High neck bikini top

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



Finished size
About 16 in (40.5 cm) across the lower edge and about 18 in (45.5 cm) across the front at the bust
To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches in rows, simple shaping

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.

You will need

Yarn A: wine, main — **about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, contrast — **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), 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	Bust	Across the lower edge	Across the front at the bust	Across the mesh at its foot	Across the collar	Height	Yarn, an estimate
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	5 in (12.5 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	about 180 yd (165 m)
S	33 in (84 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	about 205 yd (187 m)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**16 in (40.5 cm)**	**18 in (45.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**6 in (15 cm)**	**14 in (35.5 cm)**	**about 230 yd (210 m)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	6½ in (16.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	about 260 yd (238 m)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	about 295 yd (270 m)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	about 335 yd (306 m)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	17¼ in (44 cm)	about 370 yd (338 m)

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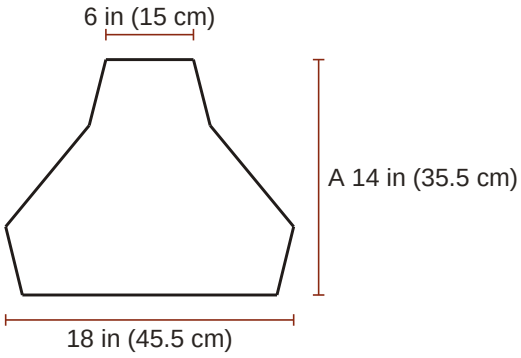
Schematic



Front
A how deep the neck is

Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch	chain stitch
RS	right side
st	stitch
sp	space
back loop only	nder the one loop of the stitch that is farther from you

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. It leaves 1 sc2tog for the next row.

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. It leaves 1 dc2tog for the next row.

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. Mesh: 16 sts (count each dc and each ch 1 as a stitch) and 8.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- The front covers a little less than half of the bust, and the ties take up the rest, so the fit is set by the ties. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.

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- The turning chain (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for 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.
- Row 1 is a right side row, and so is every row with an odd number. The collar is the last 3 rows.
- Where a row of the mesh begins and ends with two dc side by side, the dc2tog at each end of the next row is worked over those two dc.
- Wet cotton grows heavier and longer: for swimming, line the front with swimsuit fabric and use a yarn its label calls fit for it.
- 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.
- 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, dc is treble and sl st is slip stitch.

Front

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 62. Colors: rows 1 to 4 yarn A; rows 5 and 6 yarn B; rows 7 to 10 yarn A; rows 11 and 12 yarn B; rows 13 to 16 yarn A; rows 17 and 18 yarn B; rows 19 to 22 yarn A; rows 23 and 24 yarn B; rows 25 to 28 yarn A; rows 29 and 30 yarn B; rows 31 to 34 yarn A; rows 35 and 36 yarn B; rows 37 to 48 yarn A; rows 49 to 51 yarn B.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(61 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(61 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	**(63 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(63 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts	**(65 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(65 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	**(67 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(67 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts	**(69 sc)**
☐ **Rows 10 to 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(69 sc)**

A box for each row, 10 to 13: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13

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☐ **Rows 14 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(45 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 25: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rows 27 to 40**	Repeat Rows 25 and 26, 7 more times (43, 41, 39, 37, 35, 33, 31 sc at the ends of the repeats)	**(31 sc)**

A box for each row, 27 to 40: tick them off as you go.

27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40

☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 14 times**	**(15 dc, 14 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 12 times**, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st	**(15 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, **[**ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 11 times**, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, dc2tog	**(13 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 10 times**, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st	**(13 dc, 10 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, **[**ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 9 times**, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, dc2tog	**(11 dc, 10 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 47 to 48**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 dc, 10 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 47 to 48: tick them off as you go.

47 48

☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rows 50 to 51**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**

A box for each row, 50 to 51: tick them off as you go.

50 51

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Lower band

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 to 5 yarn A; row 6 yarn B. Turn the front so that the foundation chain is uppermost. With the right side facing, join yarn A at the right-hand end of this edge; ch 1, sc in each of the 61 chs of the foundation chain along their free side (61 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	**(61 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Right edging

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the lower right-hand corner, in the end of row 6 of the lower band; ch 1 and go up the right-hand edge: along the 6 rows of the lower band, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows (6 sc); along the 13 rows below the armhole, sc in the end of each of the next 13 rows (13 sc); along the 28 rows of single crochet that slant in, [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 the 7 rows of mesh, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 7 rows (14 sc); along the 3 rows of the collar, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc). There are 69 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(69 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left edging

Yarn B, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the upper left-hand corner, in the end of row 51 of the front; ch 1 and go down the left-hand edge: along the 3 rows of the collar, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc); along the 7 rows of mesh, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 7 rows (14 sc); along the 28 rows of single crochet that slant in, [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 the 13 rows below the armhole, sc in the end of each of the next 13 rows (13 sc); along the 6 rows of the lower band, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows (6 sc). There are 69 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(69 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back tie: make 4

Yarn A, wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 121.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(120 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Each back tie is about 26 in (66 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Neck tie: make 2

Yarn B, coral.

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

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Assembly

1. Back ties: sew one end of a tie to the wrong side of each edging, at the middle of the depth of the lower band. Sew one end of each of the other two back ties to a side edge, on the wrong side of the edging, where the armhole begins: at the 19th sc from the lower end of each edging.

2. Neck ties: sew one end of each neck tie to an upper corner of the collar, on the wrong side of the edging, at the middle of the 3 collar rows.

3. To wear it, tie the two upper back ties together, then the two lower ones, and the neck ties behind the neck.

Finishing

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

In all: 7 pieces; 3,146 stitches (2,057 in the front, 305 in the lower band, 69 in the right edging, 69 in the left edging, 120 in each back tie, 83 in each neck tie).

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