Catch The Rays Tee

This tee is a perfect layer for a summer day - it is breezy, flowy and versatile! It is worked in two simple rectangles that are then seamed up in 4 spots. The bamboo yarn used for this garment creates a perfect drape and a nice cool feel to the shirt.

Difficulty level: beginner

Materials:
- 3.5 mm crochet hook
- 950 (1100, 1250, 1350, 1500, 1650, 1800, 1900, 2050) yards of Category 2 (or thin 3) yarn such as Hobium Yarns La Mia Bamboo or similar yarn weight
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Sizes: XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL)

Size	Circumference	1 panel width	Length (shoulder-bottom)	Length (whole panel)
XS	46"	23"	21"	42"
S	48"	24"	21.5"	43"
M	52"	26"	22"	44"
L	56"	28"	22.5"	45"
XL	60"	30"	23"	46"
2XL	64"	32"	23.5"	47"
3XL	68"	34"	24"	48"
4XL	72"	36"	24.5"	49"
5XL	74"	38"	25"	50"

Finished item measurements:

Abbreviations/special stitch:

ch: chain
chs: chains
st: stitch
sts: stitches
dc: double crochet

sc: single crochet
sk: skip
sl st: slip stitch
sp: space
sc3tog: single crochet 3 together
puff: puff stitch - yarn over, insert the hook in specified stitch, yarn over again and draw a loop through (three loops on hook). Repeat three more times, inserting the hook into the same stitch (nine loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all loops, ch 1 to close off
shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)

Gauge: 20 sts x 11 rows of 4" x 4 " dc or (6 puff sts x 11 rows of Main design)

Notes:
(1)   This pattern is written in American Standard Terms.
(2)   Each panel consists of a Main Design and a Net Design.
(3)   All ch 3 in the beginning of the rows count as dc.
(4)   The whole top is worked in two long panels (each panel creates back and front), then they are folded in half and seamed together leaving the opening for the neckline, then the sides are seamed till the armholes.
(5)   For your convenience refer to the stitch chart at the end of the pattern.

Instructions:

Panels - make two.

Ch 60 (66, 75, 81, 87, 93, 99, 108, 114) + 4 (for turning chain)

Row 1: dc in 5th ch from the hook, dc in next 23 (26, 29, 32, 35, 38, 41, 44, 47) chs, *ch 2, sk 2, dc in next ch* 12 (13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22) times, turn.

Row 2: ch 5 (creates dc and ch-2 sp), sk ch-2 sp, dc in dc from previous row, *ch 2, sk ch-2 sp, dc in dc from previous row* 11 (12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21) times, *sk 2 sts from previous row, work shell (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st* 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) times, sk 2 sts, dc in top of ch 3, turn.

Row 3: ch 3, *work shell in ch-2 sp of shell from previous row* 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) times, dc in dc from previous row, *ch 2, sk 2, dc in next st* 11 (12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21) times, ch 2, sk 2, dc in top of ch 3, turn.

Row 4: ch 5 (creates dc and ch-2 sp), sk ch-2 sp, dc in dc from previous row, *ch 2, sk ch-2 sp, dc in dc from previous row* 11 (12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21) times, *ch 2, puff in middle of shell* 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) times, ch 2, dc in top of ch 3, turn.

Row 5: ch 1, sc in dc from previous row, *ch 3, sc in top of puff from previous row* 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) times, ch 3, sc in next dc, *sc 2 in ch-2 sp from previous row, sc in dc from previous row* 11 (12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21) times, sc 2 in ch-2 sp, sc in top of ch 3, turn.

Row 6: ch 5 (creates dc and ch-2 sp), sk 2 sts, dc in sc from previous row, *ch 2, sk 2 sts, dc in sc from previous row* 11 (12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21) times, *sk ch-3 sp, shell in sc from previous row* 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) times, sk ch-3 sp, dc in sc from previous row, turn.

Repeat rows 3-6 till you worked 114 (118, 122, 126, 130, 134, 138, 142, 146) rows or until any desired length. You can keep trying to put the panel over the shoulder and see the length of the future top. Make sure to end your work with row of shells.

Last row: ch 5 (creates dc and ch-2 sp), sk ch-2 sp, dc in dc from previous row, *sk ch-2 sp, ch 2, dc in dc from previous row* 11 (12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21) times, *sk first dc of shell, dc in next, dc in ch-2 sp, sk next dc of shell, dc in next dc of shell* 7 (8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) times, dc in ch 3. Finish off.

Finishing

Seaming. Lay both panels so that main design sides are facing each other. Use clips or pins to line up the sides evenly, each row should be lined up to the same row on the opposite side. Starting from bottom front edge of the top, place marker at 15" (15.25", 15.5", 15.75", 16", 16.25", 16.5", 16.75", 17").
The neckline opening (the length between two stitch markers) will be about 13"-14". Place second marker at 15" (15.25", 15.5", 15.75", 16", 16.25", 16.5", 16.75", 17") on the back side of panels. Starting on the wrong side from the very bottom of the front edge sc or sl st these panels together up to the first marker. Make sure you sc or sl st **loosely** so the seam doesn't bunch! You want it to be as invisible as possible.
Work the same way for the back of the garment. Weave in the ends.

