



# Shell tanktop



Size: UK 10 - US 6 - EU 36 Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn: 3 hanks (each ball 100g and 270m)

of **Dubai** yarn (72% Silk, 28% Organic Cotton

Hand Printed) shade no. 31054 **Hook:** A 3.25 mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

#### **STITCHES**

**Using Hook:** Chain (ch) – Slip stitch (ss) Double crochet (dc) – Treble (tr)

SHELL STITCH: (work over a multiple of 8 sts)

1st row: ch3 (corresponding to 1st tr), 1 tr into next ch, \* ch3, miss following ch, 1 dc into each of next 2 ch, ch3, miss following ch, 1 tr into each of next 4 ch; rep from \* ending with ch3, miss following ch, 1 dc into each of next 2, ch3, miss following ch, 1 tr into each of next 2 ch, turn. 2nd row: chl, 1 dc into each of next 2 dc, ch4, miss next two 3ch-spaces and 2 following dc, \* 1 dc into each of next 4 tr, ch4, miss next two 3ch-spaces and 2 following dc; rep from \* ending with 1 dc into each of next 2 tr, turn. 3rd row: ch1, 1 dc into first dc, \* ch3, 4 tr into next 4chspace, ch 3, 1 dc into each of 2 next centre dc, ch3; rep from \* ending with 4 tr into next 4ch-space, ch3, 1 dc into last st, turn. 4th row: ch4, 1 dc into each of next 4 tr, \* ch4, miss next two 3ch-spaces and 2 following dc, 1 dc into each of next 4 tr; rep from \* ending with chl and 1 tr into last dc, turn. 5th row: ch3 (corresponding to 1st tr), 1 tr into next ch, \* ch3, 1 dc into each of 2 next centre dc, ch3, 4 tr into next 4ch-space; rep from \* ending with ch3, 1 dc into each of 2 next centre dc, ch3, 1 tr into next ch, 1 tr into 3rd ch of previous row, turn. Rep from 2nd to 5th row throughout.

## **TENSION**

22 sts and 14 rows (with ch-spaces closed) measure 10cm square over shell stitch with 3.25 mm crochet hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it

is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Back:** with 3.25mm hook ch88 and work in Shell stitch. When work measures 31cm from beg and 44 rows have been worked, shape armholes: leave unworked 4 sts at end of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each end every row 4 times. When armhole measures 20cm, corresponding to 28 rows, fasten off.

**Front:** with 3.25mm hook ch96 and work in Shell stitch. When work measures 31cm from beg and 44 rows have been worked, shape armholes: leave unworked 4 sts at end of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each end every row 4 times. AT THE SAME TIME, when armhole measures 3cm, corresponding to 4 rows, shape V-neck: join another ball of yarn and continue separately on either side, decreasing on neck-edge of both sides: 2 sts on next and every alternate row 12 times. When armhole measures 20cm, corresponding to 28 rows, fasten off

#### **FINISHING**

Sew shoulder and side seams. Work a round of dc all around lower edge of Back and Front. Fasten off.

