



Calypso Crochet

materials list:

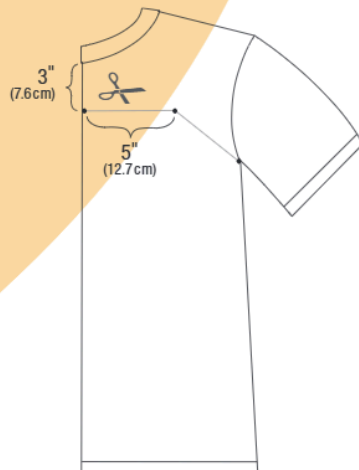
T-shirt, blue
fusible web tape,
1/4" (6 mm) wide
cardboard
paper plate
sponge brush
acrylic paint, burnt umber
fabric painting medium
rubber stamp
scrap paper
embroidery needle
embroidery floss, turquoise
three skeins DMC 5 pearl cotton,
brown
six turquoise and three brown beads,
6mm
crochet hooks, US 2/C (2.75 mm)
and US 4/E (3.5 mm)
two buttons, 1/2" (1.3 cm), turquoise
fabric glue

Bohemian brown combines with techno-vibe dots to dance against an exotic blue background. One part hippie, one part techno fun.



T-shirt Preparation

- 1 Fold the T-shirt in half, matching the shoulders and the side seams. Mark a point 3" (7.6 cm) down from the bottom of the neckline ribbing. Lay a ruler parallel to the bottom hemline along the 3" (7.6 cm) mark; measure 5" (12.7 cm) in from the center fold and mark. Also mark just below the armhole seam line. Draw lines connecting the three marks. Cut *through all the layers* of the T-shirt along the drawn lines.



Construction Details

- 1 Press the fusible web tape to the wrong side along both armhole edges. Remove the paper backing from the tape; turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm), and press.
- 2 Press the fusible web tape to the wrong side along both edges of the neckline. Remove the paper backing from the tape, turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm), and press.
- 3 Stamp the front of the T-shirt, following the stamping instructions under *Stamping and Stenciling* on page 20 and using the project photo as a guide.



- 4 Blanket stitch (page 15), along the neckline and armhole edges through all layers of fabric, spacing the stitches $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6 mm) apart using the embroidery thread and needle.

- 5 Thread the beads onto pearl cotton in the following order: two turquoise beads, one brown bead, two turquoise beads, one brown bead, one turquoise bead, one brown bead, one turquoise bead. Slide the beads down the thread until ready to use in the design. Refer to *Single Crochet* and *Beading with Crochet* on pages 17 and 18 respectively. Single crochet using the smaller crochet hook into the blanket stitch around the neckline and armhole edges, starting and ending at the left front edge. This ends row 1.



- 6 Continue crocheting following the instructions below for the front and back panels.
- 7 Starting at the left front edge, continue crocheting following the pattern on page 27 for the front neck extension.
- 8 Attach thread to the left back edge and crochet the back panel the same as the front, omitting the beads. Do not tie off the thread.



Note: Beads are only used on the front panel. Omit the beading when crocheting the back panel.

Crochet Instructions

Rows 2 and 3: Single crochet in each stitch across.

Row 4: Triple crochet in each stitch across.

Row 5: Double crochet in each stitch across. Pin-mark the placement of 5 beads in the next row, centering them in the row and spacing them about five stitches apart.

Row 6: Double crochet in each stitch across. Pull up a bead up into each marked stitch.

Row 7: Single crochet in each stitch across.

Row 8: Double crochet in each stitch across. Pull up a bead into each stitch that is directly above the three center beads two rows below.

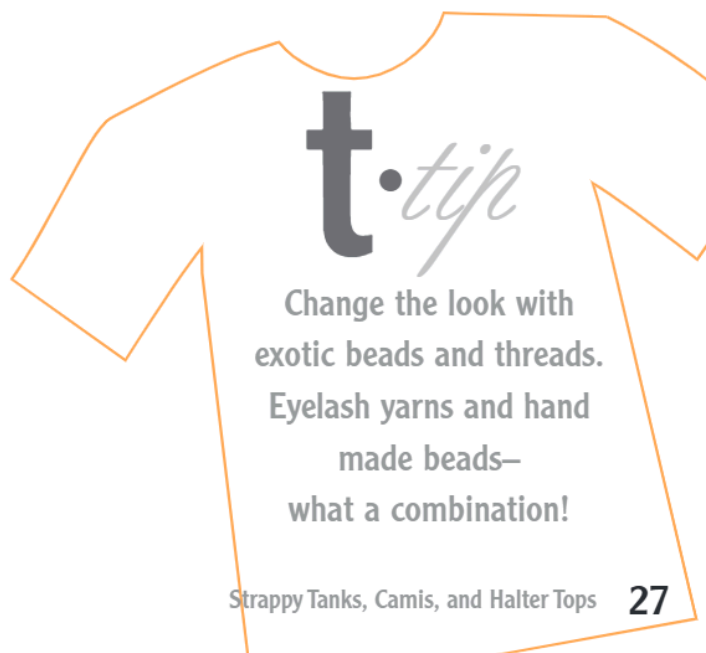
Row 9: Single crochet in each stitch across.

Row 10: Double crochet in each stitch across. Pull up the last bead in the center stitch.

Rows 11 and 12: Single crochet in each stitch across.

Tie off thread and weave ends into crocheting.

- 9** Chain four using the large crochet hook. Then triple crochet into the next four stitches. Turn. Repeat until the strap is 7" (18 cm) long. Tie off the thread. Tie the thread on at the opposite corner, and crochet another strap. Weave in the ends.
- 10** Sew a button to the front crochet panel at each corner. The buttons will slide between the crochet stitches, creating adjustable straps. Tie off thread and weave the ends into the crocheting.



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