

Crochet String Bikini Bottoms



Things You Will Need:

- Any yarn weight (Cotton fiber is recommended.)
- Crochet hook (Choose a hook size that will give you a tight stitch for the yarn used.)
- Measuring tape
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Paper
- Scissors
- Optional-jersey fabric, straight pins, needle and thread

Abbreviations:

- ch = chain
- st(s) = stitches
- sc = single crochet
- sl st = slip stitch
- dec = decrease
- inc = increase
- sk = skip
- bl = back loop

Custom Fit and Pattern Notes:

- Pattern is written in steps instead of rows to accommodate your individual custom measurements.
- Back and front measurements are not the same. The back measurements will be larger than the front.
- Working in the back loops will create a smoother, less bulky texture than working in both loops.

Measurements Needed:

- Measure across the front where the top of the panties will be.
- Measure down from the top-front edge to where the crotch will begin.
- Measure across the back where the top of the panties will be.
- Measure down from the top-back edge to where the crotch will begin.
- Measure the width of the crotch area and the length of crotch from front to back.

What To Do:

1. Trace the measurements on paper, connecting the ends. The finished pattern will resemble an hour glass with one side larger than the other. You will match your sts and rows to your customized pattern shape.
2. Ch the width of the top-front edge of your pattern.
3. Sc in the second ch from the hook and in each ch across.
4. Ch 1, turn. Sc in the bl of each st across. **Note: All sc are worked in the bl throughout.**
5. Ch 1, turn. Dec the first two sts, sc to the last two sts, dec.
6. Using your pattern as a guide, repeat either Step 4 or 5 as needed to achieve the shape of the front. Last row should be the width of the crotch area.
7. Repeat Step 4 until the crotch is the length of the pattern.
8. Ch 1, turn. 2 sc in the first st (inc), sc across, 2 sc in the last st.
9. Repeat either Step 4 or 8 as needed to achieve the shape of the back. Last row should be the width of the top-back edge of your pattern.



10. Side Edging-Ch 2. Work down the side edges on the row ends. *Sc in the end of the next row, ch 2, sk the next row.* Repeat from * to * to the top-front edge.
11. Top Edging-Working across the top-edge, *sc in the first st, ch 2, sk next st.* Repeat from * to * across.
12. Repeat Steps 10 and 11 for the remaining side and the top-back edge. Sl st to the base of the first ch 2 and fasten off. Weave in the ends.



13. Ties-Tie and knot the yarn tail to one corner of the bikini bottoms. Weave in the end. Ch until the tie is 18" or the length desired. Fasten off. Tie the end in a knot to finish. Repeat with ties on each corner of the bottoms.



14. If a lining is desired, use the paper pattern to cut out the shape from jersey fabric in a color that matches your yarn. Pin the fabric to the inside of the bottoms. Fold the edges under and hand sew to the inside yarn sts.