Crochet Fringe Vest

Modern One-Shoulder Style with Circular Motifs & Fringe



Finished vest on form – bold summer statement piece

This complete step-by-step tutorial teaches you how to crochet a stylish modern fringe vest. It features three detailed circular motifs joined by an open mesh lattice into a graceful triangular shape, finished with long decorative yarn fringes (optional wooden beads and tassels) and a functional side tie. Wear it over a tank top, crop top, or bikini for a trendy summer look.

Skill Level: Intermediate | **Yarn:** Medium weight cotton | **Hook:** 4.0 mm (G/6)

✓ Modern stylish look ✓ Beautiful circular motifs ✓ Customizable size ✓ Perfect for summer!

1. Materials



All materials needed for the project

You will need:

- Cotton or lightweight yarn (medium weight) in bright orange – 200–300 g depending on size
- Crochet hook: 4.0 mm (US G/6)
- Wooden beads (optional) – approximately 15–25 pieces for the fringe
- Scissors and yarn needle
- Measuring tape
- Blocking pins and mat (recommended)

Tip: Choose a non-stretch yarn such as mercerized cotton or a cotton blend. This gives clear stitch definition and a nice drape. Any color works – the bright orange shown is especially striking.

2. Abbreviations (US Terms)

Abbr.	Meaning
ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch

sc	single crochet
dc	double crochet
tr	treble crochet
sp	space
rep	repeat
[ ]	work instructions in brackets the number of times indicated

3. Size Guide (Approximate)

Size	Width (top to side)	Height (center to bottom)
S	~ 34 cm (13.5 in)	~ 34 cm (13.5 in)
M	~ 38 cm (15 in)	~ 38 cm (15 in)
L	~ 42 cm (16.5 in)	~ 42 cm (16.5 in)

Adjustment tip: Add extra rounds to the circular motifs and/or additional mesh rows to enlarge the piece. Measure often and block for accurate final size.

4. Pattern Overview

The vest is built in these main stages:

1. **Make 3 circular motifs** – identical openwork circles.
2. **Create the mesh lattice** – join the motifs with open chain-and-dc mesh.
3. **Assemble and shape the triangle** – complete the outer sides with the same mesh.
4. **Edge finishing** – solid single and double crochet border.
5. **Add side ties** – long chains attached at the tip(s).
6. **Add fringe** – long yarn strands with optional beads and tassels along the bottom.



Complete flat piece showing motifs, mesh, ties and fringe

5. Circular Motif (Make 3)



Three finished circular motifs



Close-up of the openwork circular pattern

Make each motif as follows:

Start with a magic ring (or ch 4 and join with sl st).

Rnd 1: Work 16 dc into the ring. Join with sl st to the first dc. (16 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 1 dc in next st, *ch 1, 1 dc in next st*; repeat around. Join. This creates 16 dc with chain spaces.

