High waisted shorts with a drawstring

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



Finished size

About 32 in (81.5 cm) at the waist and about 41 in (104 cm) at the hip

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

Rounds with simple increases, front post stitches and a ribbed band

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: dusty blue, main color — **about 725 yd (663 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, contrast — **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 300 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: 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	Waistband around, not stretched	Around the hip	Waist to crotch, with the waistband	Around each leg at the top	Leg from crotch to hem
XS	23½ in (59.5 cm)	about 620 yd (567 m)	28¼ in (72 cm)	36 in (91.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)	4 in (10 cm)
S	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	about 670 yd (613 m)	29¼ in (74.5 cm)	38 in (96.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	4 in (10 cm)
M (this file)	**29 in (73.5 cm)**	**about 745 yd (681 m)**	**32 in (81.5 cm)**	**41 in (104 cm)**	**12 in (30.5 cm)**	**23½ in (59.5 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm)**
L	33 in (84 cm)	about 820 yd (750 m)	35¾ in (91 cm)	45 in (114.5 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	4 in (10 cm)
1X	37 in (94 cm)	about 925 yd (846 m)	38½ in (98 cm)	49 in (124.5 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	28½ in (72.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)
2X	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,050 yd (960 m)	43¼ in (110 cm)	54 in (137 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	31 in (78.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)

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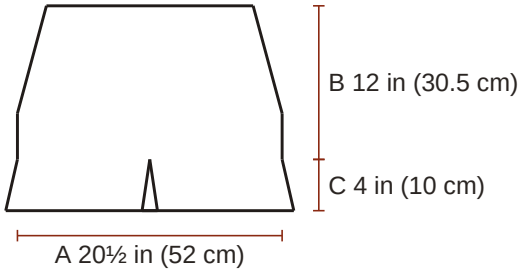
3X	44½ in (113 cm)	about 1,100 yd (1,006 m)	46 in (117 cm)	56 in (142 cm)	13¼ in (33.5 cm)	32 in (81.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)
4X	46½ in (118 cm)	about 1,175 yd (1,074 m)	48 in (122 cm)	58 in (147.5 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	33½ in (85 cm)	4 in (10 cm)
5X	49½ in (125.5 cm)	about 1,300 yd (1,189 m)	50¾ in (129 cm)	64 in (162.5 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	37 in (94 cm)	4 in (10 cm)

Schematic



Laid flat
A half the way around the hip
B the waist to crotch, with the waistband
C the lower part

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. Waistband: single crochet rib, 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm). The one sc round at the waist: about ¼ in (0.6 cm) high. The round of eyelets and row 1 of a hem: about ½ in (1.3 cm) high each. A row of fpdc and bpdc: about 3/8 in (1 cm) high.

Notes

- Women's sizes, by waist, hip and thigh.
- The hip is 1½ in (4 cm) to 2½ in (6.5 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size, and the top of each leg is wider than the thigh by ½ in (1.5 cm) to 2½ in (6.5 cm). The waistband must stretch to go over the hip; the cord then draws it in. Choose by the hip measurement; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The body and the legs are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side always faces you. The waistband and the hems are worked in rows that are turned.
- 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. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.
- The turning chain of a row (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for the hem) never counts as a stitch either: work the first stitch of every row into, or around, the first stitch.
- The waistband is in single crochet rib: row 1 is plain single crochet, and every row after it is worked in back loops only. Its two sides are alike: the side that faces out when it has been closed into a ring is its right side.
- The raised lines of fpdc run over the four sts of each round that the words name, down the front and the back of each leg, like pressed creases. A round of half double crochet with a few fpdc in it is as high as a plain round.

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- In the hems every fpdc of row 3 stands on a bpdc of row 2, and every bpdc on an fpdc: that is what makes the ribs.
- The front and the back are alike; the cord is tied at the front.
- 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), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 68 times: work what is inside 68 times in all.

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

Special stitches

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Waistband

Yarn A, dusty blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(14 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 136**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(14 sc)

2 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 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85
86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100 101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113
114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130 131 132 133 134 135 136

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off. Close the waistband into a ring: ch 1, turn, bring the foundation chain up behind row 136, and work 14 sl sts, each through the back loop of the next st of row 136 and the free loop of the ch behind it together. Fasten off. Turn the ring so that the ridge of slip stitches is inside: the inside is the wrong side. The waistband is about 3½ in (9 cm) deep and 32 in (81.5 cm) around, not stretched.	

Body

Yarn A, dusty blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the waistband with the right side out and either long edge uppermost. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the end of the first row to the left of the seam; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 136 rows around (136 sc), loosely, so that the edge stretches with the rib; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1. The seam is the middle of the back.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 68 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(68 dc, 68 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 68 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(136 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 28 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 28 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(132 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 13 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 13 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 13 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(136 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 30 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 30 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(136 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 14 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 14 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(140 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 32 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 32 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(140 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 15 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 15 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(144 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 34 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 34 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(144 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 16 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 16 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(148 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 36 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 36 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(148 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 17 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 17 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 17 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 17 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(152 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(152 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 18 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 18 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 18 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(156 hdc, 4 fpdcs)

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☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 40 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 40 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(156 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(160 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 28**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 42 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 38 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 42 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 19 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(160 hdc, 4 fpdcs)
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28		
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

First leg

Yarn A, dusty blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the 83rd st of rnd 28, at the middle of the front; ch 12 for the gusset, sl st in the first st of the rnd, at the middle of the back. Ch 1, hdc in that same st and in each of the next 18 sts, fpdc around the next st, hdc in each of the next 42 sts, fpdc around the next st, hdc in each of the next 19 sts, then hdc in each of the 12 gusset chs (92 hdc, 2 fpdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 9**	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 42 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 31 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(92 hdc, 2 fpdcs)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

First leg hem

Yarn A, dusty blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the lower edge of the first leg uppermost, join yarn A in the 47th st of rnd 9, a little after the side of the leg, toward the front; ch 2, dc in that st and in each of the next 47 sts to the end of the rnd, then dc in each of the first 46 sts of the rnd (94 dc). Do not join: the gap is the split of the hem. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 47 times**	(47 fpdcs, 47 bpdcs)
2 3		
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Second leg

Yarn A, dusty blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the st of rnd 28 that the gusset chain begins in, at the middle of the front; ch 1, hdc in that st and in each of the next 18 sts, fpdc around the next st, hdc in each of the next 42 sts, fpdc around the next st, hdc in each of the next 19 sts, then hdc in each of the 12 gusset chs along their free side (92 hdc, 2 fpdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 9** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Ch 1; hdc in next 19 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 42 sts, fpdc around next st, hdc in next 31 sts; join with sl st in first hdc	(92 hdc, 2 fpdcs)
☐ **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.	

Second leg hem

Yarn A, dusty blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing and the lower edge of the second leg uppermost, join yarn A in the 37th st of rnd 9, a little before the side of the leg, toward the front; ch 2, dc in that st and in each of the next 57 sts to the end of the rnd, then dc in each of the first 36 sts of the rnd (94 dc). Do not join: the gap is the split of the hem. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 47 times**	(47 fpdcs, 47 bpdcs)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cord

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 254.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(253 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The cord is about 55 in (139.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Thread the cord. Rnd 2 of the body has 68 chain spaces. Counted from the join, at the middle of the back, the middle of the front lies between spaces 34 and 35. Take one end of the cord from the outside in through space 35, out through the next space, and so on, in and out, all the way around; it comes out again through space 34. 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: 2 pieces.

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