



Super Slouch Crocheted Cardigan

with Marly Bird



If you're comfortable wielding a hook but have never attempted a crocheted garment, look no further than the Super Slouch Crocheted Cardigan. Marly Bird, proud Red Heart spokesperson and expert knitter and crocheter, coaches you through this oversized cardigan that's simple to make and cozy to wear. The cardigan is worked in one piece beginning with a double crochet and a simple shell stitch for a pop of texture on the back. Stitches are then cast on stitches for the sleeves, then cast off, and the front is worked as two separate panels before attaching a shawl collar that repeats the shell motif.

Learn how to:

- Work a foundation double crochet
- Work a beginning double crochet
- Work a double crochet two together
- Cast on stitches mid-project
- Stitch a continuous arm and side seam
- Attach a collar
- Work a shell stitch

Materials:

- TK balls Red Heart Chic Sheep by Marly Bird™, Suede
- I/9 hook or size needed to obtain gauge

Gauge:

- 4 shells in stitch pattern = 9"
- Rows 2-9 of pattern = 4"
- 14 dc = 4"
- 8 rows = 3.75"

Finished Size:

- Bust Circumference is 36 (45, 54, 63)" to fit XS/S, S/M/L, L/XL/ 2X, 3X2X/3X.
- With 6" (11-7", 12-8", 13-9") ease.

Notions:

- Stitch Markers
- Tapestry needle
- Possible buttons

SPECIAL STITCHES**FOUNDATION DOUBLE CROCHET (FDC):**

First stitch: Ch 3 (*does count as dc*), yarn over, insert hook into 3rd ch from hook, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 1 loop on hook (*this forms a chain, optional note: placing a stitch marker can help see the chain in the next stitch*), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook twice (*this forms the double crochet*)

Next stitch: Yarn over, insert hook into bottom of previous stitch (*in the "chain" space*), yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 1 loop on hook (*forming a chain*), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook twice (*forming the next double crochet*)

BEG. DOUBLE CROCHET (BEGDC)

(*Use in place of a ch 3 at the start at the start of a dc row*) sc in the first st, ch 1 (*counts as dc*)

MIDDLE BAR

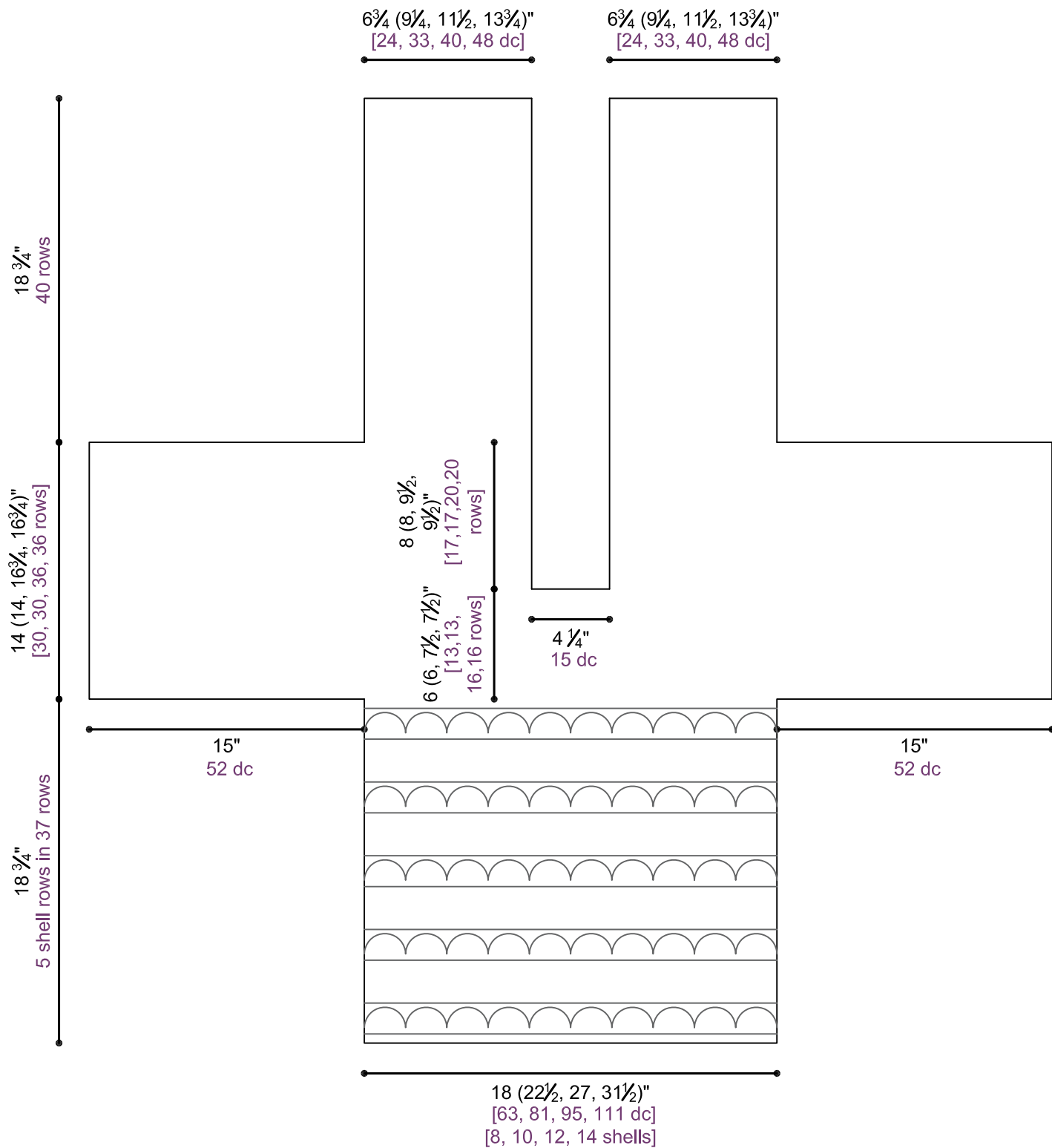
It is the horizontal bar directly under the top two loops. Insert hook from back of fabric around the middle bar so it will move the top two loops forward to create a "v".

