



Flower cardigan

(revised version February 2013)

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This pattern includes:

- step by step instructions in American terminology
- diagram of the Shell pattern

If you have any problems with this pattern (I'm not a native English speaker as I'm sure you've noticed ☺), please don't hesitate to e-mail me: vendula.maderska@seznam.cz



I wrote this pattern in two sizes:

1. To fit Size **3 years** old child (92-98cm/32-38 inches high child)
2. To fit Size **5 year** old child (110 cm/43 inches high child)

Measurements

Size 3 years

Width at armhole 32 cm;
Depth of Yoke 18 cm
Length 38 cm
Sleeve length 20 cm from underarm to wrist;
Sleeve length 36 cm from neck to wrist

Size 5years

Width at armhole 34 cm;
Depth of Yoke 18 cm
Length 43 cm
Sleeve length 25 cm from underarm to wrist;
Sleeve length 41 cm from neck to wrist

Abbreviations used:

Chain (CH)

Slip stitch (Sl St)

Single crochet (SC)

Double crochet (DC)

Increasing (Inc)

Decreasing (Dec)

Material:

Yarn weight: 100% cotton Sport / 5 ply
eg, **Catania Solids by Schachenmayr SMC (12 wpi)**

Yardage: 136 yards/ 124 meters per 50g ball

You'll need:

size 3 years about **320 g** (about 6 and half balls totally)

size 5 years about **370 g** (about 7 and half balls totally)

Colors used

Size 3 years:

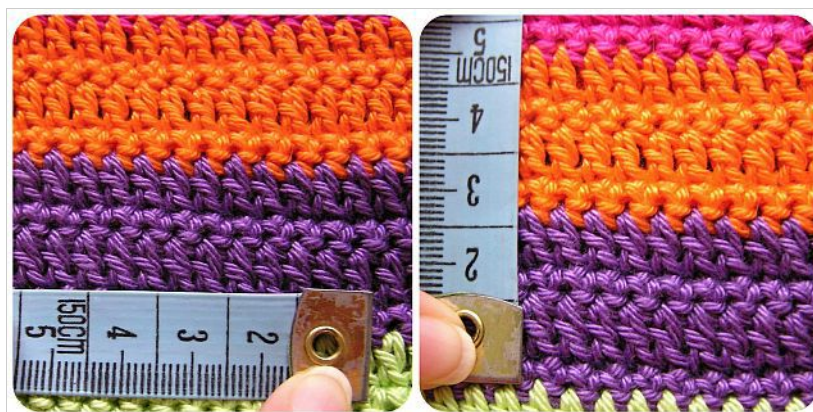
205 (apple green)
114 (hot pink)
222 (light pink)
106 (white)
254 (brown-grey)
165 (light blue)

Size 5 years:

222 (light pink)
114 (hot pink)
189 (orange)
113 (violet)
219 (light green)
205 (apple green)
146 (turquoise)
115 (red)

Hook size: 3mm

Gauge of the pattern: 12 sts and 9 rounds = 5cm/ 2" measured over yoke pattern





Note:

100% cotton Camilla by Madame Tricote Paris could also be used ... it has the same wonderful bright colors and is a very similar yarn.

Other materials:

Four buttons about 1/2 inch (1.5cm) in diameter; 3/4 inch (2cm) maximum (I used Dress it up buttons) some beads.

Note:

As the title says, this is a revised version of my original pattern – version February 2013. I am really sorry I confused you last time.. I spent many time again to write new version, so I hope, that this time, it will be clear now all. If you find something confusing, please write me on this e-mail: vendula.maderska@seznam.cz

Dear girls, I am very happy you like my design, but please noticed, that this pattern is not to teaching you to crocheting pattern, you should know basic skills.

This cardigan is not difficult to make. The hardest part is probably the yoke ... you need to keep counting the stitches on every round to be sure the increases line up properly. Working from the neck edge down, the chart below gives instructions for the yoke. After Row 24, separate the yoke into two fronts, the back, and two sleeves.

**Please read ALL notes carefully before starting
to avoid having to rework.**

Note 1

I have made this cardigan in various color combinations; I decided leave only two 3

Note 2

The yoke is worked in a 2-round pattern ... 1 row of DC followed by 1 row of SC. Count the number of stitches while working every round to avoid having to rework rounds.

