Bandeau bikini with a high waist

M, to fit waist 29 in (73.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 33½ in (85 cm) at the top, around and about 7 in (18 cm) at the top, deep at the sides, with both casings

To fit waist 29 in (73.5 cm), hip 39 in (99 cm), bust 37 in (94 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches in rows and rounds, post stitches, casings for elastic, seams

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: olive, main color **about 625 yd (572 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, contrast **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 360 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, swimsuit lining that stretches both ways and is at least 56 in (142 cm) wide (1 yd (1 m) or 0.95 m for XS to M, 1¼ yd or 1.15 m for L to 3X), pins, elastic 3/8 in (1 cm) wide for the two casings of the top (1½ yd or 1.4 m for XS, 2 yd (2 m) or 1.85 m for S to L, 2½ yd or 2.3 m for 1X to 3X), elastic ¾ in (2 cm) wide for the waist (¾ yd or 0.7 m for XS and S, 1 yd (1 m) or 0.95 m for M and L, 1¼ yd or 1.15 m for 1X to 3X), a safety pin, 4 flat buttons, 5/8 in (1.5 cm) and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

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	Waist	Yarn, an estimate	Top, around	Top, deep at the sides, with both casing	Around the hips	Side seam, with the waist casing	Front from waist to middle of crotch	Back from waist to middle of crotch	Crotch across, with the edgings	Around each leg opening
XS	23½ in (59.5 cm)	about 750 yd (686 m)	26 in (66 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	31½ in (80 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)
S	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	about 800 yd (732 m)	29½ in (75 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	33½ in (85 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)

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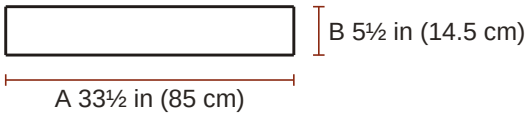
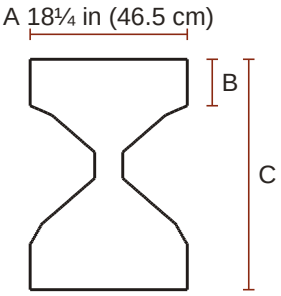
M (this file)	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 900 yd (823 m)	33½ in (85 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	36½ in (92.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)
L	33 in (84 cm)	about 1,025 yd (937 m)	37 in (94 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	40½ in (103 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)
1X	37 in (94 cm)	about 1,150 yd (1,052 m)	40½ in (103 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	44½ in (113 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	16¼ in (41.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	24¾ in (63 cm)
2X	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,325 yd (1,212 m)	44 in (112 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	49½ in (125.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)
3X	44½ in (113 cm)	about 1,425 yd (1,303 m)	47½ in (120.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	51½ in (131 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)

Schematic



Band of the top, without the casings
A the top, around
B from top to bottom



Bottom
A half the way around the hips
B 5½ in (13.5 cm), the upper part
C 26¾ in (68 cm), from top to bottom

Gauge

16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 25; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 28 rows of single crochet on 24 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 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. Casings, edgings and straps: a row or round of single crochet is as high as a row of the fabric. Keeper and front panel: 16 sts and 9.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in post stitch ribs, laid flat.

Notes

- Women's sizes. Choose the top by the bust and the bottom by the waist and hip.
- The top is from 3 in (7.5 cm) to 5½ in (14 cm) narrower than the bust, by the size, and around the hips the bottom is from 2 in (5 cm) to 3 in (7.5 cm) smaller than the body; the fabric stretches to it. Both pieces pull on, and the elastic draws their edges in. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.

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- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The keeper and the front panel: row 1 is a right side row, and so is every row with an odd number. The front ribs stand out on the right side.
- Lining: when the band is worked and before its back seam is sewn, and when the front panel is on the bottom and before its side seams are sewn, lay the piece flat on the lining with the wrong side up and with its width across the width of the lining, and cut the lining ½ in (1.5 cm) larger than the piece all around. Turn the edge of the lining under, toward the crochet, so that the fold lies one st in from each side edge, one row in from the foundation chain and one row in from the top of the last row, and pin it: the ½ in (1.5 cm) and the width of that stitch or row make about ¾ in (2 cm) that is turned under. Where an edge curves inward, snip what is turned under a few times, so that it lies flat. Sew the fold down to the wrong side with small slanting stitches of sewing thread that do not show on the right side, and stretch the piece a little as you sew. Without a lining the fabric shows what is under it.
- Cotton takes up water: wet, it grows heavier and longer and it dries slowly. A cotton with some elastic in it, whose label says that it is fit for swimwear, keeps its length better. Rinse out salt or chlorine and dry the piece flat, not hanging.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.
- Mattress stitch: lay the two edges side by side with the right sides up, and with the needle pick up one strand of an edge stitch on one side and then on the other, drawing the yarn up every few stitches.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(134 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)): Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Band

