CROCHET SHORTS: BEAUTIFUL EASY PAIR IN 6 SIZES

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FINISHED SIZE

Women sizes XS (S, M, L, XL, XXL). All measurements are after blocking, taken without stretching the shorts. The shorts will stretch a few inches when worn.

- Waist circumference: 28.28 (29.14, 30.85, 32.57, 34.28, 36) inches / 71.8 (74, 78.4, 82.7, 87.1, 91.4) cm
- Hip circumference: 32.57 (34.28, 36.85, 39.42, 42, 44.57) inches / 82.7 (87.1, 93.6, 100.1, 106.7, 113.2) cm
- Inseam length: 2 (2, 2.57, 3.14, 3.71, 4.28) inches / 5 (5, 6.5, 8, 9.4, 10.9) cm
- Total length: 11.71 (12.85, 13.42, 15.14, 16.85, 18.57) inches / 29.7 (32.6, 34.1, 38.5, 42.8, 47.2) cm

Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy intermediate. You need foundation double crochet, double crochet, single crochet, slip stitches, chain stitches, double crochet 2 together, double crochet 3 together, and working into chain spaces. The designer includes a full video tutorial with the free pattern.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. The body is a simple two-round repeat that works up quickly, and most makers finish a pair over a few relaxed evenings. That time is an estimate, not a source fact.

MATERIALS

- Number 2 fine or sport weight yarn with stretch and recovery, Perfect Bikini Stretch yarn
- Color A: 270 (330, 400, 470, 540, 610) yards / 247 (302, 366, 430, 494, 558) m
- Color B: 150 (180, 220, 260, 300, 340) yards / 137 (165, 201, 238, 274, 311) m
- 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Elastic band, cut to the length in the elastic section below
- Sewing needle and thread to sew the elastic band
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

- 2 stitch markers

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. sc: single crochet. dc: double crochet. dc2tog: double crochet 2 stitches together. dc3tog: double crochet 3 stitches together. sl st: slip stitch. sk: skip. bl: back loop. sp: space. st(s): stitch(es). beg: beginning. beg dc: beginning double crochet (1 sc and then ch 1 loosely). FDC: foundation double crochet. rep: repeat. Rnd: round.

NOTES

This pattern uses US crochet terms throughout. If you are used to UK terms, remember that a US double crochet is a UK treble crochet, so do not convert the stitches in this pattern. Sizes are written as XS (S, M, L, XL, XXL). Highlight the numbers for your size before you start. The shorts are worked from the top down, so you can try them on as you work and add rounds to make them longer. The waistband is worked in rounds with a seamless join. If you prefer a plain slip stitch join, join with a sl st into the first stitch and start the next round with ch 3, which counts as 1 dc, then continue the pattern as written. For the seamless join, place a stitch marker in the slip stitch join and another in the beg dc of the next round, so you can find the first and last stitch of each round. Cut the yarn every time you change colors, or carry the unused yarn along the back of your work and bring it up when you need it again. The number in brackets at the end of each round is the stitch count you should have, so count your stitches at the end of every round.

GAUGE

Blocked: 28 dc and 14 rows to 4 inches (10 cm). The waistband and the body of the shorts have the same gauge. Check your gauge before you start and adjust your hook size if you need to, because the fit of a garment depends on it.

WAISTBAND

Work with Color A and the 2.5 mm hook.

Rnd 1: There are two ways to start. Make 198 (204, 216, 228, 240, 252) FDC, which is the method the designer used, or make 200 (206, 218, 230, 242, 254) ch loosely, then sk 3 ch (count as 1 dc), 1 dc into the next ch and each ch across, then join the ends together to form the waistband. Use the seamless join method. (198 (204, 216, 228, 240, 252) dc)

Rnd 2: Beg dc into the first st, the same st where you pulled your loop up at the end of the previous round, 1 dc into the next st and each st around. End the round with a seamless join. (198 (204, 216, 228, 240, 252) dc)

Rnds 3-9: Repeat Rnd 2. (198 (204, 216, 228, 240, 252) dc)

Rnd 10: 1 sc into the first st, the same st where you pulled your loop up at the end of the previous round, (ch 3, sk 2 sts, 1 sc into the next st) repeat from (to) until you have 2 sts left, ch 3, sk the next 2 sts, sl st into the first sc, cut the yarn. (66 (68, 72, 76, 80, 84) ch-sp)

BODY

Place your stitch markers before you start the body. Place the first stitch marker in the chain space you want to be the center back of your shorts. Then skip 32 (33, 35, 37, 39, 41) ch-sp and place the second stitch marker in the next ch-sp. This marks the center front of your shorts. You should have 32 (33, 35, 37, 39, 41) ch-sp remaining on the other side as well. Keep your stitch markers in the same center front and center back chain spaces throughout the pattern.

