times.

Fasten off.

BACK
Ch 70 (75, 85, 90, 100, 110).

Row 1 (RS): Shell in 7th ch from hook, *sk next 4 ch, shell in next ch; repeat from * across to last 3 ch, sk next 2 ch, dc in last ch, turn—13 (14, 16, 17, 19, 21) shells.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), shell in ch-1 sp of each shell across; dc in top of turning ch, turn.

Rows 3–16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 20): Ch 3, [shell in ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 1] 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) times, shell in ch-1 sp of next 5 (6, 7, 7, 7, 9) shells, *ch 1, shell in ch-1 sp of next shell; repeat from * across; dc in top of turning ch, turn.

Do not fasten off.

Shape First Shoulder
Row 17 (17, 17, 19, 19, 21): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of next 3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) shells, dc in ch-1 sp of next shell; leave remaining sts unworked—3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) shells.

Fasten off.
Shape Second Shoulder
Row 17 (17, 17, 19, 19, 21): Sk next 5 (4, 4, 5, 5, 7) unworked shells following first shoulder, join yarn with sl st in ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 3, *shell in ch-1 sp of next shell; repeat from * across, dc in top of turning ch—3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) shells.
Fasten off.

Back Edging
With RS facing and working along opposite side of foundation ch, join yarn with sl st in lower back corner.
Round 1: Ch 1, sc evenly across opposite side of foundation ch.
Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT
Ch 30 (35, 40, 40, 45, 50).
Row 1 (RS): Work Row 1 of back—5 (6, 7, 8, 9) shells.
Next 1 (1, 1, 3, 3, 3) Rows: Work Row 2 of back 1 (1, 1, 3, 3, 3) times.
Row 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5): Ch 3, [shell in ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 1] 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) times, *shell in ch-1 sp of each shell across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.
Row 4 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of next 2 (3, 4, 3, 4, 5) shells, *ch 2, shell in ch-1 sp of next shell; repeat from * across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.
Row 5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 7): Ch 3, [shell in ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 2] 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) times, *shell in ch-1 sp of each shell across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.
Row 6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 8): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of next 2 (3, 4, 3, 4, 5) shells, *ch 1, shell in ch-1 sp of next shell; repeat from * across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.
Row 7 (7, 7, 9, 9, 9): Repeat Row 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5).
Rows 8 (8, 8, 10, 10, 10)–15 (15, 15, 17, 17, 19): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp each shell across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.

Shape Neck
Row 16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 20): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of next 4 (5, 6, 6, 7, 8) shells, dc in ch-1 sp of next shell, turn; leave remaining sts unworked—4 (5, 6, 6, 7, 8) shells.
Row 17 (17, 17, 19, 19, 21): Sl st in first 3 dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of each shell across, dc in top of turning ch—3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 7) shells.
Fasten off.

Front Band
With RS facing, join yarn with sl st in lower side corner of piece, to work across lower edge.
Row 1: Ch 1, sc evenly across opposite side of foundation ch, work 2 sc in corner; working in ends of rows up front edge, work 3 sc in end of each row to beginning of neck shaping, 4 sc in end of next row (neck corner), [work 2 sc evenly spaced across skipped sts, 3 sc in end of next row] twice, turn.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc (neck corner), sc in next 33 (33, 33, 33, 33, 39) sc, turn; leave remaining sts unworked.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc, [FPdc around next sc 2 rows below, sc in next 4 sc] 6 (6, 6, 6, 6, 6) times, turn; leave remaining sts unworked—6 (6, 6, 6, 6, 6) FPdc.
Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn—34 (34, 34, 34, 34, 39) sc.
Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sc, *FPdc around next FPdc 2 rows below, sc in next 4 sc; repeat from * across, turn.
Row 6: Repeat Row 4, do not turn at end of row.
Row 7: Working in ends of rows, sc evenly spaced across rows of front band, sl st in next unworked st of front edge.
Fasten off.

LEFT FRONT
Ch 30 (35, 40, 40, 45, 50).
Row 1 (RS): Work Row 1 of back—5 (6, 7, 8, 9) shells.
Next 1 (1, 1, 3, 3, 3) Rows: Work Row 2 of back 1 (1, 1, 3, 3, 3) times.
Row 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of next 2 (3, 4, 3, 4, 5) shells, *ch 2, shell in ch-1 sp of next shell; repeat from * across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.
Row 4 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6): Ch 3, [shell in ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 2] 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) times, *shell in ch-1 sp of each shell across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.
Row 5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 7): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of next 2 (3, 4, 3, 4, 5) shells, *ch 2, shell in ch-1 sp of next shell; repeat from * across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.
Row 6 (6, 6, 8, 8, 8): Ch 3, [shell in ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 1] 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) times, *shell in ch-1 sp of each shell across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.
Row 7 (7, 7, 9, 9, 9): Repeat Row 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5).
Rows 8 (8, 8, 10, 10, 10)–15 (15, 15, 17, 17, 19): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp each shell across, dc in top of turning ch, turn.

Shape Neck

Row 16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 20) (WS): Sl st in first 3 dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of each shell across, dc in top of turning ch, turn—4 (5, 6, 6, 7, 8) shells.

Row 17 (17, 17, 19, 19, 21): Ch 3, shell in ch-1 sp of next 3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 7) shells, dc in ch-1 sp of next shell; leave remaining sts unworked, do not turn—3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 7) shells.

