Children's drawstring shorts

Size 6 · US terms



Finished size

About 26 in (66 cm) at the waist and about 28 in (71 cm) at the hip

To fit a waist of 22½ in (57 cm) and a hip of 25 in (63.5 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches in rounds, with no seams.

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

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

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: turquoise, the main color **about 350 yd (320 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: white, stripes of the body, part of the first leg and more **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 180 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	Waist before it is drawn in	Around the hip	Waist to crotch	Around each leg at the top	Leg from crotch to hem
Size 2	21 in (53.5 cm)	about 355 yd (325 m)	23 in (58.5 cm)	25 in (63.5 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	14½ in (37 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)
Size 4	21½ in (54.5 cm)	about 435 yd (398 m)	25 in (63.5 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)
Size 6 (this file)	**22½ in (57 cm)**	**about 455 yd (416 m)**	**26 in (66 cm)**	**28 in (71 cm)**	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**3 in (7.5 cm)**
Size 8	23½ in (59.5 cm)	about 560 yd (512 m)	29 in (73.5 cm)	31 in (78.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)
Size 10	24½ in (62 cm)	about 630 yd (576 m)	31 in (78.5 cm)	33 in (84 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	4 in (10 cm)
Size 12	25½ in (65 cm)	about 690 yd (631 m)	33 in (84 cm)	35 in (89 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	20½ in (52 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)
Size 14	26½ in (67.5 cm)	about 730 yd (668 m)	34 in (86.5 cm)	36 in (91.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)

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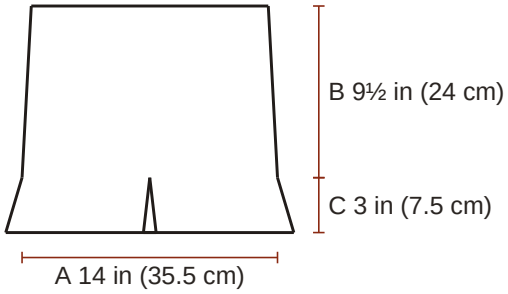
Schematic



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

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rounds 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. Single crochet (UK: double crochet) rounds: about 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- The hip is about 3 in (7.5 cm) wider than the body measurement. The waist, before the cord is drawn in, is a little wider than the hip measurement, so that the shorts pull on. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The rounds are not turned; the right side always faces you.
- 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 into the stitch at its base.
- 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.

Instructions

Size 6. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 12 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 52 times: work what is inside 52 times in all.

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

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Body

Yarns in order of use: A, turquoise; B, white.

Work the foundation chain loosely: it must open as wide as the hips.

Colors: rnds 1 to 9 yarn A; then, counted from rnd 10: 1 rnd yarn B, 5 rnds yarn A; repeat these 6 rnds to the end (the last repeat may stop part way).

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 104; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1; sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	(104 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(104 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 52 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(52 dc, 52 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 52 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(104 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1; **[**hdc in next 12 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 6 to 9**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. At the end of round 9 change to yarn B in the slip stitch that joins it.	(112 hdc)
6 7 8 9		
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. Change to yarn A in the slip stitch that joins it.	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 15**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. At the end of round 15 change to yarn B in the slip stitch that joins it.	(112 hdc)
11 12 13 14 15		
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. Change to yarn A in the slip stitch that joins it.	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 21**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. At the end of round 21 change to yarn B in the slip stitch that joins it.	(112 hdc)
17 18 19 20 21		
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. Change to yarn A in the slip stitch that joins it.	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 23 to 27**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. At the end of round 27 change to yarn B in the slip stitch that joins it.	(112 hdc)
23 24 25 26 27		
☐ **Rnd 28**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. Change to yarn A in the slip stitch that joins it.	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 29 to 32**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(112 hdc)
29 30 31 32		
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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First leg

Yarns in order of use: A, turquoise; B, white.

Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn B; rnds 3 to 7 yarn A; rnds 8 to 11 yarn B.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the 57th st of rnd 32, at the middle of the front; ch 10 for the crotch, sl st in the first st of the rnd, at the middle of the back.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, hdc in that same st and in each of the next 55 sts, then hdc in each of the 10 crotch chs; join with sl st in first hdc. Change to yarn B in the slip stitch that joins it. (66 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. Change to yarn A in the slip stitch that joins it. (66 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 7**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. At the end of round 7 change to yarn B in the slip stitch that joins it. (66 hdc)
3 4 5 6 7	
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (66 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc (66 sc)
9 10 11	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Second leg

Yarns in order of use: A, turquoise; B, white.

Colors: rnd 1 yarn A; rnd 2 yarn B; rnds 3 to 7 yarn A; rnds 8 to 11 yarn B.

The crotch needs no seam. If there is a small gap at either end of the crotch chain, close it with the yarn ends there.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the st of rnd 32 that the crotch chain begins in, at the middle of the front.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, hdc in that st and in each of the next 55 sts, then hdc in each of the 10 crotch chs along their free side; join with sl st in first hdc. Change to yarn B in the slip stitch that joins it. (66 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. Change to yarn A in the slip stitch that joins it. (66 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 7**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc. At the end of round 7 change to yarn B in the slip stitch that joins it. (66 hdc)
3 4 5 6 7	
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc (66 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 11**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc (66 sc)
9 10 11	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Cord

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 196.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(195 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The cord is about 42½ in (108 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Thread the cord through the spaces of rnd 3 of the body, in and out, beginning and ending at the middle of the front (the side away from the beginning of the rounds: between spaces 26 and 27 of the 52, counted from the join; go in at space 27 from the outside, out at the next space, and so on around to space 26, where the cord comes out again). Knot each end of the cord and weave its yarn end into the knot. Draw the waist in until it sits well, and tie a bow.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 5,147 stitches (3,500 in the body, 726 in the first leg, 726 in the second leg, 195 in the cord).

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