Granny square beach shorts

M, to fit waist 29 in (73.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 42½ in (108 cm) round and the panels, of squares of about 9 in (23 cm)

To fit a waist of 29 in (73.5 cm) and a hip of 39 in (99 cm) and thigh 23 in (58.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

Granny squares joined with a whip stitch, and simple rounds

Yarn

Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: ivory, main color	**about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: poppy red, contrast	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: apricot orange, color 3	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: sunny yellow, color 4	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, color 5	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: pool blue, color 6	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: violet, color 7	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 250 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and 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.

Sizes

Size	To fit waist	Yarn, an estimate	Each square	Around the squares and the panels	Waist before it is drawn in	Waist to crotch	Around each leg at the top	Leg from crotch to hem
XS	23½ in (59.5 cm)	about 385 yd (352 m)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)	36½ in (92.5 cm)	34½ in (87.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)
S	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	about 440 yd (402 m)	8¼ in (21 cm)	39 in (99 cm)	37 in (94 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)
M (this file)	**29 in (73.5 cm)**	**about 495 yd (453 m)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**42½ in (108 cm)**	**40½ in (103 cm)**	**11¾ in (30 cm)**	**24 in (61 cm)**	**2¾ in (7 cm)**

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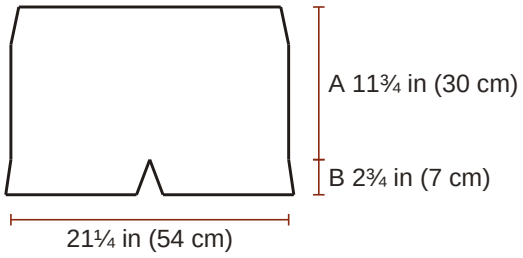
L	33 in (84 cm)	about 550 yd (503 m)	9½ in (24 cm)	46¼ in (117.5 cm)	44¼ in (112.5 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)
1X	37 in (94 cm)	about 585 yd (535 m)	10¼ in (26 cm)	49¾ in (126.5 cm)	48 in (122 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	29½ in (75 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)
2X	41 in (104 cm)	about 665 yd (608 m)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	55¾ in (141.5 cm)	54¼ in (138 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	31½ in (80 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)
3X	44½ in (113 cm)	about 690 yd (631 m)	11½ in (29 cm)	57 in (145 cm)	55½ in (141 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	33¼ in (84.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)

Schematic



Laid flat
A the waist to crotch
B the lower part

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 22; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 10 rows of double crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 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 (UK: double crochet) rounds: 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). A round of half double crochet (UK: half treble): about 3/8 in (1 cm) high. A round of shells (5 dc in one st): about ½ in (1.3 cm) high. A square measures what the size list says after its last round. Measure the first one before you go on; change the hook if it is larger or smaller.

Notes

- Women's sizes, made larger by the squares and by the side panels.
- Around the squares the shorts are 2½ in (6.5 cm) to 3½ in (9 cm) wider than the hip, by the size, and the top of each leg is ¼ in (0.5 cm) to 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wider than the thigh. The waist goes on over the hip and is then drawn in with the cord. Choose by the hip measurement; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you. The side panels are worked in rows that are turned; the ch 2 at the start of a row never counts as a stitch, and the first dc goes into the first st, at its base.
- The chain at the start of a round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Rnd 1 of a square is worked in the ring. From rnd 2 the rounds of 3 dc groups begin in a corner space: the first 3 dc go in the same space as the ch 2. In all the other rounds the first stitch goes in the stitch at the base of the chain.
- Where a round of 3 dc groups has the color of the round before, it begins with slip stitches to the corner space: the round is joined in its first dc already, so slip stitch over the next 2 dc.

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- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The front and the back are alike; the cord is tied at the front.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.
- Each square 9 in (23 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), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
5 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together (UK treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Granny square: make 4

Yarns in order of use: B, poppy red; C, apricot orange; D, sunny yellow; E, leaf green; F, pool blue; G, violet; A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring. Colors: rnd 1 yarn B; rnd 2 yarn C; rnd 3 yarn D; rnd 4 yarn E; rnd 5 yarn F; rnd 6 yarn G; rnds 7 and 8 yarn A. Each new color is joined as its round says.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2) in ring; join with sl st in first dc (12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Fasten off yarn B; join yarn C with a sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc (24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Fasten off yarn C; join yarn D with a sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc (36 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Fasten off yarn D; join yarn E with a sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, [3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc (48 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Fasten off yarn E; join yarn F with a sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc (60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Fasten off yarn F; join yarn G with a sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc (72 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 20 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Fasten off yarn G; join yarn A with a sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 2; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc (84 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 24 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 3 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times] 4 times**; join with sl st in first sc (116 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Each square measures about 9 in (23 cm) along a side, with 29 sc between two corner spaces.

