Men's shorts with a drawstring

M, to fit waist 33 in (84 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 41 in (104 cm) at the waist and about 46½ in (118 cm) at the hip

To fit a waist of 33 in (84 cm) and a hip of 40 in (101.5 cm) and thigh 22½ in (57 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Moss stitch in rows, seams, a sewn gusset, ribbed rounds

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In moss stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: moss green, main color — **about 900 yd (823 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, contrast — **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 370 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 and pins.

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 before it is drawn in	Around the hip	Front	Back	Gusset, each side	Around each leg, below the gusset	Inseam, from the hem to the gusset
S	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 825 yd (754 m)	37 in (94 cm)	42½ in (108 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	4¼ in (11 cm)	21¼ in (54 cm)	7 in (18 cm)
M (this file)	**33 in (84 cm)**	**about 925 yd (846 m)**	**41 in (104 cm)**	**46½ in (118 cm)**	**11 in (28 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**4¼ in (11 cm)**	**23¼ in (59 cm)**	**7¼ in (18.5 cm)**
L	37 in (94 cm)	about 1,030 yd (942 m)	45 in (114.5 cm)	50½ in (128.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	12½ in (32 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	25¼ in (64 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)
XL	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,130 yd (1,033 m)	49 in (124.5 cm)	54½ in (138.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	13 in (33 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	27¼ in (69 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)

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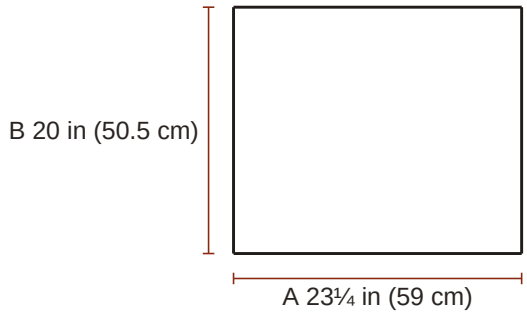
2X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 1,230 yd (1,125 m)	53 in (134.5 cm)	58½ in (148.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	5¼ in (13.5 cm)	29¼ in (74.5 cm)	7¼ in (18.5 cm)
3X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 1,355 yd (1,239 m)	56 in (142 cm)	61½ in (156 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	14¼ in (36 cm)	5½ in (14 cm)	30¾ in (78 cm)	7¾ in (19.5 cm)

Schematic



Leg, flat (make 2)
A around each leg, below the gusset
B from top to bottom

Gauge

16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch.

Count every stitch and every chain as 1; the skipped stitches under the chains are not counted again.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 26. Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Row 2: Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, [ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st] 12 times. Row 3: Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 11 times, sc in last st. Row 4: Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 11 times, ch 1, sc in last st. Rows 5 to 28: Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 12 more times. The swatch of 28 rows is about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) high. Measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Gusset, fly band, hem and waistband: single crochet (UK: double crochet), 16 sts and 18.5 rows or rounds to 4 in (10 cm). Waistband: a round of dc is about ½ in (1.3 cm) high, a round of fpdc and bpdc about 3/8 in (1 cm).

Notes

- Men's sizes, by waist, hip and thigh; choose by the hip.
- Around the hip the shorts are 6½ in (16.5 cm) wider than the body at every size, and each leg below the gusset is from ¼ in (0.5 cm) to 2 in (5 cm) wider than the thigh; the gusset adds to it above. Before it is drawn in, the waistband is 1 in (2.5 cm) wider than the hip measurement, so that it goes over the hips; the drawstring draws it in to the waist. The back is higher than the front. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain of a row (ch 1) 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 (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into, or around, the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.

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- Moss stitch: after its first row every sc but those at the two edges goes into a ch-1 space of the row below, and there is a ch 1 between them. To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain. A chain at a turn never counts as a space.
- The waist rounds and the waistband are worked in rounds that are not turned, with the right side facing you; the back rise and all the other pieces are worked in rows that are turned.
- In the rib every fpdc stands on a fpdc of the round below and every bpdc on a bpdc; in the first rib round both stand on the dc.
- Left and right are those of the person who wears the shorts.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Every seam is sewn with whip stitch: sew over and over through the edges of both pieces.
- 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.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 46 times: work what is inside 46 times in all.
(93 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.

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.

Leg: make 2, alike

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	Each leg is one flat piece, front and back together, worked from the hem up. With the odd-numbered rows on the outside the piece is the left leg, as worn; turn the second piece over, so that its even-numbered rows are on the outside, and it is the right leg. Odd-numbered rows begin at the back edge and end at the front edge; even-numbered rows begin at the front edge. With yarn A, ch 94.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(93 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(93 sc)

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st**] 46 times**	(47 sc, 46 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 45 times**, sc in last st	(48 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 45 times**, ch 1, sc in last st	(47 sc, 46 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 8 to 91**	Repeat Rows 6 and 7, 42 more times	(47 sc, 46 ch-1 sps)

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

☐ **Row 92**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 45 times**, sc in last st	(48 sc, 45 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	The leg is about 23¼ in (59 cm) wide and 20 in (51 cm) long. Fasten off. Rows 1 to 34 of the two side edges will be the inseam, rows 35 to 54 take the gusset, and rows 55 to 92 are the front and the back seam.	

Gusset

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(17 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(17 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

☐ **End**	The gusset is a square, about 4¼ in (11 cm) wide and 4¼ in (11 cm) long. Fasten off.	

