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[LEFT FRONT]

With a 3 mm hook make 44 (50, 56) ch.

Next row – 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, ★miss 2 ch, [1 tr, (1 ch, 1 tr) 4 times] all in next ch, miss 2 ch, 1 dc in next ch, repeat from ★ to end, turn – 7 (8, 9) shells.

1st row – 5 ch, ★1 dc in 2nd ch sp of shell, 1 ch, 1 dc in 3rd ch sp, 2 ch, 1 tr in dc, 2 ch, repeat from ★ ending with 1 tr in last dc, turn.

2nd row – 1 ch, 1 dc in first st, ★miss 2 ch sp, [1 tr, (1 ch, 1 tr) 4 times] in 1 ch sp, miss 2 ch sp, 1 dc in tr, repeat from ★, ending with 1 dc in 3rd turning ch, turn.

The 1st and 2nd rows form the pattern. Continue in pattern until work measures 28 cm from start, ending after a 1st row.★★

Shape armhole – Keeping pattern correct, sl st across first shell to next tr, 1 ch, 1 dc in same tr, continue in pattern, turn.

Next row – Pattern across 5 (6, 7) shells, ending 1 tr in dc, 2 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp of next shell, turn.

Next row – Sl st to last tr, 1 ch, 1 dc in same tr, continue in pattern, turn – 5 (6, 7) shells. Keeping armhole edge straight, pattern 4 rows.

Shape neck – Keeping pattern correct, sl st across first shell, sl st in next dc, 3 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in 3rd ch sp, continue in pattern, ending 1 tr in last dc, turn.

Next row – Continue in pattern, ending last dc in first ch, turn.

Next row – Sl st across next shell, sl st in next dc, 5 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in 3rd ch sp, continue in pattern, turn.

Continue straight until armhole measures 19 (21.5, 24) cm, ending after a 1st row. Fasten off.

[RIGHT FRONT]

Work as given for left front to ★★.

Shape armhole – Pattern across 6 (7, 8) shells, ending with 1 dc in last tr, turn.

Next row – Sl st to 3rd ch sp, 1 dc in same ch sp, 2 ch, 1 tr in next dc, continue in pattern, turn.

Next row – Pattern across 5 (6, 7) shells, ending with 1 dc in last tr, turn.

Keeping armhole edge straight, pattern 4 rows.

Shape neck – Keeping pattern correct, work across 4 (5, 6) shells, ending with 1 dc in last dc, turn.

Next row – Work in pattern, turn.

Next row – Pattern across 3 (4, 5) shells, ending with 1 tr in last dc, turn.

Continue straight until armhole matches left front, ending after a 1st row. Fasten off.

[BACK]

With a 3 mm hook make 86 (98, 110) ch.

Work as given for left front to ★★ – 14 (16, 18) shells.

Shape armholes – Sl st across first shell to next tr, 1 ch, 1 dc in same tr, pattern across centre 12 (14, 16) shells, ending with 1 dc in last tr, turn.

Next row – Sl st to 3rd ch sp, 1 dc in same ch sp, 2 ch, 1 tr in next dc, pattern across centre 11 (13, 15) shells, ending 1 tr in dc, 2 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp of last shell, turn.

Next row – Sl st to first tr, 1 ch, 1 dc in same tr, pattern across centre 10 (12, 14) shells, ending with 1 dc in last tr, turn. Continue without further shaping until armholes match left front, ending after a 1st row. Fasten off.

[SLEEVES]

With a 3 mm hook make 56 (62, 68) ch.

Next row – 1 dc in 2nd ch from hook, ★miss 2 ch, [1 tr, (1 ch, 1 tr) 4 times] all in next ch, miss 2 ch, 1 dc in next ch, repeat from ★ to end, turn – 9 (10, 11) shells.

Work 2 rows in pattern as given for left front.

3rd row – 3 ch, 1 tr in first dc, 2 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, continue in pattern, ending with 2 tr in last dc, turn.

4th row – 1 ch, sl st to 2nd tr, 1 ch, 1 dc in same tr, continue in pattern, ending with 1 dc in last tr, sl st in top of turning ch, turn.

