Triangle bikini set with tie sides

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



Finished size

About 9½ in (24 cm) at the each cup across its lower and about 8 in (20.5 cm) at the each cup from the lower

To fit a bust of 37 in (94 cm) and a hip of 39 in (99 cm)

Skill

Easy

Basic stitches in rows, simple shaping

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: coral, main color **about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: ivory, contrast **about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 170 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, stretch swimsuit lining, 58 in (147 cm) wide or more, about ¾ yd (0.7 m), enough for every size, sewing thread and a sewing needle 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	Bust	Yarn, an estimate	Each cup across its lower	Each cup from the lower	Front of the bottom across	Back of the bottom across	Front of bottom, top to middle of crotch	Crotch across, with the edging
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 365 yd (334 m)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	6¾ in (17 cm)	12 in (30.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	4 in (10 cm)
S	33 in (84 cm)	about 400 yd (366 m)	9 in (23 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	13½ in (34.5 cm)	15 in (38 cm)	8¾ in (22 cm)	4 in (10 cm)
M (this file)	**37 in (94 cm)**	**about 430 yd (393 m)**	**9½ in (24 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**15 in (38 cm)**	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**4 in (10 cm)**
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 460 yd (421 m)	10 in (25.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	4 in (10 cm)

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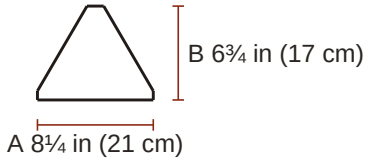
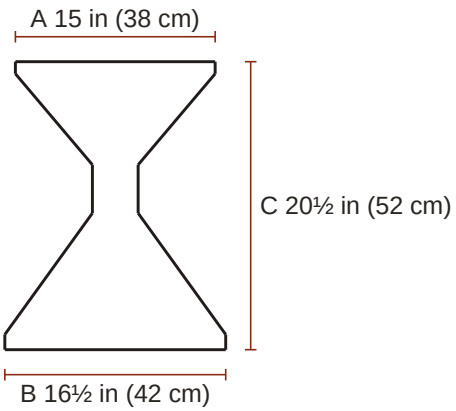
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 515 yd (471 m)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	18 in (45.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 575 yd (526 m)	11 in (28 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	21 in (53.5 cm)	24 in (61 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 630 yd (576 m)	11½ in (29 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	22½ in (57 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	4½ in (11.5 cm)

Schematic



Cup, make 2, without the edging
A each cup from the lower
B from top to bottom



Bottom, laid open (front at the top)
A across the top
B the whole width
C 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: a row of single crochet is as high as a row of the fabric; a row of shells (5 dc in one st) is about ½ in (1.3 cm) high. Casing: a row of dc and ch 1 is about ½ in (1.3 cm) high.

Notes

- Women's sizes, by bust and hip.
- The cups slide on the cord and the bottom is tied at the sides, so the ties set the fit: the front and the back of the bottom together are from 6½ in (16.5 cm) to 8 in (20.5 cm) narrower than the hip, by the size, and the side ties span the rest. No fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- Buy cotton for both yarns. Better still is a cotton with some elastic in it, whose label says that it is fit for swimwear: it keeps its length better in water.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single 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.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.

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- Lining: work every edging first, and line the pieces before any tie is sewn on. The lining covers the wrong side as far as row 1 of the edging and, at the lower edge of a cup, as far as row 1 of the casing; row 2 of the casing stays free for the cord. Lay each cup and the opened-out bottom flat, right side up, on the wrong side of the lining and put pins through row 1 of the edging, and of the casing, into the lining all around. Cut the lining ½ in (1.3 cm) outside the pins. Turn that ½ in (1.3 cm) under, so that the fold lies along the line of the pins, and pin it to the wrong side of the piece. 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. Tie the ties a little closer than you would on land. Rinse out salt or chlorine and dry the piece flat, not hanging.
- Front of the bottom from its top to the middle of the crotch, without the edging 9¼ in (23.5 cm).

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch, **sp** space.
RS right side, the one that shows.
5 dc in next st: all in one stitch.
[ ] 16 times: work what is inside 16 times in all.
(33 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.

Cup: make 2

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 34.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(33 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(33 sc)
	2 3	
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(31 sc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 30**	Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 13 more times (29, 27, 25, 23, 21, 19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5 sc at the ends of the repeats)	(5 sc)
	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	
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Casing: make 2

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Turn the cup so that the foundation chain is uppermost. With the right side facing, join yarn A in the first ch at the right-hand end of this edge; ch 1, sc in each of the 33 chs of the foundation chain along their free side (33 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**ch 1, skip next st, dc in next st**] 16 times**	(17 dc, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cup edging: make 2

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the cup with the wrong side facing and the casing at the bottom. Join yarn B at the lower right-hand corner, in the end of row 2 of the casing; ch 1, 2 sc in the end of row 2 of the casing, sc in the end of row 1 of the casing, sc in the end of each of the next 31 rows up the cup, sc in each of the 5 sts of row 31 across its top, sc in the end of each of the next 31 rows down the cup, sc in the end of row 1 of the casing, 2 sc in the end of row 2 of the casing (73 sc). This is row 1, and a wrong side row.	
☐ **Row 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 12 times**	(13 sc, 60 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Band cord

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 300.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(299 sl sts)
☐ **End**	The band cord is about 65 in (165 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off.	