Now let's seam the sides.
Clip or pin the sides from the bottom edge until the desired length of the armhole, until about 11" (11.25", 11.5", 11.75", 12", 12.25", 12.5", 12.75", 13"). Weave in the ends.

Edging. Working on the right side around neckline. Join yarn in the middle of the panel at the shoulder, ch 1, sc down the side of the panel toward the point where two panels meet. Sc3tog across point. Sc across second panel toward opposite point, sc3tog across point, sc toward join, sl st into first sc. Repeat for a total of 3 rows. Finish off and weave in the ends.

Join yarn to the armhole part of the garment. Ch 1 and sc around, join to first sc. Work 2 more rows in the same manner and repeat this for the second armhole. Finish off and weave in the ends.

Join yarn to the bottom edge of the garment. Ch 1 and sc around, join to first sc. Work 2 more rows in the same manner, finish off, weave in the ends.

Block the garment according to the instructions given to your yarn. If using bamboo yarn - gently steam the garment and lay flat on the cotton bath towel to dry.

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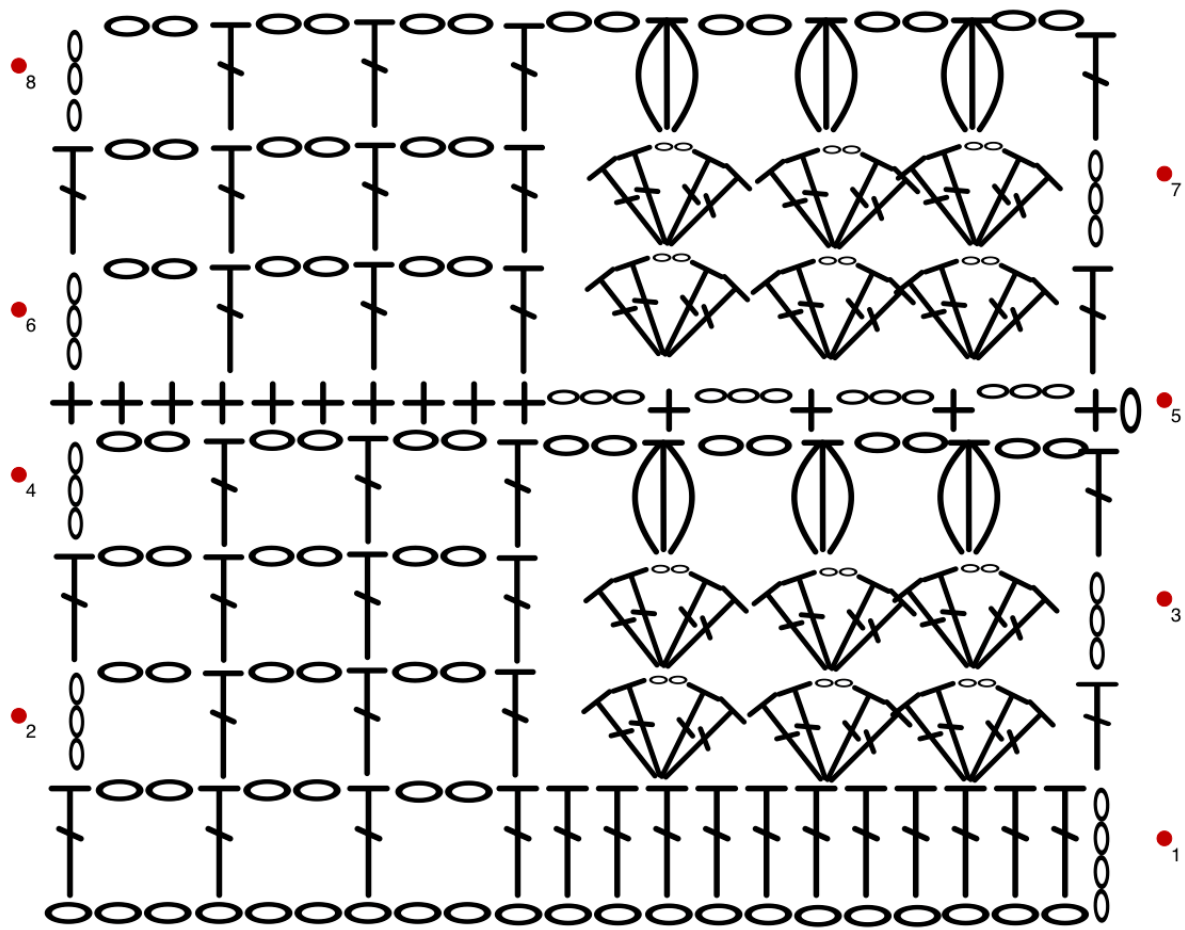
- ○ - chain
- ┬ - double crochet
- + - single crochet
- ◊ - puff stitch
- shell