Plus size bralette with wide straps

1X, medium cup · US terms



Finished size
About 35¾ in (91 cm) along the band, without the ties, and about 3 in (7.5 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
Ribs and rows, increases and decreases, picked up stitches

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.

You will need

Yarn A: plum, main — **about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, contrast — **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
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	Underband without the ties	Underband depth, without the edging	Each cup along the underband	Cup height	Strap width, with its edgings	Strap length	Yarn, an estimate
L, medium cup	32½ in (82.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	about 470 yd (430 m)
L, full cup	32½ in (82.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	about 525 yd (480 m)
1X, medium cup (this file)	**35¾ in (91 cm)**	**3 in (7.5 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**	**8¼ in (21 cm)**	**2¾ in (7 cm)**	**22½ in (57 cm)**	**about 500 yd (457 m)**
1X, full cup	35¾ in (91 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	about 585 yd (535 m)
2X, medium cup	39½ in (100.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	about 560 yd (512 m)
2X, full cup	39½ in (100.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	about 640 yd (585 m)
3X, medium cup	42¾ in (108.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	about 560 yd (512 m)

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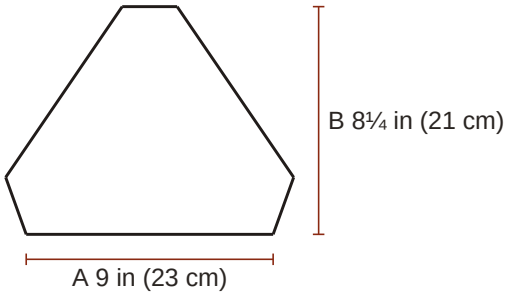
3X, full cup	42¾ in (108.5 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	2¾ in (7 cm)	23½ in (59.5 cm)	about 670 yd (613 m)
4X, medium cup	46½ in (118 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	about 645 yd (590 m)
4X, full cup	46½ in (118 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	11¼ in (28.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	about 750 yd (686 m)
5X, medium cup	50 in (127 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	about 675 yd (617 m)
5X, full cup	50 in (127 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	3¼ in (8.5 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	about 780 yd (713 m)

Schematic



Cup
A the each cup along the underband
B the cup height

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sl st slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
ch chain stitch
RS right side
st stitch
back loop only under the one loop of the stitch that is farther from you

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. It leaves 1 sc2tog for the next row.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops. It leaves 1 hdc2tog for the next row.

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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. Underband: 16 sts and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet rib (UK: double crochet rib). Single crochet rows without the rib: 18.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Before you start

- Women's plus sizes, each with two cups. Choose the size by the underbust, measured snugly just below the bust, and the cup by the full bust.
- The underband without its ties is about 3 in (7.5 cm) shorter than the underbust; the ties close it. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half 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.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Single crochet rib: row 1 is plain single crochet, and every row after it is worked in back loops only.
- The underband is worked sideways: its rows run up and down the body, so that it stretches around.
- The increases in the middle of a cup make room for the bust: a medium cup has 3 pairs of them, a full cup 6. Row 1 of a cup is a right side row, and so is every row with an odd number.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.
- To fit underbust 39 in (99 cm) and full bust 44½ in (113 cm).

Instructions

Chosen: 1X, medium cup. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and sl st is slip stitch.

Underband

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 152**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	**(12 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 152: tick them off as you go.

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	137	138	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146
147	148	149	150	151	152																							

☐ **End**	Fasten off. The underband comes to about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide and 35¾ in (91 cm) long (12 sts, 152 rows). It lies along the body: one long edge, made of the ends of the rows, is the upper edge. Its two faces are alike; call one of them the right side.	

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Cup: make 2, side by side

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	First cup, the right-hand one: with the right side of the underband facing and its upper edge uppermost, count 36 row ends from the right-hand end and leave them free. Join yarn A in the next row end; ch 1, and over 38 row ends work hdc in the end of each of the next 9 rows, skip the end of the next row, hdc in the end of each of the next 18 rows, skip the end of the next row, hdc in the end of each of the next 9 rows (36 hdc). Second cup: leave the next 4 row ends free, between the cups, and join yarn A in the row end after them; ch 1, and work 36 hdc over 38 row ends in the same way; 36 row ends stay free after it. This is row 1, and a right side row. Work rows 2 and on for each cup by itself; both cups are alike.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(36 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts	**(38 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(38 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 15 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 15 sts	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(40 hdc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 16 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 16 sts	**(42 hdc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(42 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 9 to 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(36 hdc)**

A box for each row, 9 to 11: tick them off as you go.