Neck tie: make 2

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 93.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(92 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each neck tie is about 20 in (51 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing. Both yarn ends of the tie are at this end of it, the end that is sewn on.	

Bottom

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 58.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(57 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(57 sc)
2 3 4		
☐ **Rows 5 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog	(29 sc)
5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18		
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 35**	Repeat Rows 18 and 19, 8 more times (27, 25, 23, 21, 19, 17, 15, 13 sc at the ends of the repeats)	(13 sc)
20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35		
☐ **Rows 36 to 50**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(13 sc)
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50		
☐ **Rows 51 to 61**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 2 sc in last st	(35 sc)
51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61		
☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(35 sc)
☐ **Rows 63 to 90**	Repeat Rows 61 and 62, 14 more times (37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63 sc at the ends of the repeats)	(63 sc)
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		
☐ **Rows 91 to 95**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(63 sc)
91 92 93 94 95		
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging of the right leg, as worn

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 1, at the upper left-hand corner; ch 1 and go down the left-hand edge: along rows 1 to 4, sc in the end of the next row, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (3 sc); along rows 5 to 18, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 4 times, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (18 sc); along rows 19 to 34, sc in the end of each of the next 15 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row (17 sc); along rows 35 to 50, 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 4 rows] twice, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (13 sc); along rows 51 to 60, [sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, sc in the end of the next row (13 sc); along rows 61 to 90, [sc in the end of each of the next 14 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice (32 sc); along rows 91 to 95, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (4 sc). There are 100 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across (100 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Edging of the left leg, as worn

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bottom with the right side facing and the foundation chain uppermost. Join yarn B in the end of row 95, at the lower right-hand corner; ch 1 and go up the right-hand edge: along rows 91 to 95, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows (4 sc); along rows 61 to 90, met from the last of them, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 14 rows] twice (32 sc); along rows 51 to 60, met from the last of them, sc in the end of the next row, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 3 times (13 sc); along rows 35 to 50, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] twice, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (13 sc); along rows 19 to 34, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 15 rows (17 sc); along rows 5 to 18, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] 4 times (18 sc); along rows 1 to 4, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, skip the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row (3 sc). There are 100 sc in all. This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(100 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Front top edging

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bottom with the wrong side facing and the foundation chain uppermost. Join yarn B at the upper right-hand corner, in the end of row 2 of the leg edging there; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the leg edging, sc in each of the 57 chs of the foundation chain along their free side, sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the other leg edging (61 sc). This is row 1, and a wrong side row.	
☐ **Row 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 10 times**	(11 sc, 50 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back top edging

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Hold the bottom with the wrong side facing and row 95 uppermost. Join yarn B at the upper right-hand corner, in the end of row 2 of the leg edging there; ch 1, sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the leg edging, sc in each of the 63 sts of row 95, sc in the end of each of the 2 rows of the other leg edging (67 sc). This is row 1, and a wrong side row.	
☐ **Row 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**skip next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 11 times**	(12 sc, 55 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Side tie: make 4

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn B, ch 84.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(83 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Each side tie is about 18 in (45.5 cm) long (the slip stitches draw the chain in). Fasten off, leaving an end of about 8 in (20 cm) for sewing. Both yarn ends of the tie are at this end of it, the end that is sewn on.	

Assembly

1. Neck ties: sew the end of a neck tie with the yarn ends to the wrong side of the top of each cup, behind the middle sc (the 37th of the 73 sc) of row 1 of the cup edging, with the yarn end left for sewing.

2. Band cord: hold a cup with its right side facing you. Bring the cord up through the first space of the casing at the right-hand end and down through the next one, and go on in the same way through the 16 spaces, ending with the cord down at the back. Thread the second cup in the same way. The cups slide along the cord: set them side by side and gather each a little. To wear the top, tie the two ends of the band cord behind the back and the two neck ties behind the neck.

3. Side ties: sew the end of a side tie with the yarn ends to the wrong side of each of the four top corners of the bottom, at the 2nd sc of row 1 of the top edging from the corner, with the yarn end left for sewing. To wear it, tie the two ties of each side in a bow.

Finishing

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

In all: 10 pieces; 5,418 stitches.

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