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Hepatica Granny Top

Info

A quick-to-make halterneck top that starts as a row of granny squares. The blue 'flowers' in the squares reminded me of *Anemone hepatica*, a spring flower common to Sweden and north Europe, hence the name. The yarn is a soft, unmercerised worsted cotton called *Julie* by Swedish brand Falkgarn. The pattern uses US crochet terminology.

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Gauge

One granny square = 10x10 cm / 4x4 inches

14 sc x 18 rows = 10x10 cm / 4x4 inches

Sizes

S/M: chest measurement up to 90 cm / 35 inches

M/L: chest measurement c. 95-105 cm / 37-41 inches

The final size of the top depends on the number of granny squares you start with. My top in the photo above is about a size S/M (my chest measures 85 cm / 33.5 inches) and starts with a strip of 7 granny squares (each square being c. 10x10 cm / 4x4 inches).

The top is quite elastic and is adjusted / done up with ties at the back, so one size can fit many shapes. The solid sc top part is c. 20 cm / 8 inches high in my top (S/M), i.e. from neck down to under the bust. If you begin with a strip of 8 squares (M/L), the solid top part will be c. 25 cm / 10 inches. You can of course experiment using fewer or more granny squares to get smaller or larger sizes.

Materials

- ★ 4,5 mm / US size 7 hook
- ★ darning needle, scissors
- ★ About 300 m worsted weight cotton yarn. I used *Julie* från Falkgarn: 3 skeins in 10 ecru, one skein each of 14 blue, and 15 green.

Abbreviations

st......................	stitch
slst....................	slip stitch
sc......................	single crochet
ch.....................	chain
ch-sp.................	chain-space
dc.....................	double crochet
sk......................	skip
n.......................	next
2sc tog...............	2 single crochet together (decrease)
2dc tog..............	2 double crochet together (decrease)

1. The Granny Squares

Round 1: (white) start with a magic ring, or ch4 & join with a slst to form a ring. Ch2, dc into the ring (counts as the first 2dc tog), ch1, [2dc tog, ch1] 7 times into the ring. Close with a slst in the first st. Now you should have 8 'petals' (=2dc tog), each separated by 1 ch. Fasten off.

Round 2: (blue/green) insert hook into the ch-sp in-between two 'petals' & pull up a loop, ch3 (counts as first dc), 2 dc in the same ch-sp, ch1, [3 dc in next ch-sp, ch1] 7 times, close with a slst in the first dc. Now you should have 8 dc groups, each separated by 1 ch. Fasten off.

Round 3: (white) insert hook into the ch-sp in-between two 'petals' (dc-groups) & pull up a loop, ch 5 (counts as first dc + 2 ch), 3 dc in the same ch-sp, ch1, *3 dc in next ch-sp, ch1, [3 dc, ch2, 3 dc, ch1] in next ch-sp, repeat from * 2 more times, 3 dc in next ch-sp, ch1, 2 dc in next ch-sp (where you started), close with a slst in the first dc. Now your circle will have become a square with 2 dc groups in each corner, and one dc group on each side of the square.

Round 4: (white) slst to the next corner ch-sp, ch 3 (counts as the first dc), [dc, ch2, 3 dc, ch1] in the same ch-sp, *3 dc in next ch-sp, ch1, 3 dc in next ch-sp, ch1, [3 dc, ch2, 3 dc, ch1] in next corner ch-sp, repeat from * 2 more times, 3 dc in next ch-sp, ch1, 3 dc in next ch-sp, ch1, dc in next ch-sp (where you started), close with a slst in the first dc. Fasten off.

Make 7 squares for size S/M, 8 squares for M/L.

Sew or crochet together the squares to form a long strip. There are countless ways to join granny squares. Google for tips and inspiration! Personally I prefer joining the squares as I go - there are plenty of tutorials on the topic on YouTube.

2. The Top Part

Row 1: now we're going to work a row of sc along the long edge of your granny strip. Put the strip horizontally in front of you, right side up, insert hook in the top right corner ch-sp (top left if you're left handed), pull up a loop, ch1 (does not count as a st), 2 sc in the same ch-sp, now sc into each dc along the edge, plus 1 sc into each of the joins in-between the squares. (Sk the ch-sp's in-between the dc-groups.) In the final corner ch-sp in the top left corner of the granny strip, work 1 sc if your strip has 7 squares; work 2 sc if your strip has 8 squares. Turn. (Total of 93 sc for 7-square-strip; 107 sc for 8-square-strip: exact st count not that important as long as you end up with an uneven no. of sts.)

Row 2: ch4 (counts as dc + ch1), sk next st, [dc in next st, ch1, skip next st] repeat to end of row, finish with a dc in the last st, turn.