9 10 11

☐ **Rows 12 to 15**	Repeat Rows 8 to 11, once more	**(30 hdc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 15: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14 15

☐ **Rows 16 to 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(26 hdc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 17: tick them off as you go.

16 17

☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(26 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 19 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	**(14 hdc)**

A box for each row, 19 to 24: tick them off as you go.

19 20 21 22 23 24

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 29**	Repeat Rows 22 to 25, once more	**(8 hdc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 29: tick them off as you go.

26 27 28 29

☐ **Rows 30 to 104**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	**(8 hdc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 104: tick them off as you go.

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

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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

☐ **End**	Rows 29 to 104 are the strap. Fasten off.	

Neck edging

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the end of the strap of the first cup, the right-hand one, at its left-hand corner; ch 1 and go down the inner edge: along the 76 rows of the strap, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 14 times, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows (90 sc); along the 28 rows of the cup, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 12 times, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (40 sc). Work sc in each of the 4 row ends of the underband between the cups (4 sc). Go on up the inner edge of the second cup: along the 28 rows of the cup, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 12 times, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (40 sc); along the 76 rows of the strap, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 14 times, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows (90 sc). There are 264 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 129 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 129 sts	**(262 sc)**
☐ **End**	The two decreases turn the foot of the neckline. Fasten off.	

Right outer edging

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the right-hand end of the upper edge of the underband; ch 1; along the 36 free rows of the underband, sc in the end of each of the next 8 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 17 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 9 rows (34 sc); then up the outer edge of the first cup: along the 28 rows of the cup, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 12 times, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (40 sc); along the 76 rows of the strap, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 14 times, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows (90 sc). There are 164 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(164 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left outer edging

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn B at the end of the strap of the second cup, at its left-hand corner; ch 1 and go down the outer edge: along the 76 rows of the strap, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 14 times, sc in the end of each of the next 6 rows (90 sc); along the 28 rows of the cup, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 12 times, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (40 sc); then along the 36 free rows of the underband, sc in the end of each of the next 8 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 17 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 9 rows (34 sc). There are 164 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(164 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Lower edging

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the bralette so that the lower edge of the underband is uppermost. With the right side facing, join yarn B at the right-hand end; ch 1; along the 152 rows of the underband, [sc in the end of each of the next 20 rows, skip the end of the next row] 7 times, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (145 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(145 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 24 times**	**(25 sc, 120 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back tie: make 4

Yarn A, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 61.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(60 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Each back tie is about 13 in (33 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Straps: lay the bralette flat with the wrong side of the cups facing you and the straps away from you. Fold the two free halves of the back in over the front, each along the outer edge of its cup, so that the ends of the underband point to each other at the middle of the back; the right side of these two halves now faces you. Bring both straps toward you, turned over at the shoulders so that their right side faces you, and cross them: the strap of the left-hand cup goes to the right-hand half of the back, and the strap of the right-hand cup to the left-hand half. Slip the end of each strap under its half of the back, between the back and the front, so that the right side of the strap lies against the wrong side of the underband. The strap lies over row ends 12 to 23 of the upper edge, counted from the end of that half, and its end lies 1 in (2.5 cm) below the upper edge. Pin both straps; they cross once at the back and have no other turn in them.

2. Try the bralette on and move the ends of the straps up or down until they sit as you want. Then sew each strap with yarn A to the wrong side of the underband: along its two sides, its end and the upper edge of the underband.

3. Ties: at each end of the underband sew one end of one tie to the wrong side behind st 3 of the 12 sts of the rib row at that end and one end of another behind st 10. To wear it, tie the two upper ties together and the two lower ones.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces; 5,568 stitches (1,824 in the underband, 1,312 in each cup, 262 in the neck edging, 164 in the right outer edging, 164 in the left outer edging, 290 in the lower edging, 60 in each back tie).

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