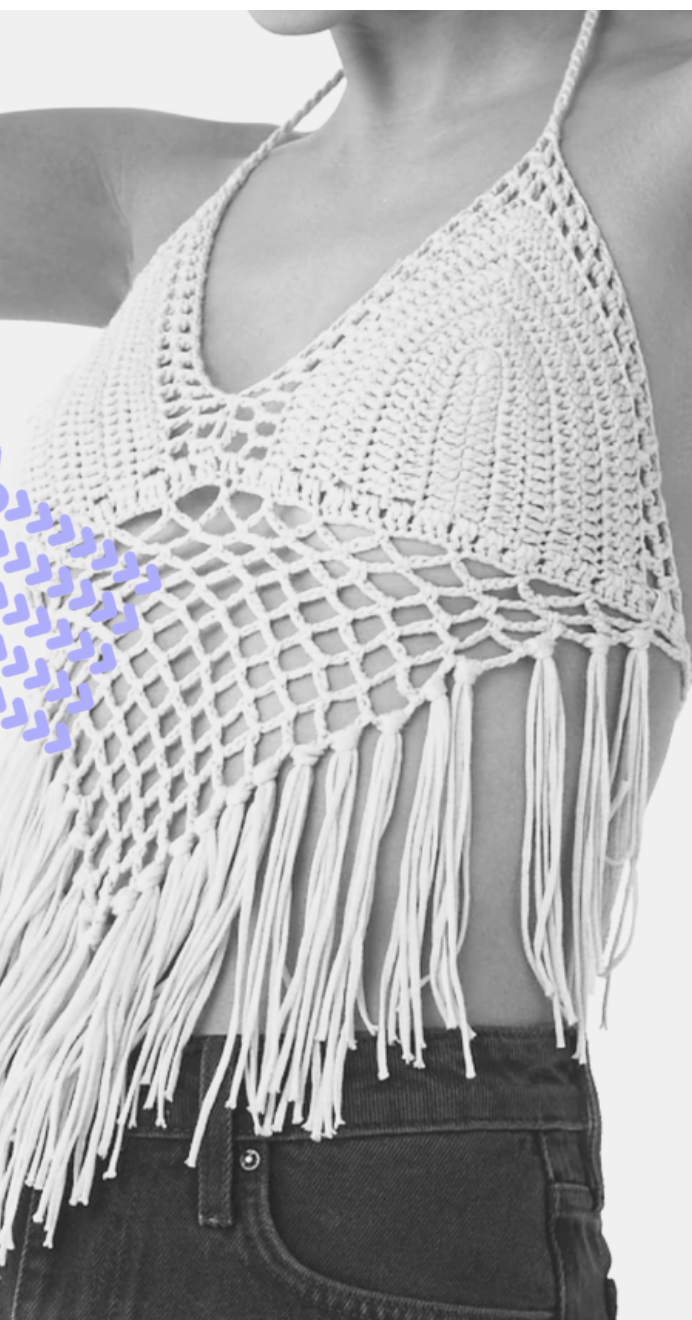


Forever 21 Fringe Halter Top

A Reverse Engineered Pattern
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Difficulty Level



MATERIALS

Yarn

100g of worsted weight cotton yarn like Paintbox Cotton Aran

Hook

3.75mm hook

Misc.

A stitch marker to mark the increase stitch for the cups.

GAUGE AND SIZING

22sts by 26 rows on a 4x4" (10x10cm) swatch in sc

Sizing

Pattern is sized to fit a large B to small C cup and up to a 38in bust.

Do 2 fewer starting chs and one less bra cup row for A cup. Add 1 addtl bra cup row for each letter size above a C cup. (Untested)

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OVERVIEW

This is a reverse engineered pattern from visual inspection of a very similar Forever 21 top. It is a little more free-form than a usual pattern and a stitch count or two might be off. The top is constructed by making two bra cup centers with two rows of a ch1, 1dc border, followed by joining the cups and adding a dc bottom edge and triangle mesh down the front. Simple chains are used as the straps.



First bra cup:

ch 14, Skip the first 3 chs and make 1dc in the next ch and in every ch of the foundation chain up to the last ch. (11dcs) In the last ch, make 7dcs all into the same ch. **Mark the 4th dc for easy increasing later**

Then Make 1dc in the back of each foundation chain (11dcs after 7dc cluster).

Row 2:

Ch3 and turn, make 1dc in each st up to the marked st. Again make 7dcs in the marked st, placing marker in 4th dc. Continue making 1dc in each st to the end of the row.

Repeat 6 times for a large B/medium C or repeat 5 times for a small B.

Mesh border:

Ch 4, skip 1 st and make 1dc in the next st. **Ch1, skip 1 st, and make 1dc in the next st** rep between **** to marked st. In marked st, place a V stitch (1dc, ch1, 1dc). Then continue **Ch1, skip 1 st, and make 1dc in next st*** all the way to the end.

Mesh border row 2:

Ch3, and make 1dc in the next ch space. **Ch1, and make 1dc in next ch space** rep between **** to V stitch. In V stitch, place another V stitch and continue the mesh pattern to the end of the row.

Make a 2nd cup the same way.

Leave the last 5 ch spaces of one of the cups unworked so we can join the two cups while we finish the border of the 2nd cup.

Join as you go:

With your working yarn still attached to cup #2 and the last 5 ch spaces unworked, take cup #1 and make 1sc into the 5th to last ch space of cup #1. Then make 1dc in the ch space of cup #2. Repeat until the last 5 ch spaces are finished of cup 2 and the two cups are joined.

Double crochet border:

Fasten off and reattach your yarn at one corner. Alternate 2dcs, 3dcs around each of the edge sts of the bottom of your bra top.

Triangle Mesh:

To begin the triangle mesh, ch 7, skip 5 and make 1sc in the 6th st. Then **ch6, skip 4 and make 1sc in the 5th st** repeat to the last 5 (give or take a couple) sts of the row. Ch3, and make 1tr in the last st of the row.

Row 2: Ch6, and make 1sc in the next ch space. Repeat to the last chain space. Ch3, and make 1tr in the last ch space of the row. Repeat until you only have two chain loop spaces left, then simply ch6 and make 1sc in the last ch space.

Fringe:

Use a DVD jacket or book to wrap around and make 6 strand fringe bundles. Attach one bundle to each outer loop from the mesh.

Straps:

Make 4 chs about 15 inches long (the top straps can be a little shorter) and attach them at the bottom corners and top corners of the crochet top.

Thank You!

I hope you enjoyed this reverse engin knitting adventure! I look forward to trying to reverse engineer more patterns from big name brands for your amusement. Feel free to tag me wherever you share your projects so I can see what you make!

Happy Stitching!

- Michelle

