Modesty panel
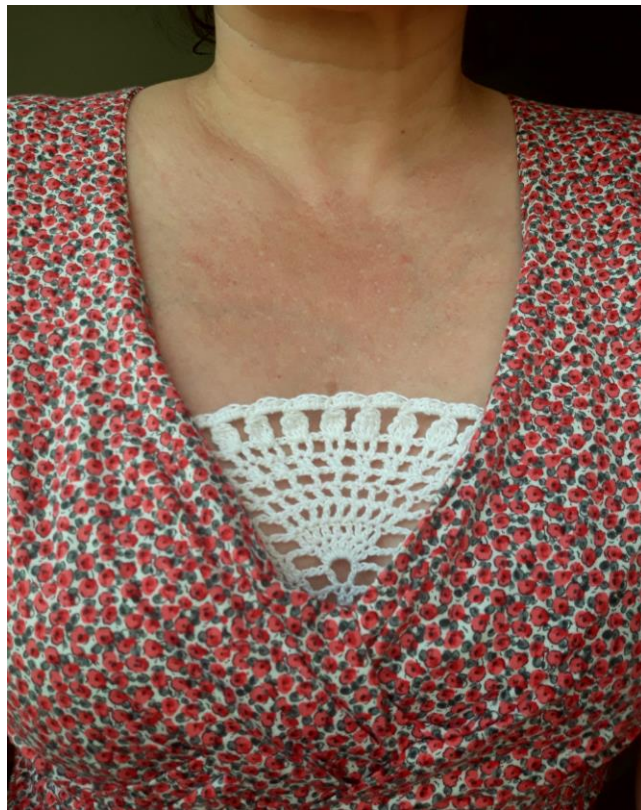
Materials:

I used a **3-ply, mercerized cotton thread**, 100 g/433 m, the equivalent of 3.53 ounces/474 yards and a **2mm hook**.

Gauge: 15 stitches and 7 rows in double crochet = 5 cm or 2 in

My panel is rather small. I would say it's an XS or an S at most. Width without straps: 16.5 cm (6.5 in), height: 14 cm (5.5in), straps: 6cm (less than 2.5in). See the photo showing measurements. For a larger panel, I would use a thicker thread or thin yarn and a bigger hook.

Stitches used (US):

Ch = chain

St = stitch

Sl st = slip stitch

Sc = single crochet

Dc = double crochet

Htr = half trebble crochet

Tr = trebble crochet

4 tr cluster st = 4 trebble crochet together

This is a very good tutorial for a 3 tr cluster st that can be used for reference. You just make an extra tr. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BmM1EbhDMKE

Pattern:

To begin, chain 7, sl st in first ch to make a circle.

Row 1: ch 1, make 12 sc in circle, sl st in first sc

Row 2: ch 2, dc in same st (increase), dc in next st, 2 dc in next st (5 dc) turn

Rows 3 & 4: ch 2, dc in each of the 5 st of the previous row (5 dc) turn

Row 5: ch 2, dc in the same st (increase), dc in next st, ch 1 dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next st, 2 dc in the last dc (7 dc) turn

Row 6: [ch 2, dc in next st, dc in next st, ch 2], 3dc in next st, [ch 2, dc in each of the last 3 st] (9 dc) turn

Row 7: [ch 2, dc in next st, dc in next st, ch 3], 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, [ch 3, dc in each of the last 3 st] (11 st) turn

Row 8: [ch 2, dc in next st, dc in next st, ch 3], 2dc next st, dc in next st, [ch1, dc in next st, ch1], dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, [ch 3, dc in last 3 st] (13 st) turn

Row 9: [ch 2, dc in next 2 st, ch 3, dc in next 3 st, ch 2], 2dc in next st, [ch 2, dc in next 3 st, ch 3, dc in last 3 st] (14 st) turn

- **!For the next 5 rows, the first and last part of the row will be worked the same way!**

Row 10: [ch 2, dc in next 2 st, ch 3, dc in next 3 st, ch 3], dc in next st, ch 3, dc in next st, [ch 3, dc in next 3 st, ch 3, dc in last 3 st] (14 st) turn

Row 11: [ch 2, dc in next 2 st, ch 3, dc in next 3 st, ch 3], 7 dc in the ch 3 chain space, [ch 3, dc in next 3 st, ch 3, dc in last 3 st] (19 st) turn

Row 12: [ch 2, dc in next 2 st, ch 3, dc in next 3 st, ch 3], dc in first st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st (9 dc), [ch 3, dc in next 3 st, ch 3, dc in last 3 st] (21 st) turn

Rows 13 & 14: [ch 2, dc in next 2 st, ch 3, dc in next 3 st, ch 3], dc in next st, [ch 1, dc in next st] x 8 (9 dc with ch 1 between them), [ch 3, dc in next 3 st, ch 3, dc in last 3 st] (21 st) turn

- **!! For the next 3 rows, the first and last 3 st in the row will be tr, the next 3 st and the 3 st before the last 3 st (in between the ch 3 spaces) will be htr !!**

Row 15: [ch 3, tr in next 2 st, ch 3, htr in next 3 st, ch 3], dc in next st, [ch 2, dc in next st] x 8 (9 dc with ch 2 between them), [ch 3, htr in next 3 st, ch 3, tr in last 3st] (21 st) turn

Row 16: [ch 3, tr in next 2 st, ch 3, htr in next 3 st, ch 3], 2dc in next st, [ch 2, 2dc in next st] x 8 (2dc clusters with ch 2 between them), [ch 3, htr in next 3 st, ch 3, tr in last 3st] (30 st) turn

Row 17: [ch 3, tr in next 2 st, ch 3, htr in next 3 st, ch 3], dc in next st, [ch 2, dc in next 2 st] x 8, [ch 3, htr in next 3 st, ch 3, tr in last 3st] (30 st) turn

- **!!! Row 18 will be worked entirely in tr !!!**

Row 18: [ch 3, tr in next 2 st, ch 3, tr in next 3 st, ch 3], [make a 4 tr cluster **between** each dc in the clusters of the previous row, ch 2] x 9, [ch 3, tr in next 3 st, ch 3, tr in last 3 st]

To make the first strap:

Continue working rows of 3 dc in the last 3 st. Make 10 rows, chain 4 or 5 (your call). This is the button hole. Sl st in the first dc of the row and continue sl st-ing until you reach the base of the strap.

You can work more rows if you need a longer strap but is important that you **make an even number of rows**, so you can continue across the panel to make the other strap.

Continue along the upper edge of the panel making in each ch 3 sp the following: sc, 2 hdc, sc. As for the remaining 3 tr in between the ch 3 spaces, make: 1sc, 1hdc, 1sc.

To make the other strap:

When you reach the other end of the row, sl st in the next tr from the previous row, ch 2 and proceed as for the first strap. I also went down the other side of the strap with sl sts, for symmetry.

Sew the buttons on and enjoy your modesty panel!

If you prefer snaps to buttons:

Forget about the initial ch 7 circle, just start with a ch 5 and make an extra row of 5 dc at the base.

For the straps, skip the button hole at the end, make an extra row (11 or an **odd** number of rows), and just sl st along the edge until you reach the body of the panel.