<u>Crochet Dusty Pink "Summer Skies" Crop Top by Selina Veronique</u>

Level: Easy

Materials:

2 skein of Lion Brand Feels Like Butta, in shade Dusty Pink

1 skein of Sirdar Cotton DK in shade Chilled Rosé (or any other DK/Light 3 weight yarn in 100% cotton in a light pink/blush)

A 4 and 5 mm crochet hooks

A tapestry needle

A pair of scissors

Abbreviations:

I will be writing in US terms

Ch: chain Sk: skip

SP: space

Sl st: Slip stitch SC: Single Crochet DC: Double Crochet

St: Stitch

EOR: End of row

<u>Gauge</u>: 10 DC= 9 cm (3,5") 3 rows = 4 cm (1,5")

Size of finished project (body of top only, excluding straps):

Size S: 21 cm x 43 cm (8,4"x17") Size M:21 cm x 46 cm (8,4"x18")

Size L: 23 x 49 cm Size XL: 23 x 52 cm

Body of top (=one large strip that is folded to create top):

Size S, (M), [L], *XL*

With 5 mm crochet hook and Feels Like Butta yarn, Ch 105+3 for base chain (109+3), [115+3], *119+3*

Row 1: DC into 4th ch from hook, and into each ch until eor (first ch 3 counts as a DC)

Row 2: Ch 3 (=DC), DC into 2nd DC from previous row and into each DC until eor

Row 3-14 (for sizes L and XL, carry on until row 16): Repeat row 2

Row 15 [17], 17: Ch 1 (=SC), SC into 2nd DC from previous row and into each DC until eor

Row 16 [18], 18: [Ch 3, sk 1 st, SC into next st] until eor (= chain arch edging at the bottom of top)

Fasten off, tidy up loose end

Straps (make 2):

Ch 50 (52) [54], 56

Row 1: HDC into 3rd ch from hook, HDC into each ch until eor

Row 2: Ch 3 (=HDC+ch sp), [sk 1 st, ch 1, HDC into next st] until eor

Row 3: Ch 2 (=HDC), HDC into 2nd and each st until eor

Fasten off, leaving long tail to sew into top.

Front tie:

With 4 mm crochet hook and Sirdar Cotton Dk, chain 320. Fasten off, tidy up all loose ends

To make up top:

Take body of top and fold it so that the seam is exactly at the center front, with the chain arch edging facing down; Place your straps at each side of the top, and count 14 (15), [16], 17 Double Crochets from arm pit and attach the very edge of one strap to the top at that spot; flip top over with the strap delicately, so as to sew the strap on the inside of the top, and sew strap onto top. Do the exact same on the back part of the top to secure the other side of the strap (again counting the right amount of Double crochets for the size of your top from the armpit); Repeat for second strap on the other side of top.

Once the straps are secured, place the top face up, with the seam at the center once again. Take cotton lace chain, and measuring it so that it is perfectly folded in two, start lacing it into the top, starting from the bottom. Place each lace tie side between two Double Crochet stitches on either side of top, and lace up the tie chain into each row, and tie into a knot at top of project.

Tidy up all loose ends.