Note 3 – very important

Begin every round of DC with 3 CH, then make a HDC in the very first stitch. This beginning 3 CH, 1HDC group counts as the 1st DC (see picture below)

Begin every round of SC with 1 CH, then make the first SC in the first stitch. This beginning 1 CH, 1 SC group counts as the 1st SC

Note 4

At the end of every round turn your work and start the next round as given in Note 2
Working round ends this way gives nice straight edges!



Picture of straight edge



The color changes for the cardigan:

Size 3 years:

- Row 1-4 apple green
- Row 5-8 hot pink
- Row 9-12 light pink
- Row 13-16 white
- Row 17-20 brown-grey
- Row 21-24 light blue
- Row 25 until end white

Size 5 years:

- Row 1-4; 28-30 light pink
- Row 5-8; 31-33 hot pink
- Row 9-12; 34-36 orange
- Row 13-16; 37-39 violet
- Row 17-20; 40-42 light green
- Row 21-24; 43-45 apple green
- Row 25 - 27; 46-48 turquoise

Instruction SIZE 5 years old child

Starting at the neckline, CH 108

Row 1: DC into the 4th CH from the hook (the first 3 CH count as the 1st DC here and throughout), then DC into every stitch across; 106 DC; turn work





Row 2: 1 CH, SC into each DC across; 106 SC
 For the following rounds, work from the chart below:

How to read the chart:

Example row 3: you will make 3 CH as 1 first DC, 1 DC in every 16 stitches from previous row, 3 DC in next stitch, 1 DC in next 19 stitches from previous row, 3 DC in next stitch, 1 DC in next 32 stitches from previous row, 3 DC in next stitch, 1 DC in next 19 stitches from previous row, DC in next stitch, 1 DC in next 16 stitches from previous row (you will have 114 DC at the end of this row).

Size 5 years old child										
Row	Front piece	number of stitches to inc in 1 stitch	Sleeve	number of stitches to inc in 1 stitch	Back	number of stitches to inc in 1 stitch	Sleeve	number of stitches to inc in 1 stitch	Front piece	total number of stitches
3	16 DC	3 DC	19 DC	3 DC	32 DC	3 DC	19 DC	3 DC	16 DC	114
4	17 SC	2 SC	21 SC	2 SC	34 SC	2 SC	21 SC	2 SC	17 SC	118
5	17 DC	3 DC	22 DC	3 DC	36 DC	3 DC	22 DC	3 DC	17 DC	126
6	18 SC	2 SC	24 SC	2 SC	38 SC	2 SC	24 SC	2 SC	18 SC	130
7	18 DC	3 DC	25 DC	3 DC	40 DC	3 DC	25 DC	3 DC	18 DC	138
8	19 SC	2 SC	27 SC	2 SC	42 SC	2 SC	27 SC	2 SC	19 SC	142
9	19 DC	3 DC	28 DC	3 DC	44 DC	3 DC	28 DC	3 DC	19 DC	150
10	20 SC	2 SC	30 SC	2 SC	46 SC	2 SC	30 SC	2 SC	20 SC	154
11	20 DC	3 DC	31 DC	3 DC	48 DC	3 DC	31 DC	3 DC	20 DC	162
12	21 SC	2 SC	33 SC	2 SC	50 SC	2 SC	33 SC	2 SC	21 SC	166
13	21 DC	3 DC	34 DC	3 DC	52 DC	3 DC	34 DC	3 DC	21 DC	174
14	22 SC	2 SC	36 SC	2 SC	54 SC	2 SC	36 SC	2 SC	22 SC	178
15	22 DC	3 DC	37 DC	3 DC	56 DC	3 DC	37 DC	3 DC	22 DC	186
16	23 SC	3 SC	39 SC	3 SC	58 SC	3 SC	39 SC	3 SC	23 SC	194
17	24 DC	3 DC	41 DC	3 DC	60 DC	3 DC	41 DC	3 DC	24 DC	202
18	26 SC	3 SC	42 SC	3 SC	62 SC	3 SC	42 SC	3 SC	26 SC	210
19	27 DC	3 DC	44 DC	3 DC	64 DC	3 DC	44 DC	3 DC	27 DC	218
20	29 SC	3 SC	46 SC	3 SC	64 SC	3 SC	46 SC	3 SC	29 SC	226
21	30 DC	3 DC	48 DC	3 DC	66 DC	3 DC	48 DC	3 DC	30 DC	234
22	31 SC	3 SC	50 SC	3 SC	68 SC	3 SC	50 SC	3 SC	31 SC	242
23	33 DC	3 DC	52 DC	3 DC	68 DC	3 DC	52 DC	3 DC	33 DC	250
24	34 SC	3 SC	54 SC	3 SC	70 SC	3 SC	54 SC	3 SC	34 SC	258

