

# crochet black lace bolero

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Intermediate

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**Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium and Large are in parentheses.**

**AUNT LYDIA'S® "Fashion Crochet Thread", Size 3:** 4 (4, 5) Balls No. 12 Black.

**Crochet Hooks:** 3.25mm [US D-3], 4mm [US G-6].

Yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 14 sts = 3"; 22 rows = 6" in pat with larger hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

**To Fit Bust:** 30-32 (34-36, 38-40)".

**Finished Bust:** 35 (38 1/2, 42)".

**NOTE:** Except for turning ch, count ch sts as a st.

**Inc 2 sts each end:** Ch 1, (sc, ch 1, sc) all in first st, work in pat to last st; (sc, ch 1, sc) all in last st; turn - 4 sts inc.

**Dec 2 sts each end:** Ch 1, sc in next st, [skip next st, sc in next st] twice, work in pat to last 4 sts; [skip next st, sc in next st] twice; turn - 4 sts dec.

## PATTERN STITCH:

**Row 1 (Right Side):** Sc in 2nd ch from hook, \* ch 1, skip next ch, sc in next ch; rep from \* across; turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in next st, \* ch 3, skip next 3 sts, sc in next st; rep from \* across; turn.

**Row 3:** Ch 1, sc in next st, \* ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st; rep from \* across; turn.

**Row 4:** Ch 1, sc in next st, ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st, \* ch 3, skip next 3 sts, sc in next st; rep from \* to last 2 sts; ch 1, skip next st, sc in last st; turn.

**Row 5:** Rep Row 3.  
Rep Rows 2-5 for pat.

**BACK:** With larger hook, ch 66 (74, 82). Work pat Row 1 - 65 (73, 81) sts. Beginning with pat Row 2 and keeping continuity of pat, shape sides by inc 2 sts on pat Row 3, then every 4th row 3 times - 81 (89, 97) sts at end of last increase row. Work 4 rows even.

**Shape Armholes:** Sl st across first 5 sts, ch 1, sc in same st as last sl st, ch 1, work in pat to last 4 sts; turn. Dec 2 sts each end of next row, then every 4th row 3 times - 57 (65, 73) sts. Work

even in pat until armhole measures 6 1/2 (7, 7 1/2)", end by working Row 3 or 5.

**Shape Shoulders:** Work in pat across first 9 (13, 17) sts; turn. Work 1 row even. Fasten off. Skip next 39 sts of last long row, attach yarn in next st, work 2 rows in pat across last 9 (13, 17) sts.

**SLEEVES:** With larger hook, ch 46 (50, 54). Work Row 1 same as for back - 45 (49, 53) sts. Work in pat, shaping sides by inc 2 sts each end of 5th row, then every 10th row twice - 57 (61, 65) sts. Work 14 rows even, end by working Row 3 or 5.

**Shape Cap-First Row:** Sl st across first 5 sts, ch 1, sc in same st as last sl st, ch 1, work in pat to last 4 sts; turn. [Dec 2 sts each end of next row. Work 1 row even.] twice. Work 3 more rows even. [Rep First Row. Work 1 row even.] 3 times - 9 (13, 17) sts. Fasten off.

**FRONT (Make 2):** With larger hook, ch 10 (14, 18). Work Row 1 same as for Back - 9 (13, 17) sts. Work pat Row 2. Mark one end 'arm edge' and the other end 'front opening'. Keeping continuity of pat, shape 'arm edge' by inc 2 sts at 'arm edge' end on next row and every 4th row 3 times **AND AT THE SAME TIME**, shape 'front opening' by inc 2 sts at 'front opening' end on next row and every other row 7 times - last row will have 33 (37, 41) sts. Work 2 rows even.

**Shape Armhole and Front Slope:** Omit 4 sts at arm edge by either sl st across first 5 OR working to last 4 sts and turning as before - 29 (33, 37) sts. Dec 2 sts at each end of next row, then every 4th row 3 times - 13 (17, 21) sts. Now dec 2 sts at 'front opening' end **ONLY** on 4th row from previous dec - 9 (13, 17) sts. Work even in pat until front is same length as back. Fasten off.

**FINISHING:** Sew shoulder, side and sleeve seams; set in sleeves. With smaller hook, work 1 round of sc around entire body and each sleeve edge, taking care to keep work flat; join with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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**ABBREVIATIONS:** ch = chain; dec = decrease; inc = increase; mm = millimeters; pat = pattern; rep = repeat; sc = single croch; sl = slip; st(s) = stitch (es); \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

