Ballet wrap top with long ties

M, to fit bust 37 in (94 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 38¼ in (97 cm) at the bust and about 15½ in (39.5 cm) long
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Half double crochet in flat pieces, shaped fronts, ribbed bands worked along the edges

Yarn
Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: sky, main color — **about 1,625 yd (1,486 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, contrast — **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: butter, color 3 — **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 470 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and stitch markers.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	To fit bust	Yarn, an estimate	Bust, with one front over the other	Length, with the hem band	Across the back above the armholes	Armhole depth	Sleeve, from the top edge to the cuff	Upper sleeve	Cuff around	Each front	Each tie
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 1,290 yd (1,180 m)	30¼ in (77 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	36 in (91.5 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 1,440 yd (1,317 m)	33¾ in (85.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	38 in (96.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 1,640 yd (1,500 m)**	**38¼ in (97 cm)**	**15½ in (39.5 cm)**	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**18¼ in (46.5 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**19¾ in (50 cm)**	**40 in (101.5 cm)**

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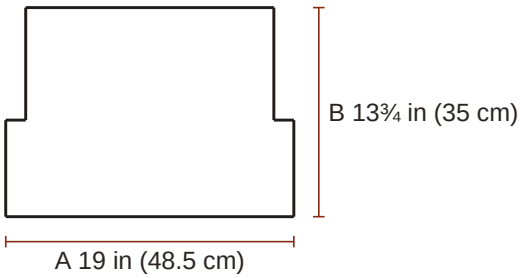
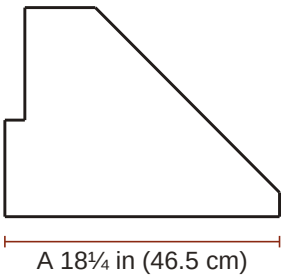
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,790 yd (1,637 m)	41¾ in (106 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	42 in (106.5 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 1,990 yd (1,820 m)	46¼ in (117.5 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	23¾ in (60.5 cm)	44 in (112 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 2,190 yd (2,003 m)	49¾ in (126.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	46 in (117 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 2,365 yd (2,163 m)	54¼ in (138 cm)	17½ in (44.5 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)	48 in (122 cm)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	about 2,540 yd (2,323 m)	57¾ in (146.5 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	29½ in (75 cm)	50 in (127 cm)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	about 2,715 yd (2,483 m)	62¼ in (158 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	31¾ in (80.5 cm)	52 in (132 cm)

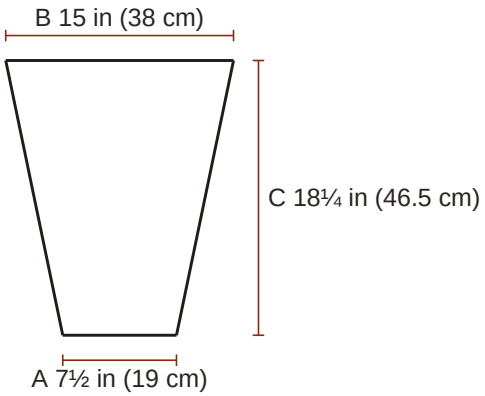
Schematic



Back, without the band
A half the bust
B from top to bottom



Right front, without the bands
A the sleeve, from the top edge to the cuff



Sleeve
A around the cuff
B the top of the sleeve, opened flat
C the sleeve

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Gauge

18 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 28; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 22 rows of half double crochet on 27 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Bands and cuffs: half double crochet in the back loop only, 14 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Row 1 of each band and the ties: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- The finished bust is from ¾ in (2 cm) to 1¼ in (3 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at the base of that chain, unless the line says otherwise. The last stitch of a row goes into the last stitch of the row below.
- Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Mark the right side of each piece with a stitch marker or a scrap of yarn.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The ribs of the bands and cuffs are rows of half double crochet in the back loop only: the front loops are left free and lie as ridges.
- Each front is nearly as wide as the back, so that it reaches across to the other side seam.
- Each piece has one ch more than it has sts: the ch skipped at the start of row 1 lies at a lower corner and is not worked into.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(86 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Back

Yarn A, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 87.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(86 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(86 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	
☐ **Row 25**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 6 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 74 sts, leave the last 6 sts unworked	(74 hdc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 52**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(74 hdc)
	26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52	
☐ **End**	The back measures about 19 in (48.5 cm) wide and 13¾ in (35 cm) long, and 16½ in (42 cm) across above the armholes. Its foundation chain is the lower edge. Fasten off.	

Left front

Yarn A, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	This is the left front as worn. With the right side facing, the side edge is at the beginning of the row and the front edge at its end; on wrong side rows it is the other way about. With yarn A, ch 83.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(82 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(82 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(80 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across	(78 hdc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 14**	Repeat Rows 7 and 8, 3 more times (74, 70, 66 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(66 hdc)
	9 10 11 12 13 14	
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(64 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(63 hdc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(62 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 23**	Repeat Rows 16 and 17, 3 more times (60, 58, 56 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(56 hdc)
	18 19 20 21 22 23	
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(55 hdc)
☐ **Row 25**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 6 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 47 sts, hdc2tog	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(47 hdc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(46 hdc)
☐ **Rows 28 to 51**	Repeat Rows 26 and 27, 12 more times (44, 42, 40, 38, 36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(22 hdc)
	28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51	
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(21 hdc)
☐ **End**	The 21 sts left are the left shoulder. Fasten off.	