There are now 258 stitches

The finished yoke should look like the yoke shown below.



Yoke size 5 years



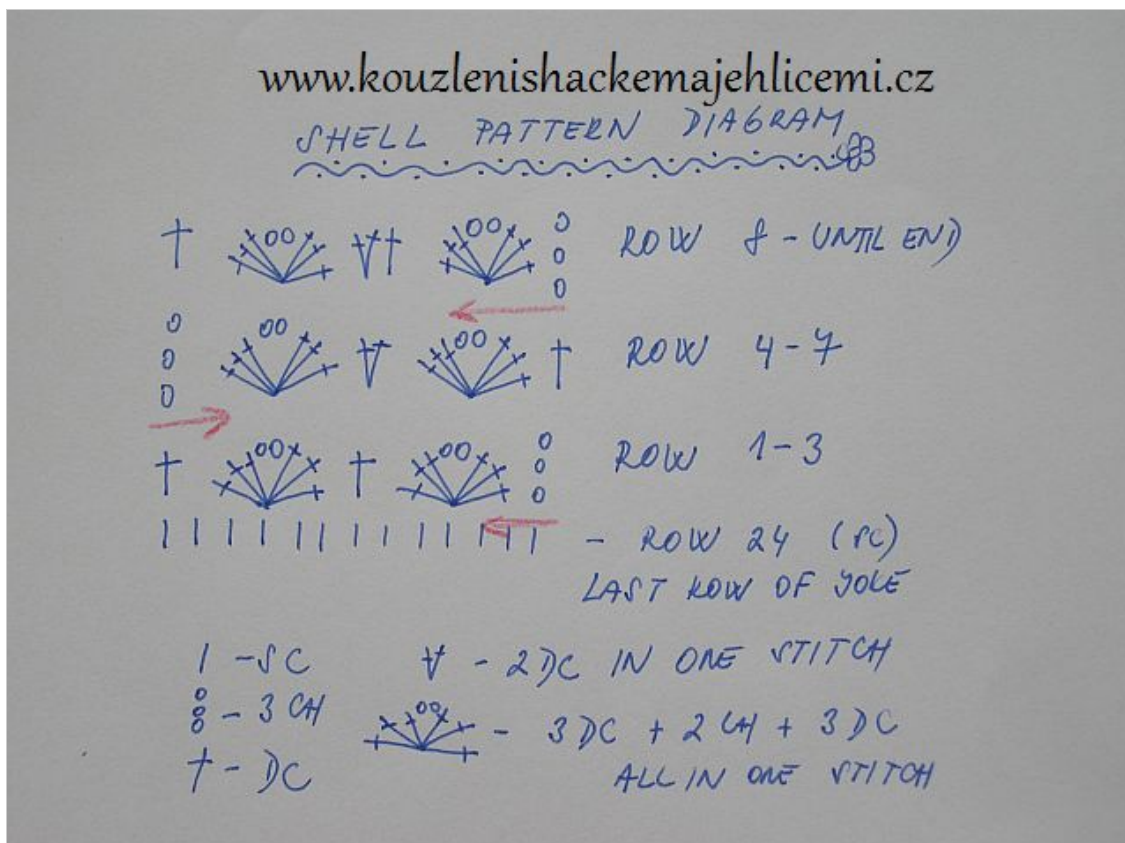
Round 25: divide the yoke into Fronts, Back and Sleeves

Work Shell pattern; make 6 Shells (for one front; 36 stitches). Mark the 37th stitch, then skip the next 55 stitches for the sleeve. To make the DC for the beginning of the next Shell, insert the hook into both the 37th and the 93rd stitches (see picture bellow please), and finish working the DC as usual. Continue working the Shell pattern across the back (12 Shells; 72 stitches). Mark the 165th stitch, skip 55 stitches for the second sleeve, then make 1 DC for the beginning of the next Shell by inserting the hook into the marked 165th and the 221th stitches together and finish working the DC. Continue working Shells across the front yoke stitches – make 6 shells.