Row 18 (18, 18, 20, 20, 22): Ch 1, working in ends of rows, [3 sc in end of next row, 2 sc evenly across skipped sts] twice, 4 sc in end of next row (neck corner), work 3 sc in end of each row of front edge to lower corner, 2 sc in corner, sc evenly across opposite side of foundation ch.

Fasten off.

Front Band

With WS facing, count down from top neck 43 (43, 43, 43, 43, 49) sts, join yarn with sl st in next sc down, to work up front edge.

Row 1 (WS): Ch 1, sc in same sc as join, sc in next 32 (32, 32, 32, 32, 38) sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 10 sc—45 (45, 45, 45, 45, 51) sc.

Fasten off.

Row 2 (RS): Sk first 12 sc, join yarn with sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, [FPdc around next sc 2 rows below, sc in next 4 sc] 6 (6, 6, 6, 6, 7) times, turn—6 (6, 6, 6, 6, 7) FPdc.

Rows 3–5: Work Rows 4–6 of right front band.

Fasten off.

SLEEVE (make 2)

Note: Take care to turn at end of rounds only when instructed.

Beginning at wrist, ch 55 (55, 55, 60, 60, 65); taking care not to twist chain, join with sl st in first ch to form ring.

Round 1 (RS): Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1, here and throughout), 2 dc in same ch as join, sk next 4 ch, *shell in next ch, sk next 4 ch; repeat from * around, dc once more in same ch as join; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—11 (11, 11, 12, 12, 13) shells.

Round 2: (Sl st, ch 4, 2 dc) in first ch-1 sp, shell in ch-1 sp of each shell around, dc once more in first ch-1 sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 3: (Sl st, ch 1, sc) in first ch-1 sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around; join with ch 2, dc in first sc (ch 2, dc join counts as ch-5 sp), TURN.

Round 4: Ch 4, 2 dc in first ch-5 sp (formed by join), shell in 3rd ch of each ch-5 sp around, dc once more in first ch-sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 5: Repeat Round 3.

Rounds 6–7 (7, 7, 7, 7, 9): Repeat last 2 rounds 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 2) times.

Round 8 (8, 8, 8, 8, 10): Ch 4, 2 dc in first ch-5 sp (formed by join), ch 1, *shell in 3rd ch of next ch-5 sp, ch 1; repeat from * around, dc once more in first ch-sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 9 (9, 9, 9, 9, 11): (Sl st, ch 1, sc) in first ch-1 sp, *ch 7, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around; join with ch 3, tr in first sc (ch 3, tr join counts as ch-7 sp), TURN.

Round 10 (10, 10, 10, 10, 12): Ch 4, 2 dc in first ch-5 sp (formed by join), ch 1, *shell in 4th ch of next ch-7 sp, ch 1; repeat from * around, dc once more in first ch-sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 11 (11, 11, 11, 11, 13): Repeat Round 9 (9, 9, 9, 9, 11).

Rounds 12 (12, 12, 12, 12, 14)–15 (15, 15, 15, 15, 17): Repeat last 2 rounds twice.

Round 16 (16, 16, 16, 16, 18): Ch 4, 2 dc in first ch-5 sp (formed by join), ch 2, *shell in 4th ch of next ch-7 sp, ch 2; repeat from * around, dc once more in first ch-sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 17 (17, 17, 17, 17, 19): (Sl st, ch 1, sc) in first ch-1 sp, *ch 7, sc in next ch-1 sp; repeat from * around; join with ch 3, tr in first sc (ch 3, tr join counts as ch-7 sp), TURN.

Round 18 (18, 18, 18, 18, 20): Ch 4, 2 dc in first ch-5 sp (formed by join), ch 2, *shell in 4th ch of next ch-7 sp, ch 2; repeat from * around, dc once more in first ch-sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 19 (19, 19, 19, 19, 21): Repeat Round 17 (17, 17, 17, 17, 19).


Edging

With RS facing and working along opposite side of foundation ch, join yarn with sl st in base of any shell.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2: Ch 7 (counts as dc, ch 4), dc in same st as join, ch 2, *sk next 4 sc, (dc, ch 4, dc) in next sc, ch 2; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.

Round 3: (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in first ch-4 sp, (3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in each ch-4 sp around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.
FINISHING

Skirt Edging
With RS facing and working along opposite side of foundation ch, join yarn with sl st in base of any shell.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc.
Round 2: Ch 7 (counts as dc, ch 4), dc in same st as join, ch 3, *sk next 5 sc, (dc, ch 4, dc) in next sc, ch 3; repeat from * around; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beginning ch.
Round 3: (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in first ch-4 sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch-4 sp, ch 1; repeat from * around; join with sl st in top of beginning ch.

Assembly
With WS facing, sew skirt bust band to fronts and to back. Sew shoulder seams. Measure and mark 8 1/2 (8 1/2, 8 1/2, 9 1/2, 9 1/2, 10 1/4)"/21.5 (21.5, 21.5, 24, 24, 26) cm from shoulders (for armholes). Sew side seams up to markers. Set in sleeves.

Neck Edging
With RS facing, join yarn with sl st in front corner of neck edge.
Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, sc evenly around neck edge to opposite corner, turn.
Rows 2 and 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Fasten off.

Block carefully. Using yarn needle, weave in ends.