Side panel: make 2, each on a square of its own

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Work a side panel on two of the four squares; these two are the front squares, and the other two are the back squares. With the right side of the square facing and any side of it uppermost, join yarn A in the first sc after the corner space at the right-hand end of that side; ch 2, dc in each of the 29 sc of the side, as far as the next corner space (29 dc). This is row 1, and a right side row.
☐ **Rows 2 to 6** 2 3 4 5 6	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across (29 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 26 in (65 cm) for sewing. The side panel is about 3½ in (9 cm) wide.

Waist

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 4 of Assembly. Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn F; rnds 3 to 6 yarn A. Hold the ring of squares with the right side facing and either of its edges uppermost; that edge is now the waist. Join yarn A in the first sc to the left of the seam at the middle of the back; ch 2, dc in each of the 29 sc of the back square, 2 dc in the end of each of the 6 rows of the side panel, dc in each of the 29 sc of the first front square, dc in each of the 29 sc of the second front square, 2 dc in the end of each of the 6 rows of the other side panel, dc in each of the 29 sc of the other back square (140 dc), passing over the corner spaces and the seams; join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next 15 sts, dc2tog**] 4 times**, **[**dc in next 16 sts, dc2tog**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first dc (132 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(132 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 66 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(66 dc, 66 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 66 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(132 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(132 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

First leg

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 5 of Assembly. Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn F; rnds 3 and 4 yarn A; rnd 5 yarn B. With the right side facing and the lower edge of the squares uppermost, join yarn A in the corner space just to the right of the seam at the middle of the front; ch 8 for the gusset, sl st in the first sc to the left of the seam at the middle of the back. Ch 2, dc in that same sc and in each of the other 28 sc of the back square, 2 dc in the end of each of the 6 rows of the side panel, dc in each of the 29 sc of the front square, as far as the seam at the middle of the front, then dc in each of the 8 gusset chs (78 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(78 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(13 sc, 65 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Second leg

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 5 of Assembly. Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn F; rnds 3 and 4 yarn A; rnd 5 yarn B. With the right side facing and the lower edge of the squares uppermost, join yarn A in the corner space just to the left of the seam at the middle of the front, beside the beginning of the gusset chain; ch 2, dc in the first sc to the left of the seam and in each of the other 28 sc of that front square, 2 dc in the end of each of the 6 rows of the side panel, dc in each of the 29 sc of the back square, as far as the seam at the middle of the back, then dc in each of the 8 gusset chs along their free side (78 dc); join with sl st in first dc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 2; dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(78 dc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts**] 13 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(13 sc, 65 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The gusset needs no seam. If there is a small gap at either end of the gusset chain, close it with the yarn ends there.	

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Cord

Yarn B, poppy red.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 214.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(213 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The cord is about 57 in (145 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Front seam: hold the two front squares with right sides together and, with yarn A, whip stitch (sew over and over) through both loops along the side of each that lies across from its side panel, 29 sc to 29 sc, with one stitch more through the two corner spaces at each end. Opened out, the two squares lie side by side with a side panel at each outer edge.

2. Back seam: join the two back squares to each other in the same way, with yarn A, along any one side of each, 29 sc to 29 sc.

3. Side seams: hold the front and the back with right sides together. With its own end, whip stitch the last row of each side panel to the free side edge of the back square next to it, 29 dc to 29 sc. The four squares and the two panels are now a ring. Turn it right side out.

4. Waist: work it now, as written above. The edge across from the waist is the lower edge.

5. Legs: work the first leg and then the second leg, as written above.

6. Thread the cord. Rnd 4 of the waist has 66 chain spaces. Counted from the join, at the middle of the back, the middle of the front lies between spaces 33 and 34. Take one end of the cord from the outside in through space 34, out through the next space, and so on, in and out, all the way around; it comes out again through space 33. Even out the two ends, make a knot in each, draw the waist in and tie a bow at the front.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 3,529 stitches (452 in each granny square, 145 in each side panel, 594 in the waist, 312 in the first leg, 312 in the second leg, 213 in the cord).

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