Rnd 1 (Color B): Add the new yarn into the center back ch-sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 2 dc into the same sp, 3 dc into the next ch-sp and each ch-sp until you reach the center front ch-sp, 6 dc into the center front ch-sp, 3 dc into the next ch-sp and each ch-sp across, end the round with 3 dc into the same center back ch-sp, sl st into the beg 3rd ch. (204 (210, 222, 234, 246, 258) dc)

Rnd 2 (Color B): Ch 2 loosely (do not count as a st), dc2tog, ch 3, (dc3tog, ch 3) repeat from (to) around, end the round with a sl st into the first dc2tog, cut the yarn. (68 (70, 74, 78, 82, 86) ch-sp)

Rnd 3 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 1. (210 (216, 228, 240, 252, 264) dc)

Rnd 4 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 2. (70 (72, 76, 80, 84, 88) ch-sp)

Repeat Rnds 1-4: 5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 9) more times. You will have a total of 24 (28, 28, 32, 36, 40) rounds. You increase in every other round. By the end of Rnd 24 (28, 28, 32, 36, 40), you will have a total of 90 (96, 100, 108, 116, 124) ch-sp.

RIGHT LEG (when you are wearing the shorts)

Rnd 1 (Color B): Add the new yarn into the center back ch-sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 2 dc into the same sp, 3 dc into the next ch-sp and each ch-sp until you reach the center front ch-sp, 3 dc into the center front ch-sp, ch 12 (12, 15, 18, 21, 24), sl st into the beg 3rd ch. (150 (159, 168, 183, 198, 213) sts, including the ch sts)

Rnd 2 (Color B): Ch 2 loosely (do not count as a st), dc2tog, ch 3, (dc3tog, ch 3) repeat from (to) around. When you reach the ch sts, work into them just like a regular stitch. End the round with a sl st into the first dc2tog, cut the yarn. (50 (53, 56, 61, 66, 71) ch-sp)

Rnd 3 (Color A): Add the new yarn wherever you prefer. The designer likes to add it along the inside seam of the shorts. Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 2 dc into the same sp, 3 dc into the next ch-sp and each ch-sp around, end the round with a sl st into the beg 3rd ch. (150 (159, 168, 183, 198, 213) dc)

Rnd 4 (Color A): Ch 2 loosely (do not count as a st), dc2tog, ch 3, (dc3tog, ch 3) repeat from (to) around, end the round with a sl st into the first dc2tog, cut the yarn. (50 (53, 56, 61, 66, 71) ch-sp)

Sizes XS and S only

Rnd 5 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 6 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 7 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 8 (Color A): Ch 1, (sl st into the next st, ch 1) repeat from (to) around, cut the yarn and weave in the end.

Size M only

Rnd 5 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 6 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 7 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 8 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 9 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 10 (Color B): Ch 1, (sl st into the next st, ch 1) repeat from (to) around, cut the yarn and weave in the end.

Size L only

Rnd 5 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 6 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 7 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 8 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 9 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 10 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 11 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 12 (Color A): Ch 1, (sl st into the next st, ch 1) repeat from (to) around, cut the yarn and weave in the end.

Size XL only

Rnd 5 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 6 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 7 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 8 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 9 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 10 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 11 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 12 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 13 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 14 (Color B): Ch 1, (sl st into the next st, ch 1) repeat from (to) around, cut the yarn and weave in the end.

Size XXL only

Rnd 5 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 6 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 7 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 8 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 9 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 10 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 11 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 12 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 13 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 14 (Color B): Repeat Rnd 4.

Rnd 15 (Color A): Repeat Rnd 3.