Row 3: ch1 (does not count as a st), sc in each st (dcs as well as ch-sp's) across, turn.

Row 4: now we'll start decreasing: ch1 (does not count as a st), sk first st, sc in next st & in each st across up to the final 2 sts, 2sc tog into the final 2 sts, turn.
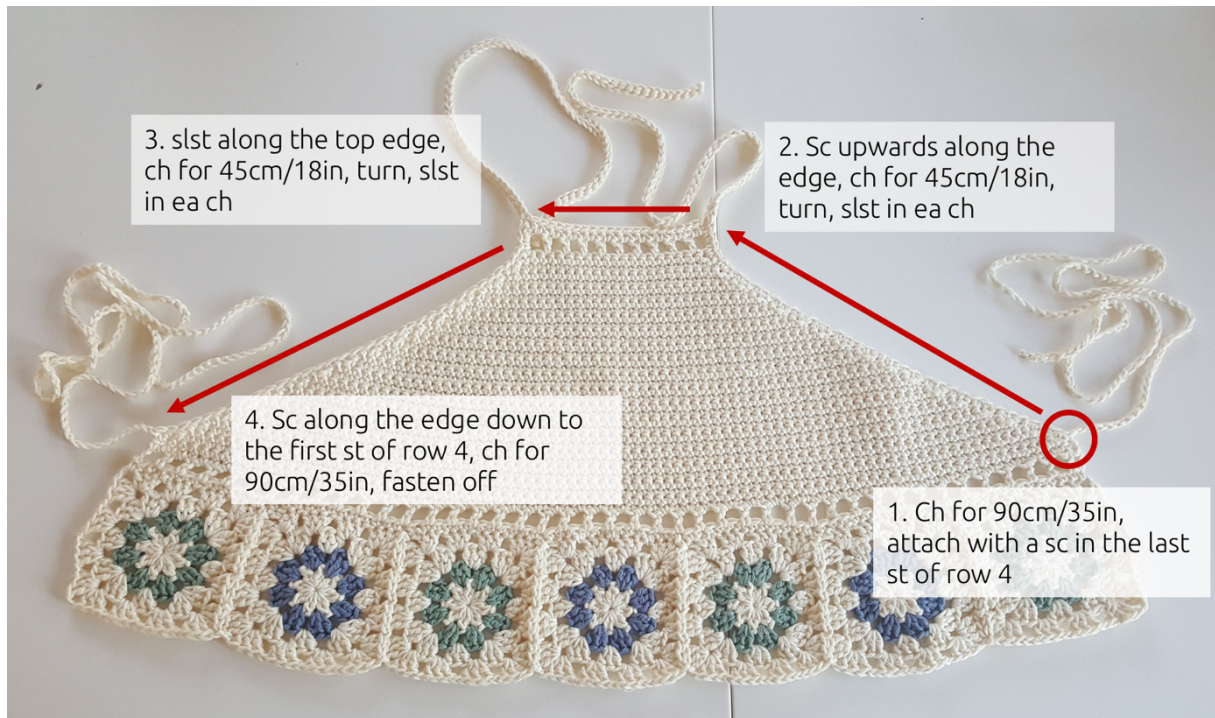
Repeat row 4 c. 35 times, or until the row has shrunk to about 12-15 cm / 5-6 inches. Make sure to have an uneven no. of sts before continuing to the finishing rows.

Finishing row 1: ch4 (counts as dc + ch1), sk next st, [dc in next st, ch1, skip next st] repeat to end of row, finish with a dc in the last st, turn.

Finishing row 2: ch1 (does not count as a st), sc in each st (dcs as well as ch-sp's) across. Fasten off.

3. Edging Row & Ties

Work a 90 cm / 35 inches long chain, sc into the last st of row 4 (circled in photo below), sc into the side of each row of the top part, working in the direction of the red arrow (see photo) up to the top corner, work a 45 cm / 18 inches long chain, turn, slst into each ch all the way back to the corner, slst into each st along the top edge, work another 45 cm / 18 inches long chain, turn, slst into each ch back to the corner, sc into the side of each row of the top part, working your way down along the edge, finishing in the first st from row 4, work a second 90 cm / 35 inches long chain. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

3. slst along the top edge, ch for 45cm/18in, turn, slst in ea ch

2. Sc upwards along the edge, ch for 45cm/18in, turn, slst in ea ch

4. Sc along the edge down to the first st of row 4, ch for 90cm/35in, fasten off

1. Ch for 90cm/35in, attach with a sc in the last st of row 4

Thread the long chain ties through the sts at the back as in the photo:

Wash, block & tah-daah! All done!

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