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Hibiscus Shell

*designed by Barbara Lundy Stone*

**MATERIALS:** 1 skein Hibiscus Rayon Metallic

**EQUIPMENT:**

- Size 7 knitting needles
- Size H crochet hook
- large tapestry needle

**GAUGE:** 5st/7rows/in chest size 30" length 21 1/2"

**DIRECTIONS:** Cast on 85 stitches. The entire shell is knit in stockinette stitch.

FRONT: Knit 12 inches.

NECK OPENING: Knit 32 stitches, cast off 21 st, k 32 st.

Knit 25 rows on each side of the neck opening.

Next row: Knit 32 st, cast on 21 st, knit 32 st.

BACK: Knit 16" and cast off.

SEAMS: Single crochet along both sides making 1 sc in every other stitch. Leave a long thread and lace the sides together from the inside. Leave 7 1/2-8" open at the top for the armholes.

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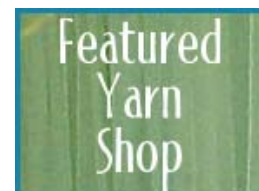
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EDGING: Neck: Row 1: Sc in every other stitch.

Row 2: \*Sc into the chain 1 space, chain 1.\* Repeat around and join.

Armhole: Row 1: Begin at underarm and sc in each sc with a chain 1 between.

Row 2: Sc in each ch 1 space ,chain 3 between . Join.

Bottom edge: Row 1: Sc in every other st around.

Row2: Hdc in each sc, ch 1 between.

Row3: Dc in each ch 1 space, ch 1 between.

Row 4: Hdc in each ch 1 space, ch 1 between.

Row 5: Dc in each ch 1 space, ch 1 between.

Row 6: Sc in each ch 1 space, ch 3 between. Join. Weave in ends.

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