Black triangle string bikini

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



Finished size

About 19¼ in (49 cm) along the band, without the ties, and about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) at the each cup along the underband

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm) and a hip of 39 in (99 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches in rows, simple shaping, small shells and picots

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: black, main color **about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: sand, contrast **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 180 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 (¾ yd or 0.7 m for every size), sewing thread and a sewing needle and pins.

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	Bust	Yarn, an estimate	Underband without the ties	Each cup along the underband	Each slanted side of a finished cup	Front of the bottom across	Back of the bottom across	Front of bottom, top to middle of crotch	Crotch across, with the edgings
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 365 yd (334 m)	16¼ in (41.5 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 395 yd (361 m)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8¼ in (21 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	16 in (40.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 445 yd (407 m)**	**19¼ in (49 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**4½ in (11.5 cm)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 500 yd (457 m)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 580 yd (530 m)	23¼ in (59 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	19 in (48.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)

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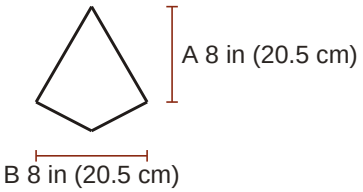
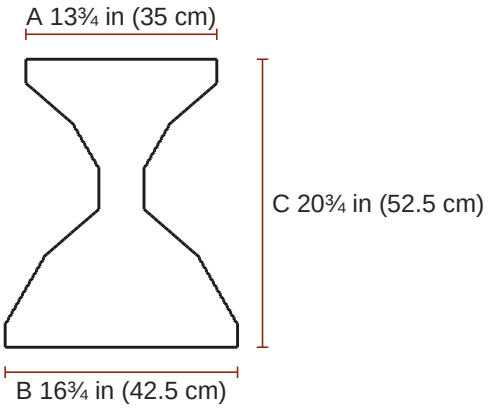
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 635 yd (581 m)	24¼ in (61.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 690 yd (631 m)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	25 in (63.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)

Schematic



Cup with its edging
A each slanted side of a finished cup
B each slanted side of a finished cup



Bottom
A across the top
B the whole width
C 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. Cups: 16 sts and 13.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet (UK: half treble). Edgings and underband: a row of single crochet is as high as a row of the fabric; a row of shells (3 dc in one st) is about ½ in (1.3 cm) high.

Notes

- Women's sizes. Choose the top by the bust and by the measures of its cups, and the bottom by the hip.
- The top is tied behind the back and the neck, and the bottom is tied at the hips, so the ties set the fit: the front and the back of the bottom together are from 5½ in (14 cm) to 7½ in (19 cm) narrower than the hip, by the size, and the strings span the rest. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half 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.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.

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- Lining: line each cup before the underband is worked, and the bottom when all its edgings are worked: 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 along the first yarn B row and one st in from the ends of the rows on a cup, and along row 1 of the edgings on the bottom (this leaves the eyelets free), and pin it: on a cup about ¾ in (2 cm) is turned under, on the bottom about 1 in (2.5 cm), both measured without the picots. 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.
- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- Each slanted side of a finished cup (from the underband to its tip, with the stitch at the tip and without the picots) 8 in (20.5 cm).
- Front of the bottom from its top to the middle of the crotch, without the edging 9¼ in (23.5 cm).

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), **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
3 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 20 times: work what is inside 20 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(60 hdc; 1 ch-1 sps): 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.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the first of the 3 chains. A picot is not a stitch and is not counted.

Cup: make 2

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 to 14 yarn A; rows 15 and 16 yarn B. With yarn A, ch 4. Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in the next ch, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in the last ch; do not turn, but go on along the free side of the chain: hdc in each of the next 2 chs, the last of them the ch of your first hdc (8 hdc, 1 ch-1 sp). This is row 1. The ch-1 sp is the tip of the cup.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (2 hdc, ch 1, 2 hdc) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in each st across	(60 hdc; 1 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 15 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, 3 sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in each st across	(63 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

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☐ **Row 16 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, picot, **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 20 times**, sc in next st	(63 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The side that faces you while you work row 16 is the right side of the cup. The ends of the rows make a wide V at the bottom of the cup, with the foundation chain at its point: the underband will draw this V straight, and that is what rounds the cup.	