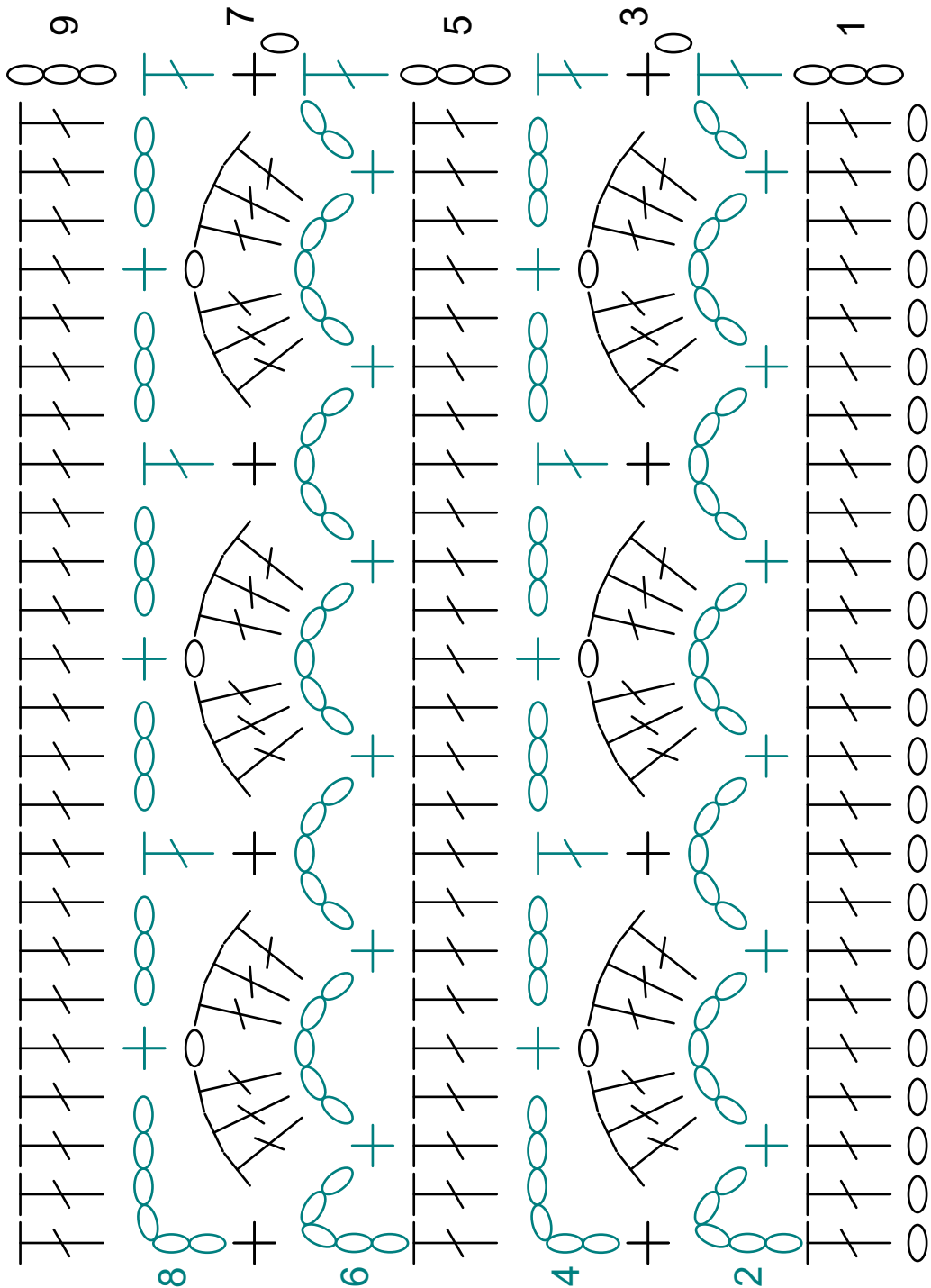
DOUBLE CROCHET 2 TOGETHER (DC2TOG)

*Yarn over hook, insert hook in next stitch indicated, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook; rep from * in next stitch indicated, yarn over and draw through remaining 3 loops on hook.

