6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8½)" (14 [15, 16.5, 18, 19, 20.5, 21.5] cm) opening at the top of the body for the armhole, where the sleeve and neck piece will be attached.

NOTE: If this seems as though the opening is not large enough, keep in mind the sc sts on each edge of the sleeve will not be seamed at the shoulders. They will be seamed a few inches below the shoulders.

Sleeve (MAKE 2)

With larger hook, loosely ch 45.

Row 1: With smaller hook, sc in 2nd ch and in each of next 8 chs (neck area), change to larger hook, hdc in each of next 34 chs (upper arm), cont with larger hook, sc in last ch—9 sc; 34 hdc; 1 sc at bottom edge; 44 sts total.

Row 2: With larger hook, ch 1, sc in first sc, hdc in each of next 34 hdc, change to smaller hook, sc in each of last 9 sc—1 sc; 34 hdc; 9 sc; 44 sts total.

Row 3: With smaller hook, ch 1, sc in each of first 9 sc, change to larger hook, hdc in each of next 34 hdc, sc in last sc—9 sc; 34 hdc; 1 sc; 44 sts total.

Rows 4–27 (29, 31, 35, 37, 41, 43): Rep Rows 2–3 (12 [13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20] times) or to desired width.

PM on each side of sleeve from top edge at 5½ (6, 6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8½)" (14 [15, 16.5, 18, 19, 20.5, 21.5] cm) below neck edge, or to match opening on bodice. Beg at bottom edge of sleeve, work 32 sc to marker. Fasten off. Rep on other side of sleeve.

With WS tog, matching sts on each side of sleeve, sew sleeve seam, leaving opening at top for armhole. Turn RS out. With RS of front and one sleeve facing, pin upper edge of sleeve to front opening. Sew front edge of sleeve to front. Sew back edge of sleeve to back. Rep for other sleeve.

Neck Edging

Try top on to determine if you need to dec sts when working a sc row around neck edge. If you would like to work elastic around neck edge, place bead elastic along the neck edge as you work the sc row, encasing elastic in sts as you go. With a smaller hook, join yarn in with sl st in one seam on neck edge, sc evenly around the neck opening, working over elastic used, join with sl st in first sc. Cut the elastic and tie in a secure knot to the loose end of the elastic at the beg of the row, pulling elastic as much as you need to make the neck edge fit as desired.

Peplum

With bottom edge of waist on top, starting at side seam, place 8 (8, 10, 10, 12, 12) markers evenly spaced around bottom edge.

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join yarn in side seam at one marker, ch 1, *work 15 sc evenly spaced across to next