Lace up crop top, off the shoulder

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



Finished size

About 37¼ in (94.5 cm) at the bust and about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm)

Skill

Easy

Bands of two stitches in rows, straight pieces, seams, a casing for elastic, eyelets and a cord

Yarn

Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In bands of half double crochet and V-stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: sand, main color — **about 675 yd (617 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: rust, contrast — **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, about 1½ yd (1.4 m) of elastic ½ in (12 mm) wide (enough for every size), sewing thread and a sewing needle, a safety pin 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.

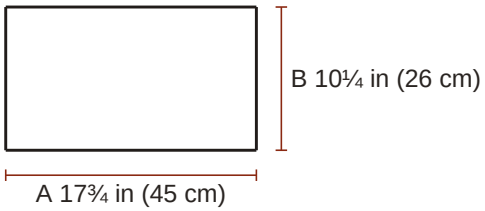
Sizes

Size	To fit bust	Yarn, an estimate	Bust, laced with the gap	Length	Side seam, without the hem edging	Upper edge, gathered by the elastic	Sleeve long	Sleeve around at the underarm	Sleeve around its lower edge	Cord long
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 605 yd (553 m)	29¼ in (74.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	28 in (71 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	80 in (203 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 655 yd (599 m)	33¼ in (84.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	32 in (81.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	19¼ in (49 cm)	80 in (203 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 705 yd (645 m)**	**37¼ in (94.5 cm)**	**11¼ in (28.5 cm)**	**7½ in (19 cm)**	**36 in (91.5 cm)**	**4¾ in (12 cm)**	**12½ in (32 cm)**	**20½ in (52 cm)**	**80 in (203 cm)**

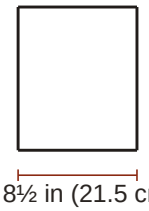
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L	41 in (104 cm)	about 780 yd (713 m)	41¼ in (105 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	7½ in (19 cm)	40 in (101.5 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	13¾ in (35 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm)	80 in (203 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 910 yd (832 m)	45¼ in (115 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	44 in (112 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	25 in (63.5 cm)	90 in (228.5 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 985 yd (901 m)	49¼ in (125 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	48 in (122 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	28¼ in (72 cm)	90 in (228.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 1,060 yd (969 m)	53¼ in (135.5 cm)	12¾ in (32.5 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	52 in (132 cm)	4¾ in (12 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	30½ in (77.5 cm)	90 in (228.5 cm)

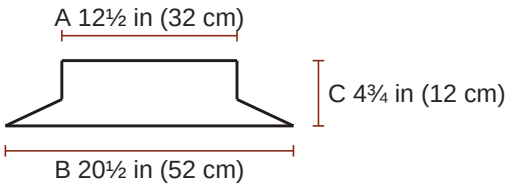
Schematic



Back, without the edgings
A half the bust, without the front bands
B from top to bottom



Front, without the edgings
A the whole width



Sleeve (top edge at the top)
A the top of the sleeve, opened flat
B half the cuff
C the sleeve

Gauge

18 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in bands of half double crochet and V-stitch.

Count every stitch and every chain as 1: each V is 3.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 27. Row 1 (RS): Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Row 2: Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across. Row 3: Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, [skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st] 8 times, dc in last st. Row 4: Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, [(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp] 8 times, dc in last st. Row 5: Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, [hdc in next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next st] 8 times, hdc in last st. Rows 6 to 17: Repeat Rows 2 to 5, 3 more times. The swatch of 17 rows is about 5¾ in (14.5 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. A band of 4 rows, 2 of half double crochet (UK: half treble) and 2 of V-stitch, is about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) high, and 2 rows of half double crochet are about ½ in (1.3 cm). Rows of single crochet (UK: double crochet) in the edgings and the casing: 21 rows to 4 in (10 cm). The modesty strip, all half double crochet: 18 sts and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- Women's sizes, by bust.
- Laced with a gap of 1½ in (4 cm) at the front, the top is ¼ in (0.5 cm) wider than the bust at each size. The cord makes the gap wider or narrower, and the elastic gathers the upper edge. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half double 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.
- The ch that is skipped at the start of row 1 is never counted, and nothing is worked into it later.

