Belle designed and crocheted for
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**Pattern difficulty:** Moderate

**Pattern sizes:**
8/32, (10/34, 12/36, 14/38, 16/40, 18/42, 20/44)

**Measurements:**
- To fit bust: 82-87cm (87-92cm, 92-97cm, 97-102cm, 102-107cm, 112-117cm, 122-127cm)
- All round measurements:
  - Bust: 100cm (108cm, 116cm, 124cm, 132cm, 140cm, 148cm)
  - Length to shoulder: 58cm (58cm, 58cm, 64cm, 64cm, 70cm, 70cm)

**Materials:**
Vinnis Colours Nikkim
6 (7, 9, 9, 10, 11, 12) balls of
119m/50g, DK in Midnight (576)

Hook: 3.75mm
Tapestry needle
Scissors

**Tension:**
3 pattern repeats x 8 rows =
10x10cm using a 3.75mm hook
(blocked size)

**Abbreviations:**
ch – chain
chsp – chain space
dc – double crochet
htr – half treble
sk – skip
st/s – stitch/es
tr – Treble
WS – wrong side
RS – right side

**Pattern notes:**
The front and back are exactly the same.
3ch replace the first treble.
1ch does not replace a htr or dc
This is a very loose fitting top. If a smaller fit is required, make one size smaller.
To increase the length, simply work more repeats of row 2 – 7.

**To Make:**

**Front:**
With a 3.75mm hook, loosely ch 93
(99, 105, 111, 117, 123, 129).

**Row 1:**
(WS) Insert hook in 4th ch from hook
and work 1tr in each ch across, turn
(91 (97, 103, 109, 115, 121, 127) tr).

**Row 2:**
Ch3, 1tr in next tr, ch3, sk next 3tr,
"1tr in next 3 tr, ch3, sk next 3 tr", rep
from * to last 2 tr, 1tr in last 2 tr, turn.

**Row 3:**
Ch1, 1htr in first tr, ch1, ch5, sk next 3tr,
"1dc in next 2chsp, 5tr in next 5chsp", rep from * to last 5tr shell, ch5,
rep from * to second last 5tr shell, sk
next tr, dc, tr, 1dc in next 3 tr, ch3,
1htr in last tr, turn.

**Row 4:**
Ch1, 1dc in first htr, 5tr in next
5chsp, "1dc in next 2chsp, 5tr in next 5chsp", rep from * to last 5chsp, 5tr
in last 5chsp, 1dc in last htr, turn.

**Row 5:**
Ch4 (count as tr and ch1), sk next
tr, 1dc in next 3 tr, ch3, "sk next
tr, dc, tr, 1dc in next 3 tr, ch3", rep
from * to second last 5tr shell, sk
next tr, dc, tr, 1dc in next 3 tr, ch1,
sk next tr, 1tr in last dc, turn.

**Row 6:**
Ch3, 1tr in 1chsp, "ch3, 3tr in next
3chsp", rep from * to last 3chsp, 3tr
in last 3chsp, ch3, 1tr in last 1chsp,
1tr in top of 3rd ch, turn.

**Row 7:**
Ch3, 1tr next tr, "3tr in next 3chsp,
1tr in next 3tr" rep from * to last
3chsp, 3tr in last 3chsp, 1tr in last 2
tr, turn (91 (97, 103, 109, 115, 121,
127) tr).
Rep row 2 – 7 another 7 (7, 7, 8, 8,
9, 9) times.
Fasten off.

**Back:**
Work exactly as front.

**Shoulder straps:**
Add straps to the front piece:
With RS facing, insert hook in first
tr, ch3, and work 1tr in next 3tr,
turn.

**Next 2 rows:**
1tr in each tr, fasten off.
Sk next 14 (17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 29)
sts and rep prev 3 rows.
Sk next 47 (47, 49, 51, 51, 53) sts
and rep prev 3 rows.
Sk next 14 (17, 19, 21, 24, 27, 29)
sts and rep prev 3 rows.

**Finish Up:**
With wrong sides facing, carefully
match front to back and sew straps
in place.
Join side seams leaving a 22 (22,
22, 23, 24, 24, 25, 25) cm opening for
armholes.

**Edging:**
With RS facing work 1 round of
equally spaced dc around each
armhole. Join yarn in side seam at
bottom of top and work 2 rows of
dc around the bottom edge.
Weave in all loose ends.
Block garment to measurement,
cover with a damp cloth (or spray
with water) and allow to dry.