





# **City Break Blouse**

No. 1006-191-3684

Size: S, M, L

Skill level: Intermediate

Crochet hook: 3.5 mm (E US size)

Materials: Stitchmarkers

**Yarn:** Hobbii Alpaca Silk in colors: Vienna (12) and Venezia (17)

Buy your yarn here:

http://shop.hobbii.com/city-break-blouse

How much yarn do I need?

**S** = 300 grams / 996 m

(3 skeins of Vienna, 3 of Venezia)

**M =** 320 grams / 1040 m

(3 skeins of Vienna, 4 of Venezia)

**L =** 340 grams/ 1120 m

(3 skeins of Vienna, 4 of Venezia)



#### Abbreviations used in this pattern

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Ch = chain
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**Dc** = double crochet

SI st = slip stitch

St(s) = stitch (es)

Inc = Increase  $(3-2-3 \text{ dc shell } \cdot 3 \text{ dc, ch } 2, 3 \text{ dc in the same space})$ 

**Block =** 3 dc, ch 2

**V st =** V stitch (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc in the same space)

#### Gauge

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5 blocks = 10 cm (4 ") - 1 block = 3 dc and ch 2 6 V sts = 10 cm (4") - 1 V st = 1 V st and ch 1
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With this design, the rounds gauge doesn't count. You will work as many rounds as you need to get to the desired length.

# About the design

This City Break Blouse is simply gorgeous! You can wear it with everything and it's really comfortable. You will fall in love for sure. This is a cropped version, but if you like it to be longer you can easily adjust the length by adding a few more rounds. I used different colors for the sleeves and body. The blouse is worked top-down using the raglan technique.

We will work the top part, the yoke, then separate the sleeves from the body and then work the 3 parts individually.

After finishing the yoke we will create the folds on the body part by changing the stitch pattern and increasing the number of stitches.

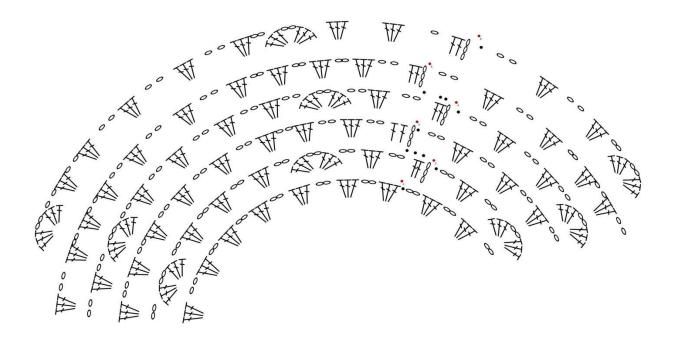
# About the stitch and working technique

For the City Break Blouse we are using 2 different stitch patterns: one for the yoke and one for the body and sleeves. The yoke is worked with blocks of 3 double crochet separated by 2 chain stitches, also known as the granny stitch.

We will increase on one round in 6 places and give the yoke a round shape.

Below you will find the stitch chart for a section of the yoke:



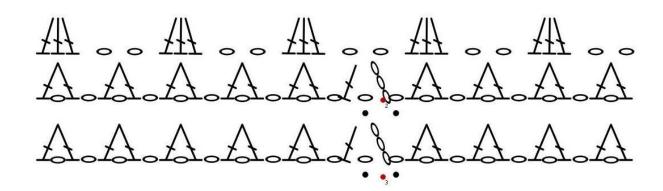


The pattern for the yoke is similar in all sizes. The only difference is the number of blocks between increases for each size.

To be more specific, in size S we have 3 blocks between increases, in size M we will have 4, and in size L we will have 5. You will find all the details about it later on in the pattern.

For the body and sleeves we will use V stitches: 1 double crochet, chain 1, 1 double crochet in the same stitch, separated with 1 chain st.

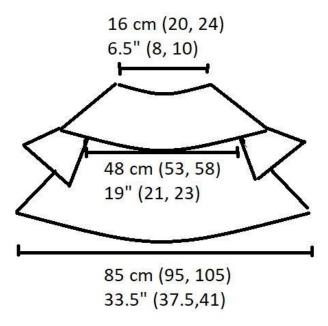
Below you will find the stitch chart with the first rounds of the body or sleeves:





#### **Final Measurements**

This pattern is available in 3 sizes: Small, Medium and Large and is written in US terms. The final Measurements are listed in the diagram below:



If you want to make the City Break Blouse in a bigger size you can just add more blocks to the yoke or work more rounds on the yoke part until you have the desired width.





Now that we have all the details in place, let's start making this City Break Blouse!

## Foundation chain

For the foundation chain you will need a multiple of 5 sts. Join the ends to make a circle.

- **S** = 120 sts
- **M** = 150 sts
- L = 180 sts



### Yoke

\*for the yoke the number of sts for sizes M and L are written between the brackets.

#### Row 1

Ch 3 (ch 3 counts as a first dc), 1 dc in next 2 sts, [ch 2, skip 2, 1 dc in next 3 sts]. Repeat the section between [] to the end of the round. Finish the round with ch 2, skip 2 and sl st to the 3<sup>rd</sup> st of the starting chain.

#### Round 2

\*In round 2 we will start 1 round in the previous ch 2 space and 1 round in the next ch 2 space. When you start the round in the next space, sl st until you get there.



