Corset belt with a lace-up front

XS · US terms



Finished size
About 21¾ in (55 cm) round the waist without the gap in front, 6¼ in (16 cm) high at the back and 8½ in (22 cm) high in front
To fit a waist of 23 to 26 in (58 to 66 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Two stitches in one row, and increases

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In ribbed single crochet.

What you need

Yarn A: black, main color **about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cranberry, the cord **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 80 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
XS (this file)	**a waist of 23 to 26 in (58 to 66 cm)**	**21¾ in (55 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) high**	**about 200 yd (183 m)**
Small	a waist of 26 to 29 in (66 to 74 cm)	24¼ in (62 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) high	about 220 yd (201 m)
Medium	a waist of 29 to 32 in (74 to 81 cm)	27½ in (70 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) high	about 240 yd (219 m)
Large	a waist of 32 to 35 in (81 to 89 cm)	30¾ in (78 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) high	about 270 yd (247 m)
XL	a waist of 35 to 38 in (89 to 97 cm)	33¼ in (84 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) high	about 290 yd (265 m)

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2X	a waist of 38 to 42 in (97 to 107 cm)	36½ in (93 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) high	about 315 yd (288 m)
3X	a waist of 42 to 46 in (107 to 117 cm)	40½ in (103 cm) round, 6¼ in (16 cm) high	about 345 yd (315 m)

Gauge

18 stitches and 19½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in ribbed single crochet.

Check it on the panel itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 20 rows are done: the 26 stitches of a row are about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long, and the 20 rows, measured along the middle of the panel, are about 4 1/8 in (10.5 cm). If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- Each panel is worked sideways, from the middle of the back to the front edge. A row is as long as the belt is high, so that the ribs stand upright when it is worn.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The right side is the side that faces you in row 1. Except in row 1, in the eyelets and in the edgings, work into the back loop only (BLO).
- Row 1: put the hook under the upper strand only of each chain. The two other strands are left free for the back seam.
- The shape: in every odd row from row 3 to the row before the eyelets the stitches toward both ends are hdc and the 10 in the middle are sc. The hdc are taller, so that the edges of the panel come out longer than its middle, which is the waist.
- The point: from the line "The point in front begins" every odd row has 2 hdc in its first st and 2 hdc in its last st, up to the row before the eyelets. The sc in the middle stay over the sc. The eyelet row and the row after it, the last, are all sc and are not increased.
- The eyelets are the ch-2 spaces of the last row but one. In that row and in the last one work under both loops.
- The edgings: each panel gets two, one along each of its long edges. Each row end gets 1 sc. "On the right" and "on the left" are the edges as they lie when the right side is up and the last row is at the top. Work the edgings loosely, with a larger hook if they draw the edge in.
- Work the sl sts of the cord under the two upper strands of each chain.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- The waist is measured where the belt is worn, over the clothes. A measure that is right between two sizes takes the smaller: the lacing lets it out.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under the two strands left free below a stitch of row 1 on one edge and under the two that lie against them on the other, pull the yarn through, and go on in the same way.
- Use cotton yarn: it holds the shape. Yarn B is only for the cord.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch.

BLO: only the loop away from you. **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.

(26 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Panel: make 2

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(26 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of next 8 sts, sc in BLO of next 10 sts, hdc in BLO of next 8 sts	(16 hdc, 10 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 42**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

4 5 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

The point in front begins

☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of first st, hdc in BLO of next 7 sts, sc in BLO of next 10 sts, hdc in BLO of next 7 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of last st	(18 hdc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(28 sc)
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of first st, hdc in BLO of next 8 sts, sc in BLO of next 10 sts, hdc in BLO of next 8 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of last st	(20 hdc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of first st, hdc in BLO of next 9 sts, sc in BLO of next 10 sts, hdc in BLO of next 9 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of last st	(22 hdc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(32 sc)
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of first st, hdc in BLO of next 10 sts, sc in BLO of next 10 sts, hdc in BLO of next 10 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of last st	(24 hdc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	(34 sc)
☐ **Row 51**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in BLO of first st, hdc in BLO of next 11 sts, sc in BLO of next 10 sts, hdc in BLO of next 11 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of last st	(26 hdc, 10 sc)

The eyelets

☐ **Row 52**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(22 sc, 7 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Row 53**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts	(36 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging right: make 2

Yarn A, black.

Lay the panel with its right side up and the last row at the top. Find its side edge on the right and turn the panel a quarter turn so that this edge is at the top: the end of row 1 is then at your right hand and the end of row 53 at your left. Work from right to left. The joining sl st and the first sc both go into the end of row 1.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the ends of the rows on the right of the panel, right side facing: 53 row ends.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in end of row 1, ch 1, sc in end of each of rows 1 to 53	(53 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging left: make 2

Yarn A, black.

Lay the panel with its right side up and the last row at the top. Find its side edge on the left and turn the panel a quarter turn so that this edge is at the top: the end of row 53 is then at your right hand and the end of row 1 at your left. Work from right to left. The joining sl st ("in end of next row" in Row 1 below) and the first sc both go into the end of row 53 of the panel, and the last sc goes into the end of row 1 of the panel.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the ends of the rows on the left of the panel, right side facing: 53 row ends.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in end of next row, ch 1, sc in end of each of next 53 rows	(53 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cord

Yarn B, cranberry.

Work the cord loosely. Try it first: 50 sl sts along a chain of 51, worked like the cord, are about 10 in (25.5 cm) long, laid straight and not pulled. If yours are shorter, take a larger hook for the cord. Pull the trial out again.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 421.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(420 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The cord is about 84 in (213 cm) long. If it is shorter than 82 in (208 cm), work it again with a larger hook.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends of the panels and the edgings on the wrong side, and the ends of the cord inside the cord.

2. Back seam: lay the two panels side by side with the right sides up and the foundation chains together in the middle, so that the two front edges with the eyelets are at the left and the right. (One of the panels is upside down now: the two are the same both ways.) Turn one over onto the other, right sides together. Cut a length of A about 28 in (71 cm) long and whip stitch the two edges together: 1 stitch through the ends of the two edgings, 26 stitches chain to chain, and 1 stitch through the ends of the two other edgings. Fasten off at both ends and weave in the ends of this length on the wrong side of the seam.

3. Lay the belt open in one layer, right side up, before the cord is put in. Each front edge has a point at its upper end and one at its lower end: pull all four straight, and let the belt lie under a damp cloth until the cloth is dry.

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4. Lacing: begin at the top. From the right side to the wrong side put one end of the cord through the uppermost eyelet on the left, and the other end through the uppermost eyelet on the right, so that the cord lies across the front and its two ends are equally long. Cross the ends, and put each from the wrong side to the right side through the next eyelet down on the other edge, then over the edge to the back, across again, and so on. Come out of the 7th eyelets to the right side and tie the ends in a bow. When it is worn the two front edges stand 1¼ in (3 cm) to 4¼ in (11 cm) apart. At the widest about 9 in (23 cm) of each end is left for the bow.

Finishing

- After a wash, take the cord out and dry the belt as in step 3 of Putting it together.

In all: 3 pieces; 3,500 stitches (1,434 in each panel, 53 in each edging right, 53 in each edging left, 420 in the cord).

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