NOTES

Worked in one piece starting at the back, then adding on the sleeves, over the shoulder and down to the front.





Symbols Key

- ch
- + sc
- ┆ dc

Shell Stitch Diagram

BACK

Ch 65 (83, 99, 115)

Row 1 (RS): Dc in the fourth ch from the hook and in each ch across, turn.- 65 (81, 97, 113 dc).

Row 2: Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch-2 sp throughout), skip first 2 dc, *sc in next dc, ch 5, skip next 3 dc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next dc, dc in top of tch, turn.- 16 (20, 24, 28 ch-5 sps).

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *[3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc] in next ch-5 sp (counts as a shell), sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn.- 8 (10, 12, 14 shells).

Row 4: Ch 6 (counts as dc, ch-3 sp throughout), skip next 3 dc, *sc in next ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 3, dc in next sc**, ch 3; repeat from * across ending at **, turn.

Row 5: Ch 3 (counts as dc throughout), *3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in the next st; repeat from * across to tch, 3 dc in tch-sp, dc in third ch of tch, turn. - 65 (81, 97, 113 dc).

Row 6 - 9: BegDc in first dc, dc in each dc to end, turn.

Rows 10-37: Repeat Rows 2-9 three times more, then rows 2-5 once more. Do not turn. Do not fasten off.

SLEEVES

Row 1 (WS): Ch 54, turn. (creates foundation for sleeve) Dc in 4th ch from hook and each ch across to back, dc in each dc of back, 52 fdc (to create opposite sleeve), turn. -169 (185, 201, 217) dc.

Rows 2-13,13,16,16: BegDc in first dc, dc in each dc to end, turn.

NECK OPENING

Row 1: BegDc in first dc, dc in next 76 (84, 92, 100) dc, dc2tog over next 2 dc, leave remaining sts unworked, turn.- 78 (86, 94, 102) dc.

Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), skip dc2tog, dc in each dc across, turn. - 77 (85, 93, 101) dc.

Rows 3-17, 17, 20, 20: BegDc in first dc, dc in each dc to end, turn.

FRONT

Row 1: BegDc in first dc, dc in next 24 (32, 40, 48) dc, leave remaining sts unworked, turn.

Rows 2-40: BegDc in first dc, dc in each dc to end, turn.- 25 (33, 41, 49) dc. Fasten off.

OPPOSITE NECK OPENING

Row 1: Skip 11 sts from Row 1 of neck opening, join yarn to next st with sl st, ch 2, dc in each dc across, turn. - 78 (86, 94, 102) dc.

Row 2: BegDc in first dc, dc in each dc across to last 2 dc, dc2tog over last 2 dc, turn. - 77 (85, 93, 101) dc.

Rows 3-17, 17, 20, 20: BegDc in first dc, dc in each dc to end, turn. Fasten off.

OPPOSITE FRONT

Row 1: Skip 52 sts from end. Join yarn with sc in next st, ch 1 (counts as BegDc), dc in each dc across. – 25 (33, 41, 49) dc.

Rows 2-40: BegDc in first dc, dc in each dc to end, turn.- 25 (33, 41, 49) dc.
Fasten off.

BLOCKING

Pin sweater to schematic size, spray with water and allow to dry.

SEAMING

With RS facing, whip stitch underarm and side seam together. Turn RS out.

COLLAR

Row 1 (RS): With RS facing and starting at bottom right front corner, join yarn to edge with sl st, ch 1, sc evening around the opening to left front corner with a multiple of 8 + 1, turn.

Row 2 (WS): BegDc in first dc, dc in each dc across, turn.

Row 3: BegDc in first dc, dc in middle bar of each dc across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 5, skip first 2 dc, *sc in next dc, ch 5, skip next 3 dc; repeat from * across to last 3 sts, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next dc, dc in top of tch, turn.- 20 ch-5 sps.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first dc, *[3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc] in next ch-5 sp, sc in next ch-5 sp; repeat from * across, turn.

Row 6: Ch 6, skip next 3 dc, *sc in next ch-1 sp of next shell, ch 3, dc in next sc**, ch 3; repeat from * across ending at **, turn.

Row 7: Ch 3, *3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in the next st; repeat from * across to tch, 3 dc in tch-sp, dc in third ch of tch, turn.