High waisted bikini bottom

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



Finished size

About 36½ in (92.5 cm) at the hips and about 6½ in (16.5 cm) at the side seam

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

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches in rows and rounds, simple shaping, two side seams

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: teal, main color **about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, contrast **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 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, tape measure, about 1 yd (0.9 m) of stretch swimsuit lining at least 56 in (142 cm) wide (enough for every size), sewing thread and a sewing needle, pins, about 1¼ yd (1.2 m) of elastic ¾ in (2 cm) wide (enough for every size) and a safety pin.

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	Waist	Yarn, an estimate	Around the hips	Side seam, with the waist casing	Front from waist to middle of crotch	Back from waist to middle of crotch	Crotch across, with the edgings	Around each leg opening
XS	23½ in (59.5 cm)	about 415 yd (379 m)	31½ in (80 cm)	6 in (15 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)
S	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	about 445 yd (407 m)	33½ in (85 cm)	6¼ in (16 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	15¼ in (38.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)
M (this file)	**29 in (73.5 cm)**	**about 500 yd (457 m)**	**36½ in (92.5 cm)**	**6½ in (16.5 cm)**	**13½ in (34.5 cm)**	**15½ in (39.5 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm)**	**22¼ in (56.5 cm)**
L	33 in (84 cm)	about 535 yd (489 m)	40½ in (103 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	15¾ in (40 cm)	4 in (10 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)
1X	37 in (94 cm)	about 620 yd (567 m)	44½ in (113 cm)	7 in (18 cm)	14 in (35.5 cm)	16¼ in (41.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	24¾ in (63 cm)

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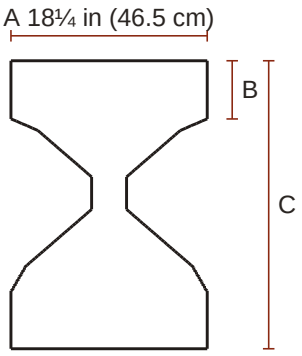
2X	41 in (104 cm)	about 705 yd (645 m)	49½ in (125.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)
3X	44½ in (113 cm)	about 735 yd (672 m)	51½ in (131 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)	14¾ in (37.5 cm)	16¾ in (42.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)	27¾ in (70.5 cm)

Schematic



Bottom
A half the way around the hips
B 5½ in (13.5 cm), the upper part
C 26¾ in (68 cm), from top to bottom

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. Edgings and casing: a round of single crochet is as high as a row of the fabric.

Notes

- Women's sizes, by waist and hip.
- Around the hips the bottom is from 2 in (5 cm) to 3 in (7.5 cm) smaller than the body, by the size, and the fabric stretches to it. It pulls on over the hips: the casing is as wide as the hips of the bottom, and the elastic draws it in at the waist. 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.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.

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- Lining: when the bottom is worked and before its side seams are sewn, lay it flat with the wrong side up on stretch swimsuit lining, the greater stretch of the lining from side to side, and cut the lining ½ in (1.5 cm) larger all around. Turn ¾ in (2 cm) of it under all around and pin it to the wrong side, so that the fold lies about ¼ in (0.5 cm), which is one st or one row, in from every edge. Where an edge curves inward, snip the part that is turned under so that it lies flat. Sew the fold down with small slanting stitches of sewing thread that do not show on the right side, and stretch the piece a little as you sew. Without a lining the fabric shows what is under it.
- Cotton takes up water: wet, it grows heavier and longer and it dries slowly. A cotton with some elastic in it, whose label says that it is fit for swimwear, keeps its length better. Rinse out salt or chlorine and dry the piece 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.
- Mattress stitch: lay the two edges side by side with the right sides up, and with the needle pick up one strand of an edge stitch on one side and then on the other, drawing the yarn up every few stitches.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
(73 sc): the stitches you have when the row 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.

Bottom

Yarn A, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 74.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(73 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(73 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

☐ **Rows 26 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog twice, sc in each st across to last 4 sts, sc2tog twice	(53 sc)

26 27 28 29 30

☐ **Rows 31 to 50**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(13 sc)

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

☐ **Rows 51 to 64**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(13 sc)

51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

☐ **Rows 65 to 89**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st	(63 sc)

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

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☐ **Row 90**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(63 sc)
☐ **Rows 91 to 100**	Repeat Rows 89 and 90, 5 more times (65, 67, 69, 71, 73 sc at the ends of the repeats)	(73 sc)

91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100

☐ **Rows 101 to 124**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(73 sc)

101 102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124

☐ **End**	Fasten off. Line the bottom now (see NOTES), while it is flat: the lining as it is cut is about 19¼ in (49 cm) wide and 27¾ in (70.5 cm) long, measured at its widest and at its longest. Then the side seams: fold the bottom at the crotch with the right side outward, so that row 124 lies behind the foundation chain. At each side, with a new length of yarn A of about 16 in (40 cm), sew the ends of rows 1 to 25 to the ends of rows 124 to 100 with mattress stitch, row 1 to row 124, row 2 to row 123 and so on (25 row ends to 25). Rows 26 to 99 stay open for the legs.

Edging of the right leg, as worn

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the right leg opening, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 26, the first row of the front past the side seam; ch 1 and go around the opening: along rows 26 to 30, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (10 sc); along rows 31 to 50, [sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 5 times (25 sc); along rows 51 to 64, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (12 sc); along rows 65 to 99, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 7 times (42 sc). There are 89 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(89 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging of the left leg, as worn

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the left leg opening, as worn, uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 99, the first row of the back past the side seam; ch 1 and go around the opening: along rows 65 to 99, met from the last of them, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 7 times (42 sc); along rows 51 to 64, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (12 sc); along rows 31 to 50, met from the last of them, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows] 5 times (25 sc); along rows 26 to 30, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (10 sc). There are 89 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(89 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Waist casing

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rnds 1 and 2 yarn B; rnd 3 yarn A; rnds 4 to 10 yarn B. Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the waist edge uppermost. Join yarn B at the left side seam, as worn, in the first ch of the foundation chain, at the front; ch 1, sc in each of the 73 chs of the foundation chain along their free side, then sc in each of the 73 sts of row 124 (146 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5** 2 3 4 5	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(146 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1; sc in back loop only of each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(146 sc)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 10** 7 8 9 10	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(146 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an end of about 94 in (240 cm) for sewing.	

Putting it together

Waist: turn rnds 6 to 10 of the casing to the inside along the ridge of rnd 6, and sew the top of rnd 10 to the back of rnd 1, 146 sts to 146 sts, with the end of the casing; leave about 2 in (5 cm) open at the middle of the back. Cut a piece of elastic ¾ in (2 cm) wide and 28 in (71 cm) long, draw it through with a safety pin, lap its two ends 1 in (2.5 cm) and sew them together firmly with sewing thread. Sew the rest of the casing shut. The elastic is 27 in (68.5 cm) around, 2 in (5 cm) less than the waist: try it on before you sew its ends and take it in or let it out as you like.

Finishing

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

In all: 8,144 stitches (6,652 in the bottom, 89 in the edging of the right leg, as worn, 89 in the edging of the left leg, as worn, 1,314 in the waist casing).

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