BLUE & PINK CROCHET CAPELET

LAYERED SHELLS



STEP-BY-STEP PATTERN

An elegant open-front shoulder cape with a shaped blue yoke, five airy rows of seven-double-crochet fans, pink scalloped trim, and a pearl-look button.

- **Skill level:** confident beginner / intermediate
- **Method:** top-down, flat (turned rows)
- **Sizes:** S, M, L with stitch counts
- **Terminology:** US crochet abbreviations

IN THIS PRINTABLE GUIDE

- Yarn, hook, gauge and finished measurements
- Rows 1-8: fitted, gently flared collar
- Chain arches and seven-dc fan stitch
- Pink borders, five tiers and shaping
- Button closure, blocking and troubleshooting
- A **single-page stitch diagram at the end**

Important: This is an original, photo-based reconstruction of the pictured design. Make a gauge swatch and adjust the fit before continuing.

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Materials, gauge & symbols

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MATERIALS

- **Yarn A:** medium-weight #4 blue, about 500-750 yd (460-685 m), depending on size and drape.
- **Yarn B:** matching-weight soft pink, about 100-160 yd (90-145 m) for the shell edging.
- **Hook:** 5 mm (US H/8), or a size that meets gauge.
- **Closure:** one 7/8-1 in (22-25 mm) decorative button.
- **Notions:** blunt tapestry needle, removable markers, scissors, tape measure and blocking pins.



COLOR PALETTE

Main shade: medium denim / royal blue.
Contrast: pastel blush pink.
Accent: ivory pearl button.

Choose smooth yarn for visible stitch definition. Cotton-blend or soft acrylic works well; avoid extremely fuzzy yarn.

GAUGE & SWATCH

Working gauge after blocking: approximately 18 dc and 9 dc rows = 4 in (10 cm) with a 5 mm hook. For the neck foundation, count approximately 18 sts per 4 in (10 cm). Gauge is a starting point, not a guarantee.

Swatch: make 23 chains; work 8-10 rows of dc with a ch-2 turning chain that does **not** count as a stitch. Measure the central 10 cm. A smaller hook makes a firmer collar; a larger hook makes looser shells.

US ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain **sc** = single crochet **dc** = double crochet **sl st** = slip stitch
sp = space **st(s)** = stitch(es) **rep** = repeat **RS / WS** = right / wrong side
inc = place 2 dc in one stitch **[...]** = repeat the enclosed sequence.

Unless a step says otherwise: ch 2 to turn for dc rows; this turning chain **does not count** as a dc.

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Anatomy & finished dimensions

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Pearl-look button

Pink neckline + front borders

SIZE GUIDE | APPROXIMATE

Size	Neck opening	Length after blocking
S	40-43 cm / 15.7-16.9 in	28-30 cm / 11-11.8 in
M	44-47 cm / 17.3-18.5 in	30-32 cm / 11.8-12.6 in
L	48-52 cm / 18.9-20.5 in	32-34 cm / 12.6-13.4 in

HOW THE CAPELET IS BUILT

The neckline is an **open, straight foundation** that grows into a gently curved yoke. Five separate fan-shaped lace tiers extend from the blue yoke. New arches are worked **behind the previous pink border**, so the pink scallops remain raised and visible.

For fit, measure around the base of the neck with the front slightly open. Compare against the blue yoke **before** working the lace. This capelet is not a fitted sleeve garment.

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Step 1 | Shape the blue collar

3-D PROGRESS PHOTOS



1 Foundation chain



2 Work blue dc



3 Gently flare

FOUNDATION + ROW-BY-ROW INSTRUCTIONS

Start: S: **ch 73** (72 sts); M: **ch 81** (80 sts); L: **ch 89** (88 sts). Work into the back bumps of the chain for a neat neckline. The RS will be the outside of the capelet.

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch to end. Turn. Counts: **72 / 80 / 88 sc**.

Row 2: ch 2, dc in each st; turn. Maintain the same count.

Row 3 (increase): ch 2; [dc in next **8 / 9 / 10** sts, 2 dc in next st] 8 times. New counts: **80 / 88 / 96 dc**. Turn.

Row 4: ch 2, dc evenly; turn. Same stitch count.

FINISH THE YOKE

Row 5: [dc in next **9 / 10 / 11** sts, 2 dc in next st] 8 times. Counts: **88 / 96 / 104**.

Row 6: even dc row, same count.