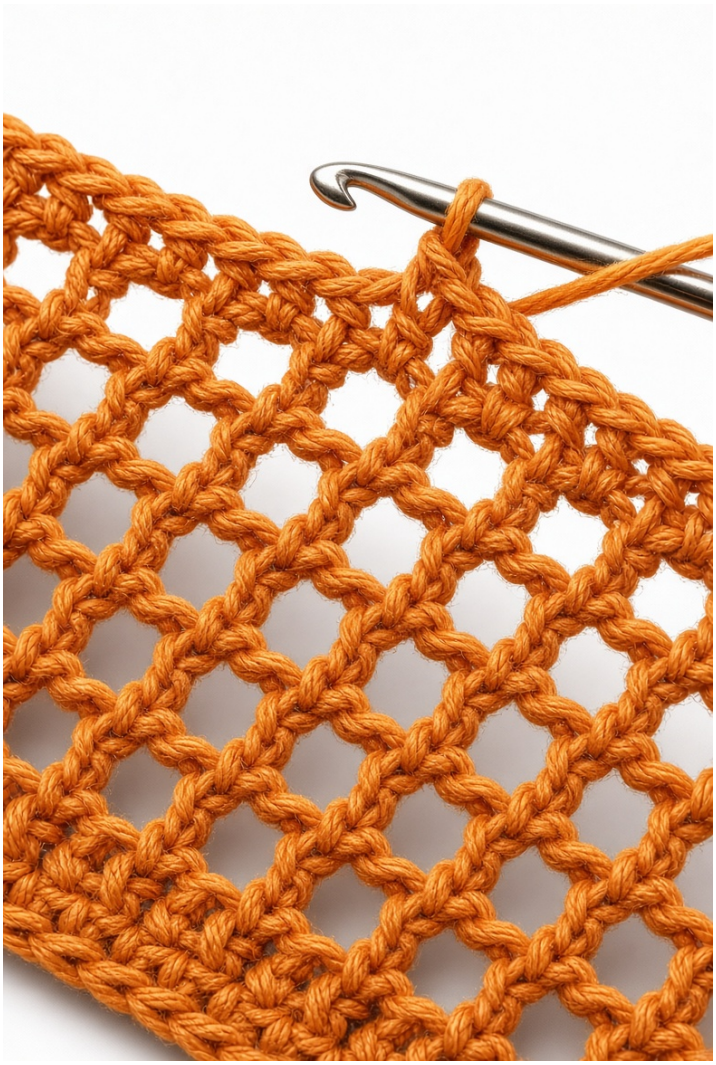
Rnd 3: Continue with ch 3, dc in next, ch 1, working into the previous stitches and spaces to maintain even openwork. Aim for approximately 32 spaces total.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, then (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in each ch-1 space around. Join with sl st. This forms the decorative outer petal-like round.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Make three identical motifs. Keep your tension consistent so all three measure the same. A typical finished motif is about 10–12 cm (4–4.7 in) across.

Magic ring tip: Wrap the yarn around two fingers, insert the hook, yarn over and draw through, then work the first round into the loop. Pull the tail tightly to close the center.

6. Mesh Lattice



Open mesh being worked with chains and double crochets

The mesh joins the three motifs and fills the triangular body. Work rows (or continuous rounds) of chains and double crochets to create open diamond or hexagonal spaces.

Basic mesh pattern:

dc in next stitch, ch 3, skip 3 stitches; repeat across the row. On the following row, place a dc into each previous dc and work chains into the ch-3 spaces. Adjust the number of skipped stitches to match the openness of your motifs.

Position the motifs first (one toward the top, two lower). Join them by working the mesh pattern between their edges, then continue outward to form the sides of the triangle.

7. Triangle Assembly



Motifs joined with mesh into the triangular form

- Arrange the three motifs in a triangular layout.
- Join them using the mesh lattice pattern.
- Continue the mesh to fill and shape the outer edges of the triangle.
- Increase or decrease at the sides as needed to keep the edges straight and the bottom pointed.

Measure against the size guide as you work. The finished crochet body should form a clean isosceles triangle.

8. Edge Finishing

After the triangle is complete:

- Work one round of **sc** all around the perimeter to neaten the edge.
- Follow with one round of **dc** for a firmer, more defined border.

Fasten off and weave in ends. Block the piece now: pin it into a perfect triangle on a mat, mist with water if needed, and allow it to dry completely.

9. Side Tie



Side tie attached and ready to bow

- Crochet a long chain of 40–60 cm (16–24 in), or longer for a more dramatic effect.
- Attach the chain to one upper tip of the triangle with a slip stitch.
- One tie is sufficient (as shown on the model); add a second on the opposite side if you prefer.

The tie lets you secure the vest over the shoulder or at the side for an adjustable, flattering fit.

10. Fringe with Beads & Tassels



Fringes attached along the bottom edge



Lark's head knot, wooden bead and finished tassel

Making the fringe:

1. Cut groups of yarn strands. Make the center groups longer (approx. 30–40 cm / 12–16 in before folding) and the side groups shorter for a graceful taper.

2. Fold each group in half and attach it to the bottom edge with a **lark's head knot** (cow hitch). Space the fringes evenly across the entire bottom.

3. Slide a wooden bead onto selected fringes and push it up toward the attachment knot (optional).

4. Finish each fringe by tying a simple knot or wrapping a small tassel at the end.

Trim all ends evenly once everything is attached. The longer center fringes create beautiful movement when worn.

