Halter beach dress with fringe hem

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



Finished size

About 40 in (101.5 cm) at the waist and about 48 in (122 cm) at the skirt

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

Skill

Easy

Rounds of filet mesh, a bib in rows, simple decreases, a knotted fringe

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: sand, main color **about 650 yd (594 m), an estimate**

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

By weight: about 370 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: yarns A and B in cotton, or in a blend that is mostly cotton, yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a crochet hook of about 3.5 mm (US E-4) to pull the strands of the fringe through, a safety pin 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.

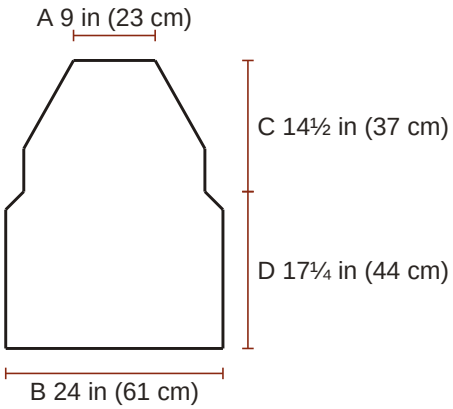
Sizes

Size	Bust	Yarn, an estimate	Waist before it is drawn in	Around the skirt	Bib across the bottom	Bib across the top before it is drawn in	Bib height with the casing	Skirt without the fringe	Fringe	Length from top of bib to end of fringe
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 800 yd (732 m)	34 in (86.5 cm)	42 in (106.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	38¾ in (98.5 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 825 yd (754 m)	36 in (91.5 cm)	42 in (106.5 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	39¼ in (99.5 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 925 yd (846 m)**	**40 in (101.5 cm)**	**48 in (122 cm)**	**20 in (51 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**14½ in (37 cm)**	**17¼ in (44 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**39¾ in (101 cm)**

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L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,025 yd (937 m)	44 in (112 cm)	54 in (137 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	39¾ in (101 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 1,050 yd (960 m)	48 in (122 cm)	54 in (137 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	39¾ in (101 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 1,200 yd (1,097 m)	53 in (134.5 cm)	60 in (152.5 cm)	26½ in (67.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	40½ in (103 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 1,275 yd (1,166 m)	55 in (139.5 cm)	66 in (167.5 cm)	27½ in (70 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	40½ in (103 cm)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	about 1,300 yd (1,189 m)	57 in (145 cm)	66 in (167.5 cm)	28½ in (72.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	41 in (104 cm)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	about 1,425 yd (1,303 m)	62 in (157.5 cm)	72 in (183 cm)	31 in (78.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	16¼ in (41.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	41½ in (105.5 cm)

Schematic



Dress
A the bib across the top before it is drawn in
B half the way around the skirt
C the bib height with the casing
D the skirt without the fringe

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double 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 20 rows of half double 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. Diamond mesh: 4 open meshes, each 1 tr and ch 2, are 3 in (7.6 cm) wide; 6 rounds of treble crochet (UK: double treble) to 4 in (10 cm). Single crochet (UK: double crochet): about 18.5 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Double crochet (UK: treble) rounds: 8.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

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Notes

- Choose by the hip and bust measurements. The waist is drawn in with a cord and the neck cord and the back ties set the bib; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The skirt is worked in rounds from the waist down. The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you. They begin and end at the middle of the back.
- The chain at the start of a round or row (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet, ch 3 for treble crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of a round into the stitch at its base, and the first stitch of a row into the first stitch. In rows the last stitch goes in the last stitch, and never in the turning chain.
- Diamond mesh: an open mesh is 1 tr and ch 2; a filled mesh is 3 tr. Each mesh is 3 sts wide. To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The skirt is open: wear the dress over a swimsuit or a slip. The dress is stepped into: the waist is as wide as the hip before the cord draws it in.
- Use cotton, or a blend that is mostly cotton, for both yarns. Cotton grows heavier and longer when it is wet: dry the dress flat, not hanging.
- Color changes in rounds: work the sl st that joins the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again within 6 rnds, carry it loosely up the inside at the join.
- 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

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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), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 4 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 80 times: work what is inside 80 times in all.
(160 sc): the stitches you have when the round 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.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Skirt

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 160; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain. Colors: rnds 1 to 28 yarn A; rnd 29 yarn B.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	(160 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(80 dc, 80 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 80 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(160 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 32 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(192 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3; **[[**tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts**] 3 times**, tr in next 6 sts, **[**tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts**] 3 times] 8 times**; join with sl st in first tr	(96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3; **[**[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, [tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts] twice, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, [tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first tr	(96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3; **[**tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, [tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first tr	(96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 3; **[**tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, **[**tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 4 times**, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first tr	(96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 3; **[**tr in next 3 sts, **[**tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 6 times**, tr in next 3 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first tr	(96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 3; **[**tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, **[**tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 4 times**, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first tr	(96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 3; **[**tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, [tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first tr	(96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 3; **[**[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, [tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp] twice, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, [tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first tr	(96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 13**

Ch 3;
[[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, tr in next 6 sts,
[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 3 times] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first tr (96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnds 14 to 21**

Repeat Rnds 6 to 13, once more (96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