Row 7: [dc in next **10 / 11 / 12** sts, 2 dc in next st] 8 times. Counts: **96 / 104 / 112**.

Row 8: even dc row. Fasten off blue. The final yoke count must be divisible by 8 for the first 7-dc fan tier.

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Step 2 | Make the first lace tier

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BUILD THE CHAIN-7 ARCHES | ROW 9



With blue and RS facing: join the yarn at one lower front edge of Row 8. Work the following repeat across the entire yoke:

***ch 7, skip 7 dc, sc in next dc; repeat from * to the end.**

These loops are the base of the first set of scallops. You will have **12 / 13 / 14 arches** for S / M / L.

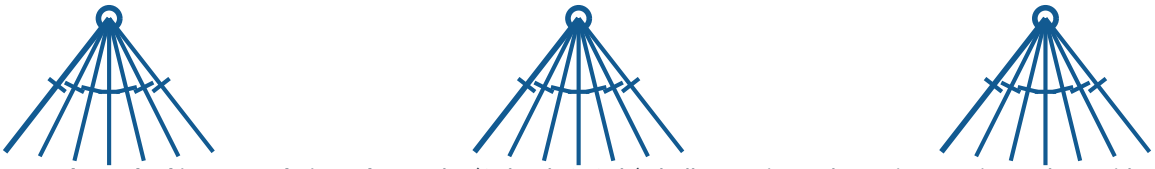
ROW 10 | FORM THE SEVEN-DC FANS



Turn. Ch 1 and sl st in the end anchor. Work **7 dc into the next ch-7 arch**, then sl st in the preceding anchor sc. Repeat across each arch. At the last arch, use the beginning edge of Row 8 for the final sl st.

Keep each set of seven dc together in its own arch. The slip stitches form the small valleys between scallops.

THE REPEAT AT A GLANCE



A fan is **seven dc worked into one chain arch**, not the (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) shell sometimes shown in generic crochet guides. The seven-dc motif is used consistently throughout this reconstruction.

1 arch | 7 double crochet | 1 valley

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Step 3 | Read & crochet each fan

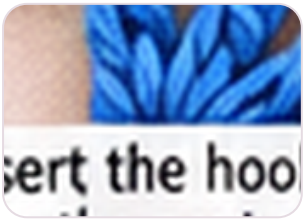
CLOSE-UP OF THE SAME FAN MOTIF



Seven dc from one anchor spread into a rounded fan. The short chain columns above make the openwork holes. The contrasting pink row sits on the fan rim, not through its center.

After making the seventh dc, do not add a chain between fans. Make a **sl st in the next anchor** to form a neat dip before the next fan.

3-D STITCH SEQUENCE



1. Find the arch



2. Start in arch



3. Spread dc evenly



4. Complete fan

STITCH CHECK

- Count the **7 dc** in **every** arch before moving on.
- Place the hook underneath both strands of each chain arch, not into a single strand.
- Do not pull the sl st valleys tight; they help the fans curve outward.
- The panel should flare gently. If it puckers, relax tension or move up half a hook size.

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Step 4 | Add the blush-pink trim

PINK ROUND ON EVERY TIER | ROW 11







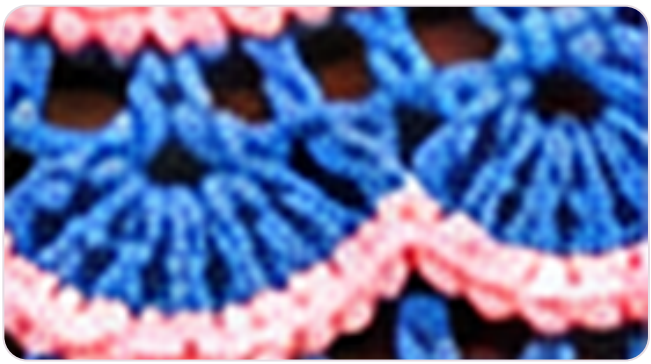
Rejoin the pink yarn at one scalloped edge. Into each shell work: **sc in first 3 dc, (sc, ch 1, sc) in the 4th dc, sc in last 3 dc**. At every dip, sl st in the blue valley stitch. This creates a soft pointed crest and clean scallop outline.

HOW TO KEEP THE EDGING NEAT

Make the pink sc stitches **loosely enough** that the blue fans lie flat. A pink edging tighter than the blue shell will curl the capelet and shrink its finished width.