5th row – 3 ch, 1 tr in sl st, 1 tr in dc, 2 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, continue in pattern, ending with 2 tr in sl st, turn.

6th row – 1 ch, sl st to 3rd tr, 1 ch, 1 dc in same tr, continue in pattern, ending with sl st to top of turning ch, turn.

7th row – 3 ch, 1 tr in first sl st, 2 tr in 2nd sl st, 1 tr in dc, 2 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, continue in pattern, ending with 2 tr in each of the next 2 sl sts, turn.

8th row – 1 ch, 1 dc in 1st tr, [1 tr, (1 ch, 1 tr) 4 times] all in 3rd tr, 1 dc in 5th tr, continue in pattern, working increased shell in 3rd tr from end and 1 dc in top of turning ch, turn.

9th row – Work in pattern, turn.

10th row – Work in pattern, turn.

Repeat the 1st and 2nd rows once more.

Shape top – Keeping pattern correct, sl st to 2nd ch sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in same sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in 3rd ch sp, pattern to last shell, 2 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in 3rd ch sp, turn.

Next row – 1 ch, sl st to ch sp, 3 ch, [1 tr, 1 ch, 1 tr] all in same ch sp, 1 dc in next tr, pattern to last shell, [(1 tr, 1 ch) twice, 1 tr] all in same ch sp, turn.

Next row – 1 ch, 1 dc in first ch sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, 2 ch, pattern to last dc, 2 ch, 1 dc in first ch sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, turn.

Next row – Sl st in ch sp, 4 ch, 1 tr in same ch sp, 1 dc in next tr, pattern to last dc, [1 tr, 1 ch, 1 tr] all in last ch sp, turn.

Next row – 2 ch, 1 tr in next dc, 2 ch, pattern to last tr, 2 ch, 1 dc in last ch sp, turn.

Next row – Sl st in first tr,

[1 ch, 1 dc] in same tr, pattern to last dc, turn.

Next row – 3 ch, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in 3rd ch sp, pattern to last shell, 1 dc in 2nd ch sp, 1 ch, 1 dc in 3rd ch sp, 2 ch, 1 dc in last dc. Fasten off.

[TO COMPLETE]

With wrong side facing, pin out all pieces to measurements given. Press according to instructions on ball-band. Join shoulder and side seams. Set in sleeves and join seams.

Neck Edging – With a 3 mm hook and right side facing, rejoin yarn at beg of neck shaping on right front at base of 2nd shell. Following instructions given for 2nd row of left front, work a row of shells around the neck to the 2nd from last shell on left front neck, ending with 1 dc. Fasten off.

Front Border – With a 3 mm hook and right side facing, work 1 row dc evenly along front edge of right front to base of first shell at the neck working an odd number of stitches, turn.

Next row – 4 ch, miss 2 sts, ★1 tr in next dc, 1 ch, miss next dc, repeat from ★, ending 1 tr in last dc. Fasten off.

Work left front border to match, beginning at base of last shell at neck edge.

Lower Edging – With a 3 mm hook and right side facing, rejoin yarn at lower edge of left front border, work 175 (199, 223) dc along the lower edges of left front, back and right front. Work 1 row of dc.

Next row – Work a row of shells following instructions given for 2nd row of left front, ending with 1 dc. Fasten off.

Cuffs – With a 3 mm hook and right side facing, begin at sleeve seam, work 54 (60, 66) dc evenly around sleeve edge. Work a row of shells following instructions given for 2nd row of left front, ending with a sl st in first dc. Fasten off.

Sew on buttons ♦

Measurements in centimetres (inches in brackets)			
To fit sizes	76-81 (30-32)	86-91 (34-36)	97-102 (38-40)
Length from shoulder	46.5 (18½)	49.5 (19½)	52 (20½)
Sleeve seam	19 (7½)	19 (7½)	19 (7½)
Of Wendy Supreme Cotton 4-ply (100-gram balls)			
No. of balls	4	4	5
One 3.00 mm (No. 11) crochet hook. 7 (7, 8) buttons.			

Next week:
make a traditional
Japanese bag.