Rnd 16 (Color A): Ch 1, (sl st into the next st, ch 1) repeat from (to) around, cut the yarn and weave in the end.

Note: These shorts are designed to be on the shorter side, with an inseam of about 2 (2, 2.57, 3.14, 3.71, 4.28) inches / 5 (5, 6.5, 8, 9.4, 10.9) cm. If you prefer longer shorts, or even want to turn them into pants, just keep repeating Rnds 3 and 4, and change colors every two rounds. Be sure to make the same number of rounds on both legs.

LEFT LEG (when you are wearing the shorts)

Rnd 1 (Color B): Add the new yarn into the center front ch-sp, ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), 2 dc into the same sp, 3 dc into the next ch-sp and each ch-sp until you reach the center back ch-sp, 3 dc into the center back ch-sp, 1 dc into each of the 12 (12, 15, 18, 21, 24) ch that you made on the right leg, sl st into the beg 3rd ch. (150 (159, 168, 183, 198, 213) dc)

Rnds 2-8 (8, 10, 12, 14, 16): Work the same as the right leg, making the same number of rounds as you did for the right leg.

ADDING THE ELASTIC BAND INTO THE WAISTBAND

How long to cut the elastic band depends on how you like the shorts to fit, and there are many kinds of elastic band. The designer recommends the following lengths.

- Light elastic band, cut 19 (21, 23, 25, 28, 32) inches / 48 (53, 58, 64, 71, 81) cm
- Medium elastic band, cut 21 (23, 25, 27, 30, 34) inches / 53 (58, 64, 69, 76, 86) cm
- Heavy duty elastic band, cut 25 (27, 29, 31, 34, 38) inches / 64 (69, 74, 79, 86, 97) cm

Keep in mind that the elastic band holds the shorts up, so cut it shorter if you need to. Sew the elastic band ends together. You can sew it by hand or with a sewing machine.

ATTACHING THE ELASTIC INTO THE WAISTBAND

Make sure to weave in the end where you started the waistband before attaching the elastic band. Hold 2 strands of Color A together. It will cover the elastic band much better than just 1 strand.

Step 1: Make a slip knot, insert the hook into the loop, bring your elastic band and hold it in your left hand.

Step 2: Insert the hook into any stitch of the waistband you prefer. Make sure to go under the elastic band, and the working yarn should be above the elastic band. Yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through all loops on the hook. You have just made a single crochet stitch.

Step 3: Insert the hook into the next stitch. Make sure to go under the elastic band, and the working yarn should be above the elastic band. Yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through

all loops on the hook. You have just made a single crochet stitch.

Repeat Step 3 around the waistband, cut the yarn and weave in all the ends. The designer used an invisible join.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends with the yarn needle, hiding them inside the work so they do not show. Block the shorts gently to the finished measurements and let them dry flat.

TIPS FOR NEAT SHORTS

- Check your gauge first. The waistband and the body share the same gauge, 28 dc and 14 rows to 4 inches (10 cm), so a swatch tells you everything you need to know before you start.
- Keep the markers in place. The center front and center back markers stay in the same chain spaces through the whole body, so the increases land in the right places and the legs split evenly.
- Count the chain spaces, not just the stitches. After every mesh round, count the chain spaces: 66 (68, 72, 76, 80, 84) after waistband Rnd 10, then 68 (70, 74, 78, 82, 86) after body Rnd 2, growing by 2 every two rounds to 90 (96, 100, 108, 116, 124) at the end of the body.
- Make both legs the same. Work the same number of rounds on the left leg as on the right leg, or the shorts will hang unevenly.
- Try them on. The shorts are worked from the top down, so try them on before you split for the legs and again before the final edging round.

VARIATIONS

- Longer shorts or pants: keep repeating leg Rnds 3 and 4, changing colors every two rounds, until the legs reach the length you want. Make the same number of rounds on both legs.
- One color: work the whole pair in a single color instead of two. The mesh rounds still give the fabric its airy feel.
- A matching set: pair the shorts with our crochet tank top or crochet halter top in the same yarn for a light summer set.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by KnitCroAddict: Crochet Shorts Pattern (Free Pattern and Video Tutorial), https://www.knitcroaddict.com/crochet-shorts-pattern-free-pattern-video-tutorial/

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