Yarn A, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 135.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(134 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 26** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(134 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The band comes to about 33½ in (85 cm) wide and 5½ in (14 cm) deep (134 sts, 26 rows). Row 1 is its lower edge. Line the band now (see NOTES), while it is flat. Then the back seam: bring the two short ends together edge to edge, right side outward, and with a new length of yarn A of about 18 in (45 cm) sew the ends of rows 1 to 26 to each other with mattress stitch, row 1 to row 1 and so on (26 row ends to 26). The seam is the middle of the back; the middle of the front lies between sts 67 and 68 of a row.	

Upper casing

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the band with the right side facing and row 26 uppermost. Join yarn B at the back seam, in the first st to the left of it; ch 1, sc in each of the 134 sts of row 26 (134 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(134 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(134 sc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(134 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 86 in (220 cm) for sewing.	

Lower casing

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the band with the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost. Join yarn B at the back seam, in the first ch to the left of it; ch 1, sc in each of the 134 chs of the foundation chain along their free side (134 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(134 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(134 sc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(134 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 86 in (220 cm) for sewing.	

Keeper

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, bpdc around next st, **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 3 times**, dc in last st	(2 dc, 4 bpdcs, 3 fpdcs)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, fpdc around next st, **[**bpdc around next st, fpdc around next st**] 3 times**, dc in last st	(2 dc, 4 fpdcs, 3 bpdcs)
☐ **Rows 4 to 11**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 4 more times	(2 dc, 4 fpdcs, 3 bpdcs)
	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, bpdc around next st, **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 3 times**, dc in last st	(2 dc, 4 bpdcs, 3 fpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 20 in (50 cm) for sewing. The keeper is about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide and 5 in (12.5 cm) long.	

Strap: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
	2 3	
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 69**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
	6 7 8 9 10 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 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69	
☐ **Row 70**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(4 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **Row 71**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 72 to 74**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)
	72 73 74	
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The strap is about 16 in (40.5 cm) long, with a buttonhole near each end.	

Front panel

Yarn A, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 23.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(21 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, bpdc around next st, **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 9 times**, dc in last st	(2 dc, 10 bpdcs, 9 fpdcs)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, fpdc around next st, **[**bpdc around next st, fpdc around next st**] 9 times**, dc in last st	(2 dc, 10 fpdcs, 9 bpdcs)
☐ **Rows 4 to 21**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, 9 more times	(2 dc, 10 fpdcs, 9 bpdcs)
	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	

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☐ **Row 22**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, bpdc around next st, **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 9 times**, dc in last st	(2 dc, 10 bpdcs, 9 fpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The front panel is about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) wide and 9¼ in (23.5 cm) long; block it to this size.	

Bottom

Yarn A, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 74.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(73 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(73 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

☐ **Rows 26 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog twice, sc in each st across to last 4 sts, sc2tog twice	(53 sc)

26 27 28 29 30

☐ **Rows 31 to 50**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

☐ **Rows 51 to 64**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(13 sc)

51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

☐ **Rows 65 to 89**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st	(63 sc)

65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89

☐ **Row 90**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(63 sc)
☐ **Rows 91 to 100**	Repeat Rows 89 and 90, 5 more times (65, 67, 69, 71, 73 sc at the ends of the repeats)	(73 sc)

91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

☐ **Rows 101 to 124**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(73 sc)

101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124

☐ **End**	Fasten off. The front panel is sewn on now, while the bottom is flat: lay it on the right side of the front, right side up, with its foundation chain along row 1 of the bottom, 26 sts of row 1 free at each side of it, and its two side edges straight down, at right angles to row 1; its last row then lies about along row 43. Pin it, and with a new length of yarn A of about 76 in (195 cm) sew it down all around with whip stitch. Then line the bottom (see NOTES). Then the side seams: fold the bottom at the crotch with the right side outward, so that row 124 lies behind the foundation chain. At each side, with a new length of yarn A of about 16 in (40 cm), sew the ends of rows 1 to 25 to the ends of rows 124 to 100 with mattress stitch, row 1 to row 124, row 2 to row 123 and so on (25 row ends to 25). Rows 26 to 99 stay open for the legs.

