Crochet Bolero

Things You Will Need:
- Worsted Weight Yarn-1 1/2 oz. main color, 2 oz. trim and belt
- G and N crochet hooks
- Scissors
- Straight pins
- Yarn needle
- Measuring tape
- 2 decorative buttons
- Sewing needle and thread

Abbreviations:
- ch(s) = chain(s)
- sc = single crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- hdc-dec = half double crochet decrease
- dc-dec = double crochet decrease
- tog = together
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- sk = skip

Gauge:
- 4 dc = 1"
- 2 dc rows = 1"

Special Notes:
- Pattern is written for size small with medium and large adjustments in parenthesis.
- Use G hook for everything except the belt.

Body:
Ch 129 (141, 153)
Row 1: Dc in the third ch from the hook and in each ch across. Note: Beginning chs count as first dc now and throughout. (128, 140, 152 dc)
Rows 2-16: Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across. DO NOT fasten off after last row.
**First Front:**
- **Row 17:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in next 16 sts (18, 20 sts). (17, 19, 21 dc)
- **Rows 18-27** (29, 29): Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across. DO NOT fasten off after last row.

**First Front Shoulder Shaping:**
- **Row 1:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in next 8 sts (8, 11 sts). (9, 9, 12 dc)
- **Rows 2-3:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across. Fasten off after last row.

**Back:**
With the First Front on the right, sk next 27 sts (30, 33 sts) on Row 16 and attach yarn in the next st.
- **Row 17:** Ch 3. Dc in the next 39 sts (41, 43 sts). (40, 42, 44 dc)

**Second Front:**
With the Back on the right, sk the next 27 sts (30, 33 sts) on row 16 and attach yarn in the next st.
- **Row 17:** Ch 3. Dc in the remaining sts across. (17, 19, 21 dc)

**Second Front Shoulder Shaping:**
Turn after Row 27 (29, 29) of Second Front. Sk 9 sts (10, 9 sts) and attach yarn in the next st.
- **Row 1:** Ch 3, dc to the end of the row. (8, 9, 12 dc)
- **Rows 2-3:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across. Fasten off after the last row.

**Sleeves (make 2):**
- Ch 32 (34-36)
- **Row 1:** Dc in the third ch from the hook and in each ch across. (31, 33, 35 dc)
- **Rows 2-5:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across.
- **Row 6:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in base of ch 3, dc in each st across. (32, 34, 36 dc)
- **Rows 7-10:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across.
- **Row 11:** Repeat Row 6. (33, 35, 37 dc)
- **Rows 12-15:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across.
- **Row 16:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in base of ch 3, dc in each st across, 2 dc in the last st. (35, 37, 39 dc)
- **Row 17-20:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across.
- **Row 21:** Repeat Row 16. (37, 39, 41 dc)
- **Row 22:** Ch 3, turn. Dc in each st across.
- **Rows 23-32** (34, 34): Repeat Rows 21 and 22, respectively. Small only-DO NOT fasten off after last row. (47, 51, 53 dc)
- (Row 35: Medium and Large only-Repeat Row 21. DO NOT Fasten off.) (53, 55 dc)
Sleeve Cap:
**Note:** For ease of instruction, Sleeve Cap will begin as Row 1. All sizes are worked the same way.

**Row 1:** Turn. Sl st in first 5 sts. Sc in the next st, hdc in the next. Dc across to the last 6 sts. Hdc in the next st, sc in the next, sl st to the next. Leave remaining sts unworked.

**Rows 2-4:** Ch 1, turn. Sc in sc of previous row and hdc in the next st. Dc in each st across to the last two. Hdc in the next st, sc in the next.

**Rows 5-10:** Ch 2, turn. Hdc-dec the first two sts tog, dc-dec the next two. Dc across to the last 4 sts. Dc-dec, hdc-dec.

**Rows 11-14:** Ch 2, turn. Hdc in the first st, dc across, hdc in the last. Fasten off after the last row.

Assembly:
**Note:** Each side of the bolero is the same. After sewing seams, the seams are the inside (wrong side) of the bolero.

**Step 1:** Lay the bolero on your work surface. Fold each front over, matching the tops of the shoulder shaping with the top of the back. Using a yarn needle and a strand of yarn, whip st the last shoulder shaping row to the matching sts on each end of the back’s last row. DO NOT turn right side out.

**Step 2:** Fold one sleeve in half matching the row ends. Whip st the ends of the rows tog from the first row of the sleeve to the last row before the sleeve cap. Repeat with the other sleeve. Turn both sleeves right side out.

**Step 3:** With the bolero wrong side out, insert one right-side-out sleeve into one arm hole. Pin the top of the sleeve cap to the shoulder seam and the underarm seam of the sleeve to the center-bottom of the arm hole. Ease and stretch the remainder of the sleeve opening and pin to the arm hole edges. Whip stitch the sleeve to the arm hole. Repeat with the remaining sleeve.

**Step 4:** Weave in all loose ends. Turn the bolero right side out.

Trim:
**Special Stitch:** Spike stitch (long single crochet)- With the loop of the previous sc on the hook, insert the hook the designated length below the next st needed. Grab the yarn on the back and pull it through. Bring it up to the same height as the previous sc sts of the trim. Wrap the yarn around the crochet hook again. Pull the yarn through both loops on the hook. One spike made.
The basic trim pattern repeat is 3 single crochet stitches followed by a spike stitch.

**Step 1:** Using the G hook and contrasting yarn, attach the yarn to the bottom, right-hand corner of the bolero front. Ch 1. Sc along the ends of the first three rows. Corner turns should lead and end with sc sts in the first/last three rows and first/last six sts before adding spikes.

**Step 2:** *Crochet a short spike two rows below the edge you are currently trimming. Sc along the ends of the next two rows. Crochet a long spike four rows below the edge.* Repeat from * to * up one front, across the neck, down the remaining front and around the bottom edge. Sl st to the beginning ch 1 and fasten off. Weave in the ends.

**Note:** When working on the tops of rows instead of the ends, crochet a short spike one row below the edge and a long spike two rows below the edge.

**Step 3:** Crochet a spike trim around the wrists of each sleeve. Weave in the ends.

**Step 4:** Fold over the top corners of both fronts and hand sew decorative buttons of your choice to hold the folds.

**Belt**

**Step 1:** Roll the contrasting yarn into three balls. Hold three strands tog. Using an N crochet hook, leave a 4" tail and ch until the strand is 60" long. Fasten off leaving a 4" tail.

**Step 2:** Beginning at the edge of one bolero front, insert one end of the belt between the third and fourth st on Row 3 from the front to the back.

**Step 3:** Continue weaving the belt through the sts of Row 3, spaced approximately 1 1/2" apart.

**Step 4:** Finish the belt on the opposite front edge with the belt coming through between the third and fourth sts from the back to the front. Pull and adjust the ends to hang evenly. Gather the jacket body as desired.
Bolero Stitch and Row Counts

Second Front
- 9, 9
- 12 dc
- 17, 19, 21 dc
- 27, 30, 33 dc

Back
- 27, 29, 29 Rows
- 40, 42, 44 dc

First Front
- 16 Rows
- 17, 19, 21 dc

Body
- 27, 30, 33 dc

Sleeve Cap
- 14 Rows
- 47, 53, 55 dc

Sleeve
- 31, 33, 35 dc
- 32, 35, 35 Rows

Body
- 27, 30, 33 dc

128, 140, 152 dc