11. Your Finished Vest



Ready to wear – pair with a simple top for an instant summer look

Congratulations! Your modern crochet fringe vest is complete. The open mesh and flowing fringe give it a light, stylish movement that is perfect for warm weather.

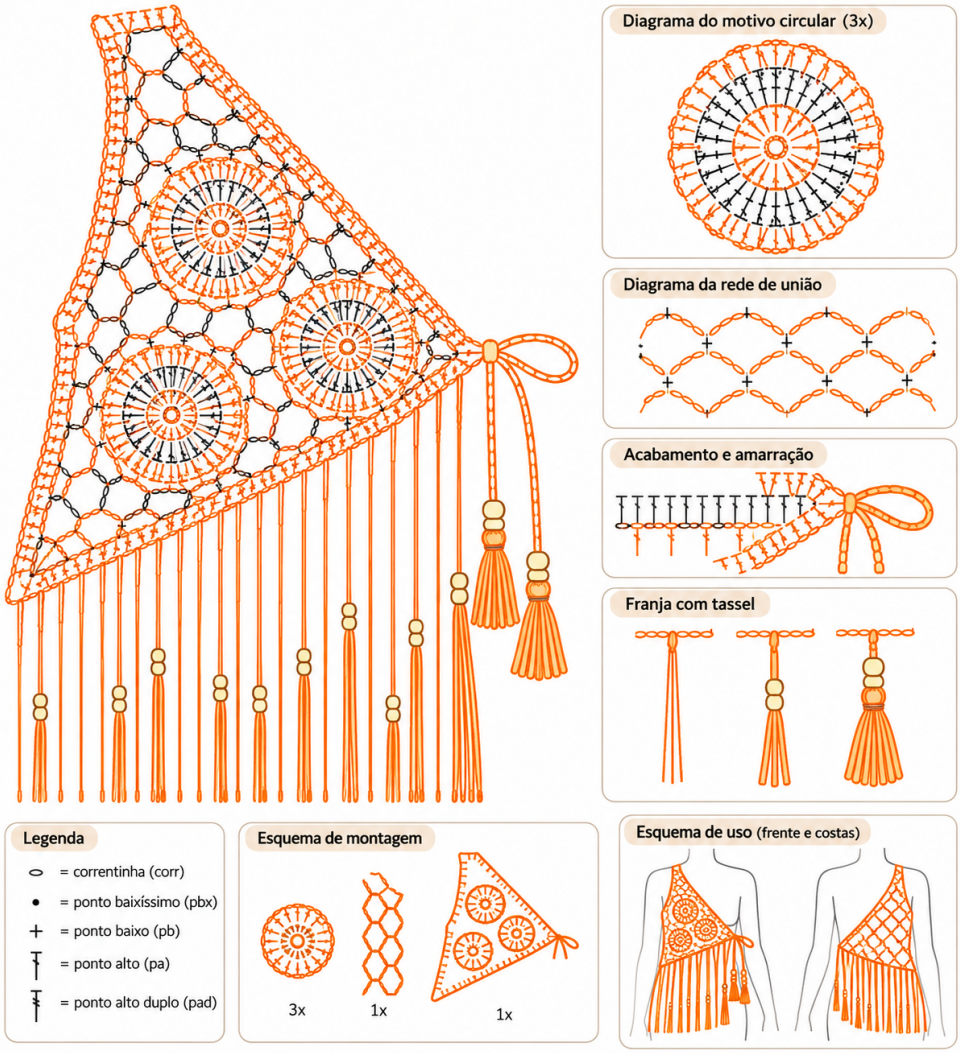
Tips for Success

- ✓ Use lightweight, non-stretch cotton yarn for the best drape and stitch clarity.
- ✓ Keep all three motifs the same size for a balanced appearance.
- ✓ Block the finished piece to open the mesh evenly and perfect the triangle shape.
- ✓ Customize freely – different bead colors, longer fringes, or a second tie all work well.
- ✓ Measure frequently and add or remove mesh rows to hit your preferred size.
- ✓ Secure all ends thoroughly, especially near the fringe attachments.

The next page contains the full crochet diagram. Print it and keep it beside you while you work.

Crochet Diagram

Print this page and use it as your visual reference while crocheting.



Use the legend on the diagram for stitch symbols. The large triangle shows the overall layout of the three motifs and mesh.