Leave the **back loops of the blue fan row accessible**: the next blue arch row is attached behind this pink detail, allowing the next tier to overlap instead of hiding the previous border.

A CLEAR VIEW OF THE LAYERED EDGE



Visual check: the pink row outlines only the fan rim. The blue chain arches above and the blue spokes of each fan remain clearly visible.

On the reverse, you will see the anchor spaces where the next tier can be picked up in blue.

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Step 5 | Repeat for five tiers

HOW TO CONTINUE WITHOUT HIDING THE PINK



After one pink fan border is finished, return to **blue**. With RS toward you, join at the back loop of the **first blue shell valley**. Form one **ch-7 arch between neighboring valleys**, then anchor with sc in the next valley. Work behind the pink edging.

To widen: for every **fourth existing fan**, split its arch: **ch 4, sc into the back loop of the fan center (4th dc), ch 4, sc in the next valley** instead of one ch-7. This adds one extra arch for each group of four original fans.

NUMBER OF FANS BY TIER

Size	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	Tier 5
S	**12**	**15**	**18**	**22**	**27**
M	13	16	20	25	31
L	14	17	21	26	32

REPEAT THIS 3-STEP CYCLE

A. Work the new blue chain arches at the reverse of the finished tier.
B. Turn and work **7 dc** in each blue arch, finishing every fan with a valley sl st.
C. Add the pink fan edging as on Page 7, then repeat A-C until **five visible tiers** are complete.

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Step 6 | Button & tidy finish

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FINAL DETAILS | FRONT OPENING







With pink, work **one loose row of sc** around the neckline and down both front edges. At bottom corners, add one extra sc to prevent pulling. Slip stitch to finish neatly; do not shorten or distort the fan points.

BUTTON & LOOP

1 Attach the button

Sew one 22-25 mm pearl-look button to the blue collar at the upper right front. Secure it through multiple yarn strands.

2 Form the opposite loop

On the other front edge, ch 6-9 in pink and sl st back into the same anchor. Test over your actual button before securing.

3 Weave the ends

Weave yarn tails through the reverse side with a blunt needle.

STEAM / WET BLOCK



Lightly dampen the capelet and lay it flat. Pin the **neck opening first**, then open every blue arch and shape the pink scallops symmetrically. Allow it to dry completely before removing the pins.

Safety: decorative buttons are not suitable for unsupervised use by babies or toddlers.

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Fit checks & troubleshooting

PAUSE AND MEASURE AT THESE CHECKPOINTS

1 After Row 1

Wrap the chain/sc foundation loosely around the base of the neck. Add or remove full 8-stitch groups if needed.

2 After Row 8

Try the yoke around the shoulders. It should lay without digging into the neck or flaring too abruptly.

3 After Tier 3

Measure center-back depth. Compare with your intended 28-34 cm completed length.

COMMON FIXES

- **Neck too tight:** increase the starting chain by 8; work the same +8 shaping schedule.
- **Shells curl upward:** use a slightly larger hook for pink trim, and avoid tight slip stitches.
- **Panels ruffle excessively:** omit one split arch on every second later tier.
- **Uneven fan count:** recount chain arches before starting any 7-dc fan row.
- **Front edges wave:** remove added corner stitches, then block on a flat mat.

PRINTABLE QUALITY CHECKLIST

□ 7 dc in every fan □ all scallops edged in pink □ RS faces out
□ 5 complete tiers □ button securely sewn □ no loose yarn ends
□ capelet blocked flat □ size and neckline checked

The handmade look is part of the charm. Follow the **seven-dc blue fan** throughout, rather than alternating with an unrelated two-dc shell formula.

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Quick pattern card & chart key

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ONE-PAGE WORKING SEQUENCE

- **1. Neck:** start ch 73 / 81 / 89; work Row 1 in sc.
- **2. Collar:** dc Rows 2-8, increasing 8 sts on Rows 3, 5 and 7.
- **3. First arches:** (ch 7, skip 7 dc, sc in next dc) across.
- **4. Fans:** seven dc in every arch; sl st into each valley.
- **5. Pink:** outline every fan with 3 sc, (sc, ch 1, sc), 3 sc.
- **6. Repeat:** build blue arches behind the edging and split every 4th span; make five fan tiers.
- **7. Finish:** trim neck/front edges; add one pearl-look button and loop.