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Right front

Yarn A, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	This is the right front as worn. With the right side facing, the side edge is at the end of the row and the front edge at its beginning; on wrong side rows it is the other way about. With yarn A, ch 83.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(82 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(82 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across	(80 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(78 hdc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 14**	Repeat Rows 7 and 8, 3 more times (74, 70, 66 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(66 hdc)
	9 10 11 12 13 14	
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across	(64 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(63 hdc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(62 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 23**	Repeat Rows 16 and 17, 3 more times (60, 58, 56 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(56 hdc)
	18 19 20 21 22 23	
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(55 hdc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in next 47 sts, leave the last 6 sts unworked	(48 hdc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(47 hdc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(46 hdc)
☐ **Rows 28 to 51**	Repeat Rows 26 and 27, 12 more times (44, 42, 40, 38, 36, 34, 32, 30, 28, 26, 24, 22 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(22 hdc)
	28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51	
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(21 hdc)
☐ **End**	The 21 sts left are the right shoulder. Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	The foundation chain is the edge of the cuff and the last row is the top edge of the sleeve. With yarn A, ch 35.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(34 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(34 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(34 hdc)

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☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(36 hdc)

9 10

☐ **Rows 11 to 46**	Repeat Rows 8 to 10, 12 more times (38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(60 hdc)

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(60 hdc)
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(62 hdc)
☐ **Rows 49 to 51**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(62 hdc)

49 50 51

☐ **Rows 52 to 63**	Repeat Rows 48 to 51, 3 more times (64, 66, 68 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(68 hdc)

52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63

☐ **Rows 64 to 68**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(68 hdc)

64 65 66 67 68

☐ **End**	The sleeve measures about 15 in (38 cm) across the top and 18¼ in (46.5 cm) long. Fasten off.

Hem band

Yarn A, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 4 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the first ch of the left front, at its front edge; ch 1, then work these edges in order: sc in each of the 82 chs of the foundation chain of the left front, along their free side (82 sc); sc in each of the 86 chs of the foundation chain of the back, along their free side (86 sc); sc in each of the 82 chs of the foundation chain of the right front, along their free side (82 sc). There are 250 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(250 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **End**	The band is about 1½ in (4 cm) deep. Fasten off.

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Front band

Yarn A, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 5 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the end of row 6 of the hem band, at the lower corner of the right front as worn; ch 1, then work these edges in order: along rows 1 to 6 of the hem band, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (7 sc); up the front edge, along rows 1 to 6 of the right front, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row (7 sc); along rows 7 to 15 of the right front, [2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 3 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times (21 sc); along rows 16 to 52 of the right front, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row] 16 times, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (58 sc); sc in each of the 32 middle sts of row 52 of the back (32 sc); down the front edge, along rows 16 to 52 of the left front, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 16 times (58 sc); along rows 7 to 15 of the left front, met from the last of them, [3 sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 3 times (21 sc); along rows 1 to 6 of the left front, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (7 sc); along rows 1 to 6 of the hem band, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row (7 sc). There are 218 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(218 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of next 92 sts, hdc2tog in back loops only, hdc in back loop only of next 30 sts, hdc2tog in back loops only, hdc in back loop only of next 92 sts	(216 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(216 hdc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of next 92 sts, hdc2tog in back loops only, hdc in back loop only of next 28 sts, hdc2tog in back loops only, hdc in back loop only of next 92 sts	(214 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in back loop only of each st across	(214 hdc)
☐ **End**	The decreases of rows 3 and 5 lie at the two shoulder seams, so that the band lies flat there. Fasten off.	

Tie: make 2

Yarn A, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 181.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(180 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(180 sc)
☐ **End**	The tie is about 40 in (101.5 cm) long and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) wide. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

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Flower: make 4

Yarn C, butter.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnd 1 yarn C; rnd 2 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; 10 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next st**] 5 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(5 sc, 10 hdc, 15 dc)
☐ **End**	The flower is about 1½ in (4 cm) across. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Shoulders: lay the left front and the right front on the back with right sides together and the armhole edges level. With yarn A, sew the 21 sts of row 52 of each front to the 21 sts at that end of row 52 of the back, one to one. The middle 32 sts of the back stay open for the neck.

2. Sleeves: with right sides together, lay the middle of the top edge of a sleeve (row 68, 68 sts) at a shoulder seam, 34 sts to each side of it. Sew 34 sts to the ends of rows 25 to 52 of the back and 34 sts to the ends of rows 25 to 52 of the front, about 6 sts to every 5 row ends, with yarn A. Then sew the ends of rows 64 to 68 of each side edge of the sleeve to the 6 sts left unworked at the underarm, on the front and on the back. Sew the second sleeve to the other armhole.

3. Sides and sleeves: with right sides together and yarn A, sew the left side seam, the ends of rows 1 to 24 of the left front to the ends of rows 1 to 24 of the back, row to row. Sew the right side seam in the same way along rows 7 to 24: rows 1 to 6 stay open, for a tie to pass through. Sew each sleeve seam, the ends of rows 1 to 63 of one side edge to those of the other.

4. Hem band: work it now, as written above.

5. Front band: work it now, as written above.

6. Ties: each front ends in a short straight edge at its lower corner. Sew one short end of a tie to the wrong side of the front band there, so that it lies beside rows 1 to 3 of the front, with the end of the tie, firmly. Do the same on the other front.

7. Flowers: lay the free end of a tie on the wrong side of a flower, as far as its middle, and lay a second flower on it with the wrong side down, petal on petal. Sew the petals of the two together around the edge with small stitches and the end of one flower, and sew through the tie and the two middles with the end of the other. Do the same at the second tie.

8. To wear the top, take the tie of the left front out through the opening of the right side seam. Lay the right front over the left front. Bring both ties round to the back, cross them and tie them behind, or bring them round to the front again and tie them there.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 7 pieces; 20,276 stitches (4,136 in the back, 2,316 in the left front, 2,316 in the right front, 3,970 in each sleeve, 1,250 in the hem band, 1,078 in the front band, 540 in each tie, 40 in each flower).

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