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Edging of the right leg, as worn

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the right leg opening, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 26, the first row of the front past the side seam; ch 1 and go around the opening: along rows 26 to 30, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (10 sc); along rows 31 to 50, [sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 5 times (25 sc); along rows 51 to 64, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (12 sc); along rows 65 to 99, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 7 times (42 sc). There are 89 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(89 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging of the left leg, as worn

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the left leg opening, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 99, the first row of the back past the side seam; ch 1 and go around the opening: along rows 65 to 99, met from the last of them, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 7 times (42 sc); along rows 51 to 64, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (12 sc); along rows 31 to 50, met from the last of them, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows] 5 times (25 sc); along rows 26 to 30, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (10 sc). There are 89 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(89 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Waist casing

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the waist edge uppermost. Join yarn B at the left side seam, as worn, in the first ch of the foundation chain, at the front; ch 1, sc in each of the 73 chs of the foundation chain along their free side, then sc in each of the 73 sts of row 124 (146 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(146 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(146 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10** 7 8 9 10	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(146 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 94 in (240 cm) for sewing.	

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Assembly

1. Waist of the bottom: turn rnds 6 to 10 of the casing to the inside along the ridge of rnd 6, and sew the top of rnd 10 to the back of rnd 1, 146 sts to 146 sts, with the end of the casing; leave about 2 in (5 cm) open at the middle of the back. Cut a piece of elastic ¾ in (2 cm) wide and 28 in (71 cm) long, draw it through with a safety pin, lap its two ends 1 in (2.5 cm) and pin them. The elastic is 27 in (68.5 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) less than the waist. Try the bottom on, take the elastic in or let it out as you like, sew its lapped ends together firmly with sewing thread and sew the rest of the casing shut.

2. Casings of the top: turn rnds 4 to 6 of the upper casing to the inside along the ridge of rnd 4, and sew the top of rnd 6 to the back of rnd 1, 134 sts to 134 sts, with the end of the casing; leave about 2 in (5 cm) open at the back seam. Sew the lower casing in the same way, with its own end.

3. Elastic of the top: cut a piece of elastic 3/8 in (1 cm) wide and 32 in (81.5 cm) long for the upper casing and a piece 31 in (78.5 cm) long for the lower one. Draw each through its casing with a safety pin, lap its two ends 1 in (2.5 cm) and pin them. The upper elastic is then 31 in (78.5 cm) around and the lower one 30 in (76 cm) around, in casings that are 33½ in (85 cm) around. Try the top on over the bust, take the elastic in or let it out as you like, sew the lapped ends together firmly with sewing thread and sew the casings shut.

4. Gather the middle of the front: at the middle, between sts 67 and 68, fold the whole depth of the band, with both casings, into small pleats along its rows, like a fan, until it is about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) high there. Cut about 24 in (60 cm) of yarn A, wind it three times round the pleats, pull it snug and knot its two ends together on the wrong side.

5. Keeper: wrap the keeper round the pleats, its right side outside and its ribs running from the top to the bottom of the band, so that the wound yarn lies under the middle of its width. Bring its foundation chain and its last row together on the wrong side of the band and sew them to each other, the 9 chs to the 9 sts, with the end of the keeper. Sew this seam to the pleats behind it with 3 stitches, so that the keeper cannot turn.

6. Buttons: sew 4 flat buttons to the outside of the upper casing, at rnd 2, with sewing thread and through the outer layer alone, so that the elastic stays free: two on the front, each at the 15th st out from the middle of the front, and two on the back, each at the 12th st out from the back seam. To wear the straps, button one end of each to a front button and the other end to the back button of the same side; or cross the straps at the back. A strap is made longer or shorter by moving its back button. Without the straps the top is a plain bandeau.

Finishing

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

In all: 6 pieces.

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