Classic bikini top

Size M · US terms



Finished size

About 9¼ in (23.5 cm) at the cup across the bottom and about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) at the cup height

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches, simple shaping and seams.

Yarn

Light (3)

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

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

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: turquoise, light (3) **about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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

Sizes

Size	Bust	Cup across the bottom	Cup height	Underband without the ties	Underband depth	Yarn, an estimate
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 105 yd (96 m)
Size S	33 in (84 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 120 yd (110 m)
Size M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**7¾ in (19.5 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**1 in (2.5 cm)**	**about 135 yd (123 m)**
Size L	41 in (104 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 160 yd (146 m)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 170 yd (155 m)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 195 yd (178 m)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 225 yd (206 m)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	27½ in (70 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 250 yd (229 m)

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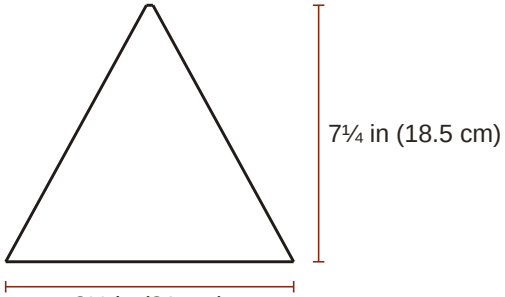
5X	61 in (155 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	28½ in (72.5 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 275 yd (251 m)

Schematic



Cup (make 2)

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
RS	right side

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. It leaves 1 sc2tog for the next row.

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.

Before you start

- Women's sizes.
- The top ties at the back and behind the neck, so it is set by the ties. The two cups with their edging measure together about half of the bust measurement. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.

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- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Stitches worked evenly along row ends: about 6 sc in every 7 rows.

Instructions

Chosen: Size M. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Cup: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 34.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(23 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(19 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**

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☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 33 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 33 to 34: tick them off as you go.

33 34

☐ **End**	The 3 sts left are the top of the cup. Fasten off.	

Cup edging: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join the yarn at the lower right-hand corner of a cup.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 29 sc evenly up the side, sc in each of the 3 sts at the top and 29 sc evenly down the other side	**(61 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 30 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts	**(63 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Underband

☐ **Foundation**	Lay the cups side by side with the right sides up and turn them so that their lower edges are uppermost. Join the yarn at the right-hand end of these edges.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; along the first cup, sc in the end of each of the 2 edging rows, sc in each of the 33 chs of the foundation and sc in the end of each of the 2 edging rows; go on at once along the second cup in the same way	**(74 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(74 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back tie: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 75.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(74 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Each back tie is about 16 in (40.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

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Strap: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 102.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(101 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Each strap is about 22 in (56 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Sew one end of each strap to the top of a cup.

2. Sew one end of each back tie to an end of the underband, at the middle of its depth.

Finishing

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

In all: 9 pieces; 2,132 stitches (582 in each cup, 124 in each cup edging, 370 in the underband, 74 in each back tie, 101 in each strap); 18 ends to weave in.

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