

TWO-TONE CROCHET CARGO SHORTS

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL



OVERVIEW

Stylish and functional two-tone crochet shorts with cargo pockets, elastic waistband, drawstring and button details.



SIZES

XS (S, M, L, XL)
Waist: 24-26 (26-28, 28-30, 30-32, 32-34) in
Hips: 34-36 (36-38, 38-40, 40-42, 42-44) in
Length: 13 (13.5, 14, 14.5, 15) in

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn (Cotton or Cotton blend)
- Approx. 450 (500, 550, 600, 650) yd Main color (beige/cream)
- Approx. 150 (150, 200, 200, 250) yd Contrast color (black)
- 4.0 mm (G-6) crochet hook
- 5.0 mm (H-8) crochet hook
- Elastic band: 1.5 in (4 cm) wide
- Drawstring cord
- 4 buttons (1 in / 2.5 cm)
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch markers

FINISHED LOOK



FRONT VIEW



BACK VIEW

GAUGE (Save time, check your gauge!)

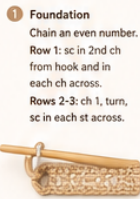
16 dc x 9 rows = 4 in (10 cm) with 5.0 mm hook in double crochet (dc) stitch.

US CROCHET STITCH GUIDE

⇄	ch	Chain stitch	Yarn over, pull through loop.
●	sl st	Slip stitch	Insert hook, yarn over, pull through both loops.
+	sc	Single crochet	Insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through both loops.
⌚	hdc	Half double crochet	Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.
⌚	dc	Double crochet	Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through last 2 loops.
⤵	blo	Back loop only	Work into back loop only.
⤴	flo	Front loop only	Work into front loop only.
*	rep	Repeat	Repeat instructions between * *.

1. SHORTS PANELS (Make 2)

Worked from the bottom up.



1 Foundation
Chain an even number.
Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across.
Rows 2-3: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

2 Body Pattern
Row 4: ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each st across.
Row 5: ch 1, sc in each st across.
Row 6: ch 3, dc in each st across.
Repeat Rows 5-6 for pattern until panel measures your thigh circumference.

3 Shaping
For a slight A-line: On the last 2 rows, increase 1 dc at each end.

4 Cut yarn and make second panel the same way.

2. JOIN CROTCH & SEPARATE LEGS



1 Place panels together.

2 Join with sl st or sc