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- Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Left and right are those of the person who wears the top.
- A V-stitch is (dc, ch 1, dc) in one place. From the second row of V-stitch on, each V is worked into the ch-1 space of the V below it; the sts of that V are passed over. The sleeves end in wide V-stitches, (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc), worked in the same way.
- In front loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is nearer to you, and leave the farther loop free.
- Whip stitch: put the needle in through both edges from the back to the front, take the yarn over the edge, and do the same again a short step farther on.
- To work into a chain space, insert the hook under the whole chain.

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), **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.
[ ] 26 times: work what is inside 26 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(80 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot (picot, a small loop of 3 chains on an edge): Ch 3, sl st in the first of the 3 chains. A picot is not a stitch and is not counted.

Back

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 81.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(80 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(80 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 26 times**, dc in last st	(54 dc, 26 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, dc in last st	(54 dc, 26 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, **[**hdc in next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next st**] 26 times**, hdc in last st	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 29**	Repeat Rows 2 to 5, 6 more times	(80 hdc)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(80 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The back is about 17¾ in (45 cm) wide and 10¼ in (26 cm) high. The foundation chain is its lower edge.	

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Front: make 2

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 39.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(38 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(38 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 12 times**, dc in last st	(26 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**, dc in last st	(26 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, **[**hdc in next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next st**] 12 times**, hdc in last st	(38 hdc)
☐ **Rows 6 to 29**	Repeat Rows 2 to 5, 6 more times	(38 hdc)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(38 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Each front is about 8½ in (21.5 cm) wide and 10¼ in (26 cm) high. The two fronts are alike.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	The sleeve is worked from its top edge down. With yarn A, ch 57.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 18 times**, dc in last st	(38 dc, 18 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, dc in last st	(38 dc, 18 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in first st, **[**hdc in next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp, hdc in next st**] 18 times**, hdc in last st	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(56 hdc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**skip next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next st, skip next st**] 18 times**, dc in last st	(38 dc, 18 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, dc in last st	(38 dc, 18 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 9 to 12**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, dc in last st	(74 dc, 18 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, picot, sc in next 2 sts**] 18 times**, sc in last st	(92 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The foundation chain is the top edge; row 13 is the edge of the bell, about 20½ in (52 cm) around. Now the seams, with right sides together and with whip stitch. Sides: with a new length of yarn A of about 22 in (55 cm) for each side, sew the ends of rows 1 to 22 of a front to the ends of rows 1 to 22 of the back, row to row (22 row ends to 22). Rows 23 to 30 stay open for the arms. Sleeves: with a new length of yarn A of about 22 in (55 cm) for each sleeve, sew the ends of rows 1 to 8 at one edge of the sleeve to the ends of rows 30 to 23 of the front, row 1 to row 30, row 2 to row 29 and so on (8 row ends to 8), and the ends of rows 1 to 8 at its other edge to the ends of rows 30 to 23 of the back in the same way; then sew the two edges of rows 9 to 13 of the sleeve to each other, row to row (5 row ends to 5). Turn the top right side out. Each shoulder is left bare: the tops of the fronts, the sleeves and the back make one long upper edge.	

Hem edging

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the top with the right side facing and the foundation chains of the body uppermost. Join yarn A in the first ch at the right-hand end, at the front edge of the left front as worn; ch 1, then in order: sc in each of the 38 chs of the foundation chain of the left front, along their free side (38 sc); sc in each of the 80 chs of the foundation chain of the back, along their free side (80 sc); sc in each of the 38 chs of the foundation chain of the right front, along their free side (38 sc). There are 156 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(156 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, picot**] 51 times**, sc in next 3 sts	(156 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Casing of the upper edge