CHART SYMBOLS | READ THE LAST PAGE


Chain (ch)


Slip stitch (sl st)


Single crochet (sc)


Double crochet (dc)


Seven-dc fan


Pink edging



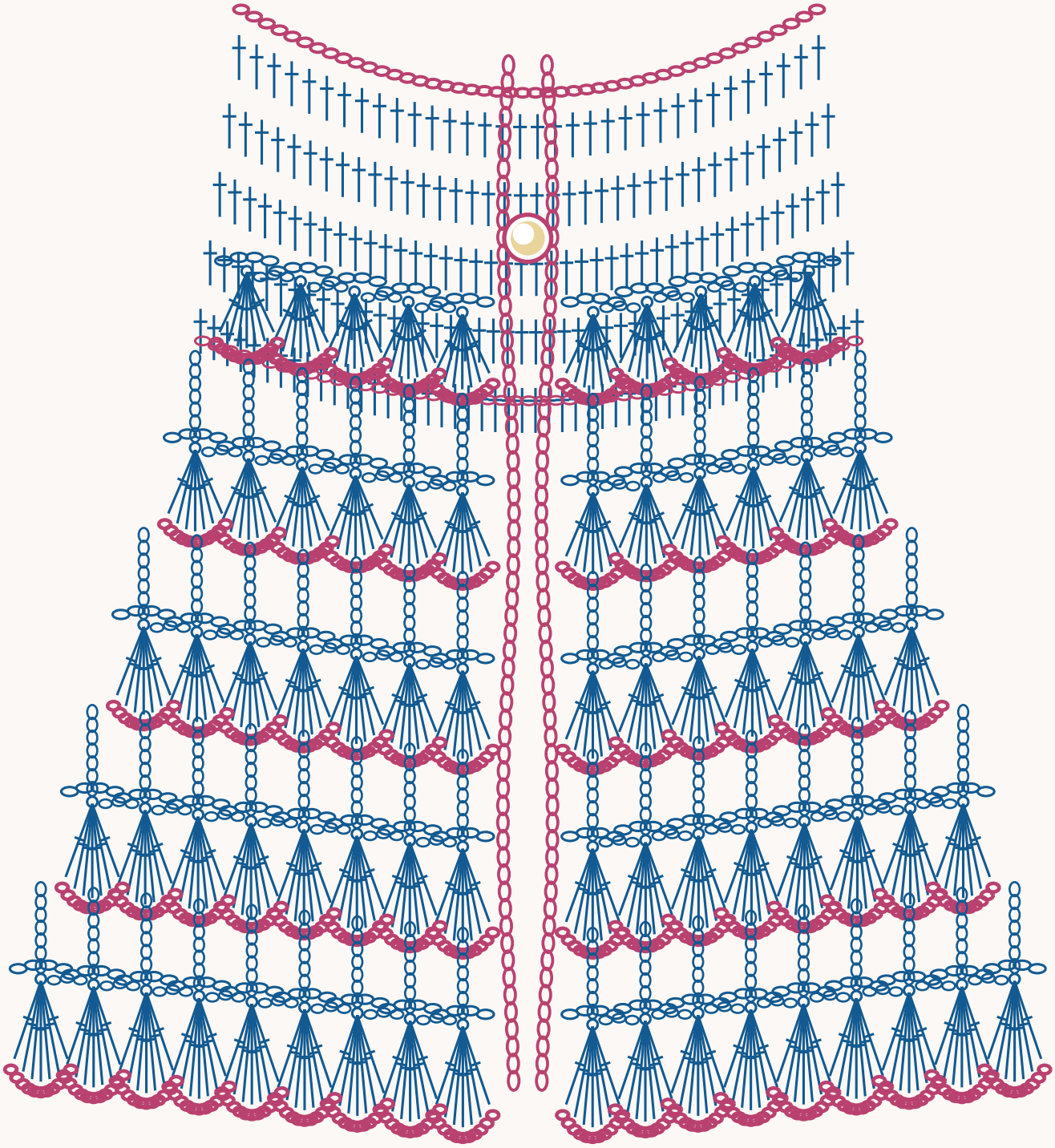
FINISHED APPEARANCE

The final page is a **separate, print-friendly stitch illustration**, with blue yoke spokes and fan symbols plus pink edging and center-front details.

Schematic and stitch counts are reconstructed from the visible design. The picture should be used together with the written rows in this guide.

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