Pocket: make 2

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 22. Colors: rows 1 to 28 yarn A; rows 29 and 30 yarn B.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in last st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1, sc in last st	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 6 to 27**	Repeat Rows 4 and 5, 11 more times	(11 sc, 10 ch-1 sps)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, sc in last st	(12 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	(21 sc)

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☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(21 sc)
☐ **End**	The pocket is about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) wide and 6½ in (16.5 cm) deep. Fasten off.	

Waist rounds

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 5 of Assembly, when the legs are joined and the gusset is in. Hold the shorts with the right side facing and the waist edge uppermost. Join yarn A in the last sc of row 92 of the left leg, as worn, which is the one beside the back seam; ch 1, sc in each of the 48 sc and 45 ch-1 sps of row 92 of the left leg, from the back seam to the front seam (93 sc), then sc in each of the 48 sc and 45 ch-1 sps of row 92 of the right leg, from the front seam to the back seam (93 sc). There are 186 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1. The beginning of the rounds is the middle of the back.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; **[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 12 times**, **[**sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog**] 10 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(164 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back rise

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 5 of Assembly. These rows raise the back of the waist: they lie on the back alone, and each row after the first goes on into 7 sts more of rnd 2 of the waist rounds, beside the row below. Hold the waist rounds with the right side facing and rnd 2 uppermost. Count the sts of rnd 2 from its join, at the middle of the back, and join yarn A in the 145th st, 20 sts before the join; ch 1, sc in that st and in each of the next 19 sts to the end of the rnd, then sc in each of the first 20 sts of the rnd (40 sc). This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across, then sc in each of next 7 sts of rnd 2	(82 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7	
☐ **End**	Row 7 is a right side row; it has 82 sts, 41 at each side of the middle of the back, and 82 sts of rnd 2 are left free. Fasten off.	

Waistband

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 5 of Assembly. Hold the waist rounds with the right side facing and the last row of the back rise uppermost. Join yarn A in the 42nd st of row 7 of the back rise, the first st after the middle of the back; ch 1, sc in that st and in each of the next 40 sts to the end of row 7, sc in each of the 82 free sts of rnd 2 of the waist rounds, then sc in each of the first 41 sts of row 7 (164 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1. The beginning of the rounds is the middle of the back.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, ch 1, skip next st**] 82 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(82 dc, 82 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2; **[**dc in next st, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 82 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(164 dc)

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☐ **Rnds 4 to 6**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 82 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(82 fpdcs, 82 bpdcs)
4 5 6		
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Fly band

Yarn A, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 5**	Repeat Rows 2 and 3, once more	(8 sc)
4 5		
☐ **Rows 6 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
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		
☐ **End**	The band is about 2 in (5 cm) wide and 7 in (18 cm) long. With the right side facing and row 32 uppermost its left-hand edge is straight and its right-hand edge is rounded at the lower end. Fasten off.	

Drawstring

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 272.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(271 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The drawstring is about 59 in (150 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Pockets: the two pieces mirror each other. On each, lay a pocket on the outside, right side up and its yarn B edge uppermost, with its lower edge along the line between rows 54 and 55 and its upper edge along the line between rows 84 and 85, over the 21 sts and spaces that are the 29th to the 49th of the row counted from the front edge. Pin it, and with a new length of yarn A of about 48 in (120 cm) whip stitch it down one side, along the lower edge and up the other side; the top stays open.

2. Inseams: fold each leg lengthwise with its outside in, the left leg with its odd-numbered rows as the outside and the right leg with its even-numbered rows as the outside. With a new length of yarn A of about 22 in (55 cm) for each leg, sew the ends of rows 1 to 34 of the back edge to the ends of rows 1 to 34 of the front edge, row to row.

3. Front and back seams: leave the left leg wrong side out. Turn the right leg right side out and put it inside the left leg, back edge to back edge and front edge to front edge. With a new length of yarn A of about 24 in (60 cm) for each seam, sew the back edges together along the ends of rows 92 to 55, row to row, and then the front edges along the ends of the same rows. Rows 35 to 54 of all four edges stay open.

4. Gusset: take the right leg out and turn the shorts right side out. The opening between the legs has four sides of 20 row ends each: the left front, the right front, the right back and the left back, as worn. Its corners are the lower ends of

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the front seam and of the back seam and the upper ends of the two inseams. Lay the gusset in it with its right side outward and pin its four corners to these four. With a new length of yarn A of about 46 in (115 cm) whip stitch it in: its foundation chain, 17 chs, to the 20 row ends of the left front, about 7 row ends to every 6 chs; the ends of its rows 1 to 20 at the side edge that begins at the front seam to the 20 row ends of the right front, row to row; its row 20, 17 sts, to the right back, about 7 row ends to every 6 sts; and the ends of its rows at the other side edge to the left back, row to row.

5. Waistband: work it now, as written above: the waist rounds, the back rise and the waistband.

6. Fly band: lay it, right side up and row 32 uppermost, on the left front, as worn, with row 32 against the foot of rnd 1 of the waist rounds and its straight edge along the front seam. Pin it, and with a new length of yarn A of about 48 in (120 cm) whip stitch it down all around. Then, with a new length of yarn B of about 40 in (100 cm), work a line of backstitch one st in from its outer edge, from row 32 down and around the rounded end to the front seam, through the band and the front together. Backstitch: bring the needle up one st ahead of the last stitch and take it down where the last stitch ended.

7. Drawstring: rnd 2 of the waistband has 82 ch-1 sps. Counted from the join, at the middle of the back, the middle of the front lies between sps 41 and 42. Take one end of the drawstring from the outside in through sp 42, out through the next sp, and so on, in and out, all the way around; it comes out again through sp 41. Even out the two ends, make a knot in each, draw the waist in 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: 5 pieces.

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