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the top with the right side facing and the upper edge uppermost. Join yarn A in the first st at the right-hand end of row 30 of the right front, at its front edge; ch 1, then in order: sc in each of the 38 sts of row 30 of the right front (38 sc); sc in each of the 56 chs of the foundation chain of the right sleeve, along their free side (56 sc); sc in each of the 80 sts of row 30 of the back (80 sc); sc in each of the 56 chs of the foundation chain of the left sleeve, along their free side (56 sc); sc in each of the 38 sts of row 30 of the left front (38 sc). There are 268 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(268 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in front loop only of each st across	(268 sc)

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☐ **Rows 5 to 6** 5 6	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(268 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Row 4, a wrong side row, was worked in front loops, so that the loops of row 3 that lie toward the right side make a ridge there. Turn rows 4 to 6 to the wrong side along that ridge, and with a new length of yarn A of about 152 in (385 cm) sew the top of row 6 to the back of row 1, 268 sts to 268 sts. Cut a piece of elastic ½ in (12 mm) wide and 36¼ in (92 cm) long and draw it through the casing with a safety pin. Turn ½ in (1.5 cm) of each end of the elastic under and pin the folded ends inside the casing, each fold 3/8 in (1 cm) in from its front edge, so that no elastic lies where the lacing edges will be worked: the elastic is then 35¼ in (89.5 cm) from fold to fold, and it gathers the upper edge, which is 59½ in (151 cm) long, to 36 in (91.5 cm) with the 3/8 in (1 cm) at each end. Hold the top around you, and take the elastic in or let it out as you like; then sew its folded ends firmly to both layers of the casing with sewing thread, each still 3/8 in (1 cm) in from its front edge.	

Right lacing edge

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the top with the right side facing and the front edge of the right front, as worn, uppermost: the hem is at the right-hand end. Join yarn A in the end of row 3 of the hem edging; ch 1, then in order: along rows 1 to 3 of the hem edging, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc); along rows 1 to 30 of the right front, sc in the end of each row of half double crochet and 2 sc in the end of each row of V-stitch (44 sc); through both layers of the casing, along rows 1 to 3 of the casing of the upper edge, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc). There are 50 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, **[**ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(32 sc, 9 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts	(50 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The 9 ch-2 sps of row 2 are the eyelets. The edge is about 5/8 in (1.6 cm) wide.	

Left lacing edge

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the top with the right side facing and the front edge of the left front, as worn, uppermost: the casing is at the right-hand end. Join yarn A in the end of row 3 of the casing of the upper edge; ch 1, then in order: through both layers of the casing, along rows 1 to 3 of the casing of the upper edge, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc); along rows 1 to 30 of the left front, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each row of half double crochet and 2 sc in the end of each row of V-stitch (44 sc); along rows 1 to 3 of the hem edging, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (3 sc). There are 50 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, **[**ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, ch 2, skip next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(32 sc, 9 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts	(50 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. The 9 ch-2 sps of row 2 are the eyelets. The edge is about 5/8 in (1.6 cm) wide.	

Modesty strip

Yarn A, sand.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(18 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 41**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(18 hdc)

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off. The strip is about 4 in (10 cm) wide and 11 in (28 cm) long.	

Cord

Yarn B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 415.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(414 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The cord is about 80 in (203 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Modesty strip: lay the top flat with the wrong side up. Lay the strip behind the front opening, row 1 about 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the lower edge of the hem edging, its right side toward the wrong side of the top, with one long edge along the line where row 1 of the right lacing edge begins. With a new length of yarn A of about 30 in (75 cm) sew that long edge down with small stitches that do not show on the right side. The other long edge stays free and lies behind the left front.

2. Cord: each lacing edge has 9 eyelets, 9 opposite 9. Bring the two ends of the cord up from behind through the lowest two eyelets, one end through each, with the same length on each side. Cross the ends over the gap and bring each up from behind through the next eyelet of the other edge, and go on so to the top eyelets. The cord passes over the modesty strip. Put the top on with the cord loosened, draw the cord in until the gap is about 1½ in (4 cm) wide, and tie its ends in a bow at the top. Tie a knot about 1 in (2.5 cm) from each end of the cord.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 9,076 stitches.

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