Underband

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn A; row 3 yarn B. Line the cups first (see NOTES). Lay the two cups side by side with the right sides up, and turn them so that the ends of their rows are uppermost and their tips point down. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of the cup on the right, in the end of row 16; ch 1 and go along this cup: along rows 15 to 16, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (2 sc); along rows 1 to 14, met from the last of them, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows] twice (16 sc); sc in the end of the foundation chain (1 sc); along rows 1 to 14, [sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice (16 sc); along rows 15 to 16, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (2 sc). Ch 3 for the space between the cups, and go along the second cup in the same way. There are 77 sts in all: 37 sc on each cup and 3 chs. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st and each ch across	(77 sc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next st, 3 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st**] 19 times**	(20 sc, 57 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neck tie: make 2

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 93.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(92 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each neck tie is about 20 in (51 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Back tie: make 2

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 93.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(92 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each back tie is about 20 in (51 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Bottom

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 56.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(55 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	(55 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(27 sc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 37**	Repeat Rows 22 and 23, 7 more times (25, 23, 21, 19, 17, 15, 13 sc at the ends of the repeats) 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37	(13 sc)
☐ **Rows 38 to 50**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50	(13 sc)
☐ **Rows 51 to 66**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66	(45 sc)
☐ **Row 67**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(45 sc)
☐ **Rows 68 to 89**	Repeat Rows 66 and 67, 11 more times (47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67 sc at the ends of the repeats) 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89	(67 sc)
☐ **Rows 90 to 96**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 90 91 92 93 94 95 96	(67 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Row 1 is the top edge of the front, the last row is the top edge of the back.	

Edging of the right leg, as worn

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn A; row 3 yarn B. Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost. Join yarn A in the end of row 1, at the upper left-hand corner; ch 1 and go down the left-hand edge: along rows 1 to 8 of the bottom, 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 4 rows (7 sc); along rows 9 to 36 of the bottom, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 5 times, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (33 sc); along rows 37 to 50 of the bottom, 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 51 to 88 of the bottom, [sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 6 times, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (44 sc); along rows 89 to 96 of the bottom, 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 4 rows (7 sc). There are 103 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 89 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st (95 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, picot, **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 28 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st (103 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The two ch-2 spaces of row 2 near each end are the eyelets for the string.

Edging of the left leg, as worn

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn A; row 3 yarn B. Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost. Join yarn A in the end of row 96, at the lower right-hand corner; ch 1 and go up the right-hand edge: along rows 89 to 96 of the bottom, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (7 sc); along rows 51 to 88 of the bottom, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows] 6 times (44 sc); along rows 37 to 50 of the bottom, 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 9 to 36 of the bottom, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 5 times (33 sc); along rows 1 to 8 of the bottom, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (7 sc). There are 103 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.
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☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, picot, **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 28 times**, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st (103 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The two ch-2 spaces of row 2 near each end are the eyelets for the string.

Front top edging

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: row 1 yarn A; row 2 yarn B. Hold the bottom with the wrong side facing and the foundation chain uppermost. Join yarn A at the upper right-hand corner, in the end of row 3 of the leg edging there; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 3 rows of the leg edging, sc in each of the 55 chs of the foundation chain along their free side, sc in the end of each of the 3 rows of the other leg edging (61 sc). This is row 1, and a wrong side row.
☐ **Row 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next st, 3 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st**] 15 times** (16 sc, 45 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Back top edging

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: row 1 yarn A; row 2 yarn B. Hold the bottom with the wrong side facing and row 96 uppermost. Join yarn A at the upper right-hand corner, in the end of row 3 of the leg edging there; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 3 rows of the leg edging, sc in each of the 67 sts of row 96, sc in the end of each of the 3 rows of the other leg edging (73 sc). This is row 1, and a wrong side row.	
☐ **Row 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next st, 3 dc in next st, skip next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**	(19 sc, 54 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Hip string: make 2

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 148.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(147 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each hip string is about 32 in (81.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Neck ties: sew one end of a neck tie to the wrong side of each cup, behind the 32nd of the 63 sc of row 15, the one at the tip, with the yarn end of the tie.

2. Back ties: sew one end of a back tie to the wrong side of each end of the underband, over the ends of rows 1 and 2, with the yarn end of the tie. To wear the top, tie the two back ties behind the back and the two neck ties behind the neck.

3. Hip strings: each side of the bottom has two eyelets in the edging of its front and two in the edging of its back; the upper one is nearer to the top edge. Lay the bottom with the right side outward and folded at the crotch, the front on top. At each side, with one string: on the inside of the back, put one end of the string out through the upper eyelet and the other end out through the lower eyelet, so that the middle of the string lies flat on the inside between them. Bring both ends across to the front, put the upper end under the edge of the front and up to the right side through its upper eyelet, and the lower end in the same way through its lower eyelet. Tie the two ends in a bow on the front. To set the width, untie the bow, slide the front along the two strands and tie them again.

Finishing

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

In all: 9 pieces; 5,502 stitches.

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