

For the jewels we thank **Graziella cuore creativo**



**Size:** UK 8/10 - US 4/6 - EU 34/36

**Skill Level:** intermediate

**How much yarn:** 8 balls (each ball 50 and 100m)  
of **Nuovo Jaipur** yarn (100% Makò Combed Cotton)  
shade no. 9662

**Hook:** A 4.50mm crochet hook

**Sewing needle:** Yarn needle with rounded point

## STITCHES

**Using Hook:** chain (ch) – Double crochet (dc)

Half treble (htr) – Treble (tr)

CHECKERED MESH STITCH:

(worked over a multiple of 4 sts)

**Row 1:** ch3 (corresponding to 1st treble), 1 tr into each of next 2 ch, \* ch2, miss next 2 ch, 1 tr into each of next 2 ch; rep from \* ending with 1 treble into last ch, turn. **Row 2:** ch5 (corresponding to 1st treble and 1st 2ch-space), \* 2 tr into next 2ch-space, ch2; rep from \* ending with 1 tr into 3rd beg ch of previous row, turn. **Row 3:** ch3 (corresponding to 1st tr), \* 2 tr into next 2ch-space, ch2; rep from \* ending with 1 tr into 3rd beg ch of previous row, turn. Rep Rows 2-3 throughout.

## TENSION

20 sts and 7 rows measure 10cm square over checkered mesh with 4.50mm crochet hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Work in one piece, starting from **Back**. Ch80 and work in Checkered Mesh stitch. When work measures 31cm from beg and 22 rows have been worked, ch67 new sts at either side and work in Checkered Mesh stitch also on these new sts, establishing the work so that it continues the one below. When work measures 18.5cm from sleeve beg, corresponding to 13 rows, work **1 row of trebles**, working 1 tr in each st or ch of previous row: there are 212 sts. Then divide work. For **Right Front** work 88 trebles, turn and work another row of 88 trebles. Turn and cont to work in Checkered Mesh stitch decreasing 2 sts across 3rd row. When work measures 20cm from Front beg,

omit to work on sleeve sts and cont to work on rem sts, adapting working so that it continues the one below. When Front is as long as Back, fasten off. Work **Left Front** on last 88 sts as given for Right Front, reversing shaping. Opening and **neckline border** work along Front openings and Back neckline as follows: **1 row** of trebles, beginning with ch3 (corresponding to 1st treble) and ending with 1 tr into last st, working 2 tr around beg tr of every Front row and 1 tr in correspondence of each st on Back neckline but working 2 or 3 sts into beginning and ending sts, to obtain a number of sts multiple of 4. Then work **2 rows** in Checkered Mesh stitch, but with htr instead of tr across last row. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Join side and sleeve seams with a row of dc, inserting hook every time into both thicknesses. Then finish them knotting fringes about 5cm long. For each fringe, cut 4 threads and fold them in half, insert hook into first st, then catch centre point of folded threads and pull up a loop. Thread the ends through the loop and pull tight. Repeat this process every alternate stitch.