☐ **Rnd 22**

Ch 3;
[[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp,
[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts] twice, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp,
[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first tr (96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 23**

Ch 3;
[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp,
tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, [tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice,
tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp,
tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first tr (96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 24**

Ch 3;
[tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts,
[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 4 times**, tr in next st, ch 2,
skip next 2 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first tr (96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 25**

Ch 3;
[tr in next 3 sts, **[**tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 6 times**, tr in next 3 sts**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first tr (96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 26**

Ch 3;
[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp,
[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 4 times**, tr in next st,
2 tr in next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first tr (96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 27**

Ch 3;
[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts,
tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, [tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice,
tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts,
tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first tr (96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 28**

Ch 3;
[[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts,
[tr in next st, 2 tr in next ch-2 sp] twice, tr in next st, ch 2, skip next 2 sts,
[tr in next st, ch 2, skip next ch-2 sp] twice**] 8 times**;
join with sl st in first tr (96 tr, 48 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 29**	Ch 1; **[[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, sc in next 6 sts, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times] 8 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(192 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Bib

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the skirt so that its foundation chain is uppermost. The chain has 160 chs; they are counted along their free side, from the first ch to the left of the beginning of the rounds, at the middle of the back. With the right side facing, join yarn A in ch 41. This piece is worked in rows on that ch and the next 79 chs, to ch 120 (80 chs); the 80 chs of the back stay free.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in next 80 chs	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rows 17 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	(52 hdc)
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(52 hdc)
☐ **Rows 32 to 45**	Repeat Rows 30 and 31, 7 more times (50, 48, 46, 44, 42, 40, 38 hdc at the ends of the repeats) 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45	(38 hdc)
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(36 hdc)
☐ **Rows 47 to 50**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 47 48 49 50	(36 sc)
☐ **Row 51**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(36 sc)
☐ **Rows 52 to 54**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across 52 53 54	(36 sc)
☐ **End**	Rows 47 to 54 are the casing at the neck. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 26 in (65 cm) for sewing.	

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Edging of the sides and the back

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the dress with the right side facing and the bib uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 46 of the bib, at its right edge (as worn), just under the casing; ch 1, down this edge along rows 1 to 46 of the bib, met from the last of them, sc in the end of the next row, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 15 times (61 sc); sc in each of the 80 free chs of the foundation chain, across the back (80 sc); up the left edge along rows 1 to 46 of the bib, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 15 times, sc in the end of the next row (61 sc). There are 202 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 60 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 78 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 60 sts	(200 sc)
☐ **End**	The decreases turn the two corners where the bib meets the back. Fasten off.	

Neck cord

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 231.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(230 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The neck cord is about 50 in (127 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Waist cord

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 291.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(290 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The waist cord is about 63 in (160 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Back tie: make 2

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 88.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(87 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each back tie is about 19 in (48.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Neck casing: fold rows 51 to 54 of the bib to the wrong side along the ridge of row 51, and sew the 36 sts of row 54 to the back of row 47, 36 sts to 36 sts, with the end of the bib. The two ends of the casing stay open. Draw the neck cord through it with a safety pin, push the top of the bib together on it until it is as wide as you like, and tie the cord behind the neck.

2. Waist cord: rnd 2 of the skirt has 80 ch-1 sps, counted from the beginning of the rnd at the middle of the back; the middle of the front lies between sps 40 and 41. Take one end of the cord in from the outside to the inside through sp 41, out through sp 42, and on in this way, in and out through every sp around the back and to the front again; the last time it comes out through sp 40. Draw the waist in as you like, and tie the two ends in a bow on the outside, at the

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middle of the front.

3. Back ties: sew one end of a back tie to the wrong side of the edging at each side of the bib, level with row 16 of the bib (the last row before the decreases begin), with its own end. They are tied behind the back.

4. Fringe: for each knot cut 5 strands of yarn B 24 in (61 cm) long. The fringe has 48 knots, so cut 240 strands in all. The last rnd of the skirt has 192 sc, counted from its first st. For a knot, lay 5 strands together and fold them in half. Hold the skirt with its right side (the outside) facing you. Put the hook in at the wrong side (the inside) of the skirt and out at the right side, through the 2nd st of the rnd, so that its head is on the outside; catch the fold with it and pull the fold through the st to the inside, where it makes a loop about 1 in (2.5 cm) long; the 10 ends stay on the outside. Bring the 10 ends down over the lower edge of the skirt to the inside, put them through the loop, and pull them down until the knot is tight against the edge. Make a knot in the same manner in every 4th st after it, the 6th, the 10th and so on, to st 190.

5. Second row of knots: take the 5 ends on the left of one bunch and the 5 ends on the right of the next bunch to the left, and tie these 10 ends together in one overhand knot 1¼ in (3 cm) below the skirt. Go on so all around; the last of these 48 knots joins the last bunch to the first. Third row of knots: divide each new bunch into halves and join neighbors again, 1¼ in (3 cm) below the second row (48 knots). Comb the ends with your fingers and trim them to one length, about 8 in (20 cm) below the skirt.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 6,898 stitches (3,088 in the skirt, 2,916 in the bib, 200 in the edging of the sides and the back, 230 in the neck cord, 290 in the waist cord, 87 in each back tie).

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