Continue working Shell pattern (see diagram below)
 Work across the right front, skip the stitches for the right sleeve, work across the back, skip the left sleeve stitches, then work across the left front .





Written Shell pattern (lower part of cardigan)

Round 1: 3 CH (counts as 1st DC), skip 2 stitches, (3 DC, 2 CH, 3 DC) all in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches, *1 DC, skip 2 stitches, (3 DC, 2 CH, 3 DC) in next stitch, skip 2 stitches*; repeat from * to end; turn

Round 2: 3CH *(3DC, 2 CH, 3 DC) in the 2CH from the previous round, 1 DC in the 1 DC from the previous round*; repeat from * to end; turn

Round 3: repeat Round 2

Round 4: 3CH, *(3 DC, 2 CH, 3 DC) in 2 CH from the previous round, 2 DC in 1 DC from the previous round*; repeat from * to end; turn

Round 5-7: repeat round 4

Round 8: 3 CH, *(3 DC, 2 CH, 3 DC) 2 CH from the previous round, 2 DC in first DC from the 2 DC from previous round, 1 DC in the second DC from the 2 DC from previous round*; repeat from * to end; turn

Round 10-24: repeat Round 9

There are now 24 Shells; 6 Shells on right front, 12 on back, 6 on left front
Work 24 rounds in Shell pattern as follows:

Round 1: work 3 times

Round 2: work 4 times

Round 3: work 17 times

The Shell pattern in detail





Instruction **SIZE 3 years old child**

Starting at the neckline, CH 101

Round 1: DC into the 4th CH from the hook (the first 3 CH count as the 1st DC here and throughout), then DC into every stitch across; 97 DC; turn work

Round 2: 1 CH, SC into each DC across; 98 SC

For the following rounds, work from the chart below:

Size 3 years old child										
Row	Front piece	number of stitches to inc in 1 stitch	Sleeve	number of stitches to inc in 1 stitch	Back	number of stitches to inc in 1 stitch	Sleeve	number of stitches to inc in 1 stitch	Front piece	total number of stitches
3	15 DC	3 DC	17 DC	3 DC	30 DC	3 DC	17 DC	3 DC	15 DC	106
4	16 SC	2 SC	19 SC	2 SC	32 SC	2 SC	19 SC	2 SC	16 SC	110
5	16 DC	3 DC	20 DC	3 DC	34 DC	3 DC	20 DC	3 DC	16 DC	118
6	17 SC	2 SC	22 SC	2 SC	36 SC	2 SC	22 SC	2 SC	17 SC	122
7	17 DC	3 DC	23 DC	3 DC	38 DC	3 DC	23 DC	3 DC	17 DC	130
8	18 SC	2 SC	25 SC	2 SC	40 SC	2 SC	25 SC	2 SC	18 SC	136
9	18 DC	3 DC	26 DC	3 DC	42 DC	3 DC	26 DC	3 DC	18 DC	142
10	19 SC	2 SC	28 SC	2 SC	44 SC	2 SC	28 SC	2 SC	19 SC	146
11	19 DC	3 DC	29 DC	3 DC	46 DC	3 DC	29 DC	3 DC	19 DC	154
12	20 SC	2 SC	31 SC	2 SC	48 SC	2 SC	31 SC	2 SC	20 SC	158
13	20 DC	3 DC	32 DC	3 DC	50 DC	3 DC	32 DC	3 DC	20 DC	166
14	21 SC	2 SC	34 SC	2 SC	52 SC	2 SC	34 SC	2 SC	21 SC	170
15	21 DC	3 DC	35 DC	3 DC	54 DC	3 DC	35 DC	3 DC	21 DC	178
16	22 SC	3 SC	37 SC	3 SC	56 SC	3 SC	37 SC	3 SC	22 SC	186
17	23 DC	3 DC	39 DC	3 DC	58 DC	3 DC	39 DC	3 DC	23 DC	194
18	25 SC	3 SC	40 SC	3 SC	60 SC	3 SC	40 SC	3 SC	25 SC	202
19	26 DC	3 DC	42 DC	3 DC	62 DC	3 DC	42 DC	3 DC	26 DC	210
20	28 SC	3 SC	44 SC	3 SC	62 SC	3 SC	44 SC	3 SC	28 SC	218
21	29 DC	3 DC	46 DC	3 DC	64 DC	3 DC	46 DC	3 DC	29 DC	226
22	30 SC	3 SC	48 SC	3 SC	66 SC	3 SC	48 SC	3 SC	30 SC	234
23	32 DC	3 DC	50 DC	3 DC	66 DC	3 DC	50 DC	3 DC	32 DC	242
24	33 SC	3 SC	52 SC	3 SC	68 SC	3 SC	52 SC	3 SC	33 SC	250

