

CUSTOM SLEEVE STRIPES

This bit of crochet hacking came about because I am quite a tall lady (nearly 5ft 10in) and most store bought sweatshirts just don't fit my long arms. Let's face it, not many of us are made to fit in-store bought clothes! Adding in a few rows of crochet has made them just the right length. This hack isn't just for sleeves that are too short, you could cut a section out and make them shorter if you prefer, or not reattach them at all and have a slouchy tee instead.



MATERIALS

- ▶ Jersey sweatshirt
- ▶ 4mm crochet hook
- ▶ Large eye embroidery needle
- ▶ Sharp scissors
- ▶ Aran (Worsted) weight yarn in five colours

You don't need a lot of yarn for this, I used a mix of Aran in acrylic and cotton. Raid your stash and find some colours that make you happy.

It is important that your tension is not too tight or too loose - add or subtract dc's to the running stitches to make it even.

STITCHES

CROCHET

dc - UK double (US single) crochet

tr - UK treble (US double) crochet

ch - chain

ss - slip stitch

st(s) - stitch(es)

SEWING

Back stitch

HOW TO

STEP 1

To cut the sleeves, fold the sweater so that the sleeves are lined up on top of each other and cut at the desired height.

STEP 2

Using whichever colour yarn you choose to make the top stripe, thread the needle and work back stitches approximately 1cm (½in) in from the top cut edge of the sleeve. Join in same colour yarn with 1ch then crochet 1 to 2dc around each stitch. You may find that you need a mixture of both depending on how wide your back stitch is.

STEP 3

Using the rest of your yarns, work a round of dc in each colour, ss at the end of each round and fasten off.

STEP 4

Reattach the bottom of the sleeve using a back stitch in a matching yarn.

