Fringe festival bra top

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



Finished size
About 9 in (23 cm) across the bottom of a cup and about 7½ in (19 cm) up the middle of a cup
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches, a bobble row, easy shaping

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet rib.

You will need

Yarn A: rust, main	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: turquoise, color 3	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and a smaller hook, if you like, for the fringe.

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	Cup across the bottom	Cup up the middle	Underband without the ties	Underband depth	Yarn, an estimate
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 165 yd (151 m)
S	33 in (84 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 195 yd (178 m)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**1 in (2.5 cm)**	**about 225 yd (206 m)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 265 yd (242 m)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 300 yd (274 m)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 335 yd (306 m)

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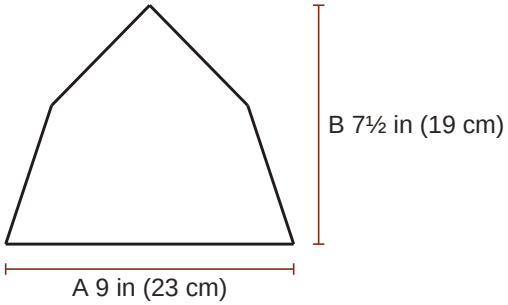
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	1 in (2.5 cm)	about 400 yd (366 m)

Schematic



Cup (make 2)
A the cup across the bottom
B the cup up the middle

Abbreviations

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

sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sl st slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch chain stitch
WS wrong side
st stitch
back loop only under the one loop of the stitch that is farther from you

Special stitches

bob (bobble): [yarn over, insert the hook in the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 5 times in the same stitch (6 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 6 loops. Worked on a wrong side row, it stands out on the right side. It leaves 1 bob for the next row.

Gauge

16 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet rib.

> **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 26 rows of single crochet rib 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. Single crochet rows without the rib: 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- The top ties at the back and behind the neck, so its fit is set by the ties. The underband goes about halfway round the body. 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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- Single crochet rib: row 1 is plain single crochet, and every row after it is worked in back loops only.
- A cup is worked back and forth around a short chain: every row goes up one side to the tip and down the other. The row ends are the lower edge of the cup. Every row with an odd number is a right side row.
- In the bobble row the bobbles stand out on the right side: push each one through to the right side with a finger.
- 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 after 6 rows or fewer and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- 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

Chosen: M, to fit bust 37 in (94 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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 sc is double crochet and sl st is slip stitch.

Cup: make 2

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 to 8 yarn A; row 9 yarn C; rows 10 and 11 yarn B; row 12 yarn C; rows 13 to 17 yarn A; row 18 yarn B; row 19 yarn C. With yarn A, ch 14. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each of the next 11 chs, 3 sc in the last ch; do not turn, but go on along the free side of the chain: sc in each of the next 12 chs, the last of them the ch of your first sc (27 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row. The middle one of the 3 sc is the tip.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 13 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 13 sts	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 14 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 14 sts	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 15 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 15 sts	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 16 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 16 sts	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 17 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 17 sts	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 18 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 18 sts	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 19 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 19 sts	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 20 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 20 sts	**(43 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 21 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 21 sts	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 22 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 22 sts	**(47 sc)**

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☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 23 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 23 sts	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 24 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 24 sts	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 25 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 25 sts	**(53 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 26 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 26 sts	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 27 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 27 sts	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of next 28 sts, 3 sc in back loop only of next st, sc in back loop only of next 28 sts	**(59 sc)**
☐ **Row 18 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 5 sts, **[**bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, 3 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st**] 6 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(49 sc, 12 bob)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 30 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts	**(63 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Underband

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 and 2 yarn A; row 3 yarn C; rows 4 and 5 yarn A. Lay the two cups side by side with the right sides up, and turn them so that their lower edges are uppermost. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of these edges; ch 1, and along the first cup work sc in the end of each of the next 18 rows, skip the end of the next row (18 sc), sc in the end of the foundation chain at the middle, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 18 rows (18 sc); go on at once along the second cup in the same way (74 sc in all). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **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.	

Strap: make 2

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, 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.	

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Back tie: make 2

Yarn A, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 84.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(83 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Each back tie is about 18 in (45.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Straps: sew one end of each strap to the tip of a cup, on the wrong side. They tie behind the neck.

2. Back ties: sew one end of each back tie to an end of the underband, on the wrong side, at the middle of its depth.

3. Cut the fringe, 4 strands to a knot. For the short fringe, 10 in (25.5 cm) long: 40 strands of yarn A, 24 strands of yarn B, 16 strands of yarn C. For the middle fringe, 14 in (35.5 cm) long: 24 strands of yarn A, 8 strands of yarn B, 16 strands of yarn C. For the long fringe, 18 in (45.5 cm) long: 8 strands of yarn A, 8 strands of yarn B, 4 strands of yarn C.

4. Knot the fringe into the last row of the underband, with the right side facing and that row at the bottom. A knot goes into every other st of its 74 sts: the first knot, at the left-hand end, into the 2nd st, the next into the 4th st, and so on to the last knot, the 37th, into the last st. For each knot fold 4 strands in half together, draw the fold from front to back through the st with the hook, pass the ends through the fold and pull them down snugly. Lengths, counted from the left: knots 1 to 10 and 28 to 37 are short; knots 11 to 16 and 22 to 27 are middle; knots 17 to 21 are long. Colors: the middle knot, the 19th, is yarn C; from it out to each end the knots are yarn A, yarn B, yarn A, yarn C, and so on in that order.

5. Trim the ends level below the underband: the short fringe to 4½ in (11.5 cm), the middle to 6½ in (16.5 cm) and the long to 8½ in (21.5 cm).

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says, comb the fringe straight with your fingers, and lay the top flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 6 pieces.

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