SI st to the next ch 1 space, ch 3, 2 dc in the same space, [ ch 2, skip the next 3 dc, 3 dc in the next ch 2 space] x 1 (2, 3), ch 2, 1 inc in the next space (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc), [ch 2, skip the next 3 sts, 3 dc in next ch 2 space] x 3 (4, 5), ch 2, 1 inc in the next ch 2 space]. Repeat the section between [] to the end of the round. Finish the round with 1 inc, ch 2, skip the next 3 sts, 3 dc in the next ch 2 space, ch 2 and sI st with the 3<sup>rd</sup> st of the starting chain.

#### Round 3

Start the round in the previous ch 2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc in the same space, [ch 2, skip next 3 sts, 3 dc in the next ch 2 space]. Repeat the section between [] to the end of the round. Finish the round with ch 2, skip next 3 sts and sl st with the 3<sup>rd</sup> st of the starting chain.

Until the end of the yoke we will continue to work one round with increases and one round without. When making the increases, the first ones are made in the ch 2 space that is before the 3 dc's that are made in the ch 2 space of the previous round increase, and the next round off increases will be done in the space that is after the 3 dc's made in the ch 2 space of the previous round increase. \*see the stitch chart.

#### Round 4

SI st to the next ch 2 space, ch 3, 2 dc in the same space, [ch 2, skip 3 sts, 3 dc in the next ch 2 space] . Repeat the section until you get to the ch 2 space before the 3 dc's made in the ch 2 space of the previous round increase and make an increase here.

For size S you will have 4 groups of 3 dc's between the increases. For size M you will have 5 and for size L you will have 6.

Repeat to the end of the round.

#### Round 5

Start the round in the previous ch 2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc in the same space, [ch 2, skip 3 sts, 3 dc in the next ch 2 space]. Repeat to the end of the round.

Next, repeat round 4 and 5 until you have a total of 16 rounds for all sizes. Remember that in every round with increases you will have 1 group of 3 dc's in plus between increases.

After 16 rounds, make 2 more rounds without increasing for a total of 18 rounds of yoke.





# **Body**

\*The pattern for the body is the same for all sizes.

We will start the body with the separating round. First we have to divide the numbers of blocks for each section: back, front and sleeves. Use 4 stitch markers to mark the sections.

S = 24 blocks (group of 3 dc ) for back and front and 12 blocks for sleeves

M = 26 blocks (group of 3 dc ) for back and front and 13 blocks for sleeves

L = 28 blocks (group of 3 dc ) for back and front and 14 blocks for sleeves

\*if you chose to work with different number of stitches, make sure that you start with multiple of 6 groups of 3 dc. At the end of the yoke you should have also a multiple of 6 groups of 3 dc. Divide the number by 6 and you should have 1/6 for sleeves and 2/6 for front and back.



#### Round 1

Start working with the second color (in my case Venezia)

We will start the round in the second st of the first group of 3 dc.

Ch 4, 1 dc in the same st, ch 1, [1 V st in the next ch 2 space, ch 1, 1 V st in the 2<sup>nd</sup> st of the next group of 3 dc]. Repeat the section between [ ] until you get to the first st marker. Make 1 V st in the ch 2 space where you had the marker, ch 14, skip the sts for the sleeve, 1 V st in the next space where you have the next st marker.

Continue with ch 1, 1 Vst in the 2<sup>nd</sup> st of the next group of 3 dc, ch 1, 1 V st in the next ch 2 space. Repeat the stitch pattern until you get to the 3<sup>rd</sup> stitch marker and separate the sleeve in the same way as you did in the opposite side.

Continue working the st pattern to the end of the round, ending the round with 1 V st in the last ch 2 space, ch 1 and sl st with the 3<sup>rd</sup> stitch of the starting ch. Sl st to the center of the first V st.





#### Round 2

Ch 4, 1 dc in the same st, [ch 1, 1 V st in the middle of the next V st of the previous round]. Repeat the pattern until you get to the armpit chain. [ch1, Skip 2 ch st, 1 v st in next]. Repeat until you finish the chain sts and then continue with the stitch pattern until the next armpit chain where you will proceed the same. Then continue with the stitch pattern to the end of the round. Finish the round with ch 1, 1 sl st with the 3<sup>rd</sup> st of the starting chain. Sl st to the center of the first V st)

#### Round 3

Ch 4, 1 dc in the same space, [ch 1, 1 V st in the middle of the next V st of the previous round]. Repeat the pattern to the end of the round.

Repeat round 3, until you get to the desired length of the blouse. I made in total 22 rounds.



#### Sleeves

We will work the sleeves using the same V st pattern that we used for the body. We will use the same color as for the yoke

#### Round 1

We will start working from the armpit. In the stitches at the armpit we will work 1 V st in the same ch st where we made the V st on the body.





After making the V sts at the armpit we will repeat the same st pattern as for the body part, by making 1 V st in the ch 2 space, ch 1, 1 V st in the 2<sup>nd</sup> dc of the next group of 3 dc and repeat to the end of the round.

#### Round 2

Ch 4, 1 dc in the same space, [ch 1, 1 V st in the middle of the next V st of the previous round]. Repeat the pattern to the end of the round.

Repeat round 2 until you get to the desired length of the sleeve. I made 15 rounds in total.

After finishing the sleeves the City Break Blouse is done and ready to be worn!