STELLATO from Adriafil
Crochet Bolero

Sizes: XSmall (Small, Medium, Large, XLarge)

Finished Measurements:
   Chest: 34", (38, 42, 46, 50)
   Length: 18" or longer if you prefer

Materials:
Stellato: 7, (7, 8, 8, 9) - 50g balls, shown in color 50 Silver
Hook/Notions: hook 7 (4.5mm), pins for marking
Gauge: 13 sts and 10 rows = 4"

This cardigan is worked from the top down. The beauty of this is that you can easily adjust the lengths of the body and the sleeves. After working the yoke, do a bit of the body and then crochet the sleeves. Use the rest of the yarn to do the body, saving just a few yards for the finishing around the bands and neck. Our sample is worked in the Small size, ending just below the waist with elbow length sleeves. *Remember to buy more yarn if you are making either the body or the sleeves longer!

Directions are given for the smallest size with larger size are in parentheses. If only one number is given, it applies to all sizes.

Yoke: CH 33.
   Insert hook into the second Ch from the hook and SC here and the end of the row. Turn.
   Row 1: CH 2 (does not count as a DC) 1DC, CH 1, DC and mark this as a seam st; CH 1, 5 DCs, CH 1, DC and mark this as a seam st; CH 1, 16 DCs, CH 1, 1 DC and mark this as a seam st, CH 1, 5 DCs, CH 1, 1 DC and mark this as a seam st, CH 1, 1 DC and turn.
      [This sets up the raglan seams; you've marked the beginning of the sleeves and the back. Each CH 1 space will be a stitch in the following row. 8 sts have been increased.
   Row 2: CH 1, SC in the first DC, SC into the CH space in the previous row, *CH 1, SC in the seam st, CH 1, SC into the CH space in the previous row, SC in each DC to the CH 1 and SC into this space, Repeat from * 2 times. End with CH 1, SC in the seam stitch, CH 1, SC in the CH 1 space in the previous row,   SC in the last st. Turn. On this row you will have increased 8 more sts - 2 at each seam.
      [It will help if you move the pin marking the seam st up as you go. It's easy to see the CH 1 spaces before and after the DC rows but marking the st on the SC rows is a good idea!]

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Row 3: CH 2, 2 DC in the next SC ,*DC in each SC and CH space to the CH before the seam st. DC in this CH, CH 1, DC in the seam st and CH 1. Repeat from * to the last st and work 2 DCs here. Turn.

Row 4: CH 1, *SC in each DC and CH 1 space to the CH before the seam st, SC in this CH. CH 1, SC in the seam st and CH 1 . Repeat from * and SC to the end. Turn. On the succeeding rows you will continue to increase at each seam every row and increase at the fronts every other row on the DC rows.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4 until you have 19, (22, 25, 27, 31, 34) sts. at each front. At this point stop all increases at the fronts.

 Continue seam increases until you have (50, 54, 60, 66, 72) sts and 2 CH 1 spaces across the back and have completed Row 3. Measure between the CH 1 spaces. **At the same time**, measure straight down from the beginning. This will determine the armhole depth for each size 7.5", (8, 8.5, 9, 9.5). If your measurement is less than the number, work more rows without increasing to attain the correct armhole depth. If it's a little more than the number, not a problem - raglan armholes can be loose.

Separate the body from the sleeves:
 SC across the front, and into the CH 1 space before the seam st. (which will be part of the sleeve.) CH 5, skip the sleeve sts, SC into the Ch 1 space just after the seam st, SC across the back, stopping before the seam st. CH 5, skip the sleeve sts and, beginning just after the seam st, SC across the front.
 Row 1: CH 2, *DC to the stitch before the 5 CHs at the underarm. CH 1 and skip this st, DC into the 5 CHs, CH 1 and skip the next st. repeat from * once. DC to the end.
 Row 2: CH 1. SC in each st and each CH 1 space. Turn
 Row 3: CH 2. DC in each SC **except** at the sts before and after the 5 underarm sts. CH 1 and skip these sts. Turn.
Repeat rows 2 and 3 until body measures 18" or desired length. Fasten off.

Sleeve:
 Insert hook into the middle st of the cast on sts at the underarm. CH 2 and work DCs across the row, ending with a DC in the CH that began the row. turn.
 Row 1: CH 1 and SC around the sleeve.
 Row 2: CH 2 and DC around the sleeve.
Repeat these 2 rows and **at the same time** decrease 1 st at each end every 4th row.
Work decreases as follows: YO the hook; insert hook into the next st and bring up a loop, insert hook into the next st and bing up a loop. YO and go through 3 loops. YO and go through 2.
 When sleeve measures 9" (elbow length) or desired length, fasten off.

Finishing:
 Beginning at the bottom of the right front of the cardigan, insert the hook into the first st and CH 1. SC around the fronts and back. Work stitch for stitch across the back and the sleeves and work 2 SCs for each DC row and 1 SC for each SC. Turn
 CH 1, *SC, CH 1 and skip 1 SC. Repeat from * across the row and fasten off.
 Sew the sleeve seams and work in all ends.

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