There are now **250 stitches**



Round 25: divide the yoke into Fronts, Back and Sleeves

Work Shell pattern; make 6 Shells (for one front; 36 stitches). Mark the 37th stitch, then skip the next 55 stitches for the sleeve. To make the DC for the beginning of the next Shell, insert the hook into both the 37th and the 93rd stitches, and finish working the DC as usual. Continue working the Shell pattern across the back (11 Shells; 66 stitches). Mark the 159th stitch, skip 55 stitches for the second sleeve, then make 1 DC for the beginning of the next Shell by inserting the hook into the marked 159th and the 215th stitches together and finish working the DC. Continue working Shells across the front yoke stitches - make 6 shells.

There are now 23 Shells; 6 Shells on right front, 11 on back, 6 on left front

Work 19 rounds in Shell pattern as follows:

Round 1: work 3 times

Round 2: work 4 times

Round 3: work 12 times

Now make the **sleeves**

Left sleeve – size 5 years old child; Work in Rounds with light pink color in DC only.

Round 1: 3 CH (as 1st DC), DC in next 54 sts; join with a St St in 1st DC; 55 DC total

Rounds 2–14: work around in DC as for the 1st Round, **AT THE SAME TIME** shaping the sleeve by decreasing 1 stitch in round 2, 5, 8, 11 and 14. At the end of round 14, there'll be 50 DC

Rounds 15–19: begin increases; add 1 DC every round; at the end of round 19 there'll be 55 DC

Round 20-26: 3 CH (as 1st DC), DC in next 54 sts; join with a St St in 1st DC; 55 DC total

Round 27: one round of SC

Round 28: make a Scallop edging: *1 SC, skip 2 stitches, work 5 DC in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches, work 1 SC in next stitch*; repeat from * to end of round; join to 1st SC with a St St and finish off.

size 3 years: work with grey-brown color.

Round 1-18: work same way as size 5 years old

Round 19: 3 CH (as 1st DC), DC in next 54 sts; join with a St St in 1st DC; 55 DC total

Round 20: change to edging color and work one round of SC

Round 21: make a Scallop edging: *1 SC, skip 2 stitches, work 5 DC in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches, work 1 SC in next stitch*; repeat from * to end of round; join to 1st SC with a St St and finish off.

Left sleeve size 3 year old child



Right sleeve – 5 years old

Work in rounds, shaping as for left sleeve and working throughout in one round of DC followed by one round of Holes. Use the same color sequence as on the yoke for the DC rounds, but work every Hole round in Light Green

Round 1: 3 CH (as 1st DC), 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, *1 DC in next stitch, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch*; repeat from * around; join with a St St in 1st DC; 28 holes

Round 2: 3 CH, 1 DC in first hole, *2 DC in every hole*, repeat around; join with a St St in 1st DC; 56 stitches

Rounds 3–7: repeat Rounds 2 and 3 two times, then round 2 once

Round 8: begin shaping the sleeve; 3 CH, work 1 DC in next hole, and 2 DC in every hole around to the last, working only 1 DC in last hole; join with a St St in 1st DC; 54 stitches

Round 9: 3 CH, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, *1 DC, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch*, repeat from * around; join with a St St in 1st DC; 27 holes

Round 10: 3 CH, work 1 DC in next hole, and 2 DC in every hole around to the last, working only 1 DC in last hole; join with a St St in 1st DC; 52 stitches

Round 11: 3 CH, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, *1 DC, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, repeat from * around; join with a St St in 1st DC; 26 holes

Round 12: 3 CH, 1 DC in next hole, and 2 DC in every hole around to the last, working only 1 DC in last hole; join with a St St in 1st DC; 50 stitches

Round 13: 3 CH, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, *1 DC, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, repeat from * around; join with a St St in 1st DC; 25 holes

Round 14: begin increasing sleeve: 3 CH, 2 DC in next hole, then 2 DC in every hole around to the last, working 3 DC in last hole; join with a St St in 1st DC; 52 stitches

Round 15: 3 CH as 1st DC, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, *1 DC, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, repeat from * around; join with a St St in 1st DC; 26 holes

Round 16: 3 CH, 2 DC in next hole, then 2 DC in every hole around to the last, working 3 DC in last hole; join with a St St in 1st DC; 54 stitches

Round 17: 3 CH as 1st DC, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, *1 DC, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, repeat from * around; join with a St St in 1st DC; 27 holes

Round 18: 3 CH, 2 DC in next hole, then 2 DC in every hole around to the last, working 3 DC in last hole; join with a St St in 1st DC; 56 stitches

Round 19: 3 CH, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, *1 DC, 1 CH, skip 1 stitch, repeat from * around; join with a St St in 1st DC; 28 holes

Rounds 20–27: repeat rounds 18 and 19

Round 28: change color and work Scallop edging: *1 SC, skip 2 stitches, make 5 DC in 1 stitch, skip 2 stitches, 1 SC; repeat from * around; join to 1st SC with a St St; finish off



Right sleeve Size 3 years old

Work in rounds, shaping as for left sleeve and working throughout in one round of DC followed by one round of Holes. Use the same color sequence as on the yoke for the DC rounds, but work every Hole round in light pink

Rounds 1-19: work same way as size 5 years old,

Round 20: change to edging color and work one round of SC

Round 21: make a Scallop edging: *1 SC, skip 2 stitches, work 5 DC in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches, work 1 SC in next stitch*; repeat from * to end of round; join to 1st SC with a St St and finish off.

Right sleeve size 3 year old child



Finishing (both sizes)

Work one round SC around the front and neckline edges, skipping every 5th stitch along the neck edge to give the neckline a better look and fit. Work a second round to Scallop the edges as given for sleeves: *1 SC, skip 2 stitches, work 5 DC in the next stitch, skip 2 stitches, 1 SC, repeat from * around; join with a Sl St in 1st SC and finish off.

Detail of neckline shown below:

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Neaten all loose ends. Sew buttons evenly spaced down the yoke, placing them opposite a gap in the Scallop edge.

Detail of scalloped edge



Detail of finished neckline. Note that buttonholes are just gaps in the Scallop edging





Flower motif

Make 5 petals and the flower center following the instructions below.



Petal

Begin with 8 CH and work in rounds, don't turn your work

Round 1: 7 SC

Round 2: 1 CH, (3 SC, 1 HDC, 1 DC, 5 DC) in last stitch, 1 DC, 1 HDC, 3 SC

Round 3: 1 CH, 6 SC, (2 SC in next stitch) 5 times, 6 SC, finish off

The flower center

Round 1: 5 CH, join with a St St to form a ring

Round 2: 3 CH, 9 DC into the ring; join with a St St in 1st DC

Round 3: 3 CH, 1 DC, (2 DC in next stitch) 9 times; join with a St St in 1st DC, finish off

Neaten loose ends and sew petals and flower center together. Embroider the flower with very basic embroidery stitches. You could make the same colorful flower as mine:-)
Sew the flower to the left front side ... finished!! :-)



My big thanks belongs to Mrs. Norma Bethune,
who revised my original pattern.
And friend of mine Josie, who revised and tested updated February 2013 version.

Thank you very much for your help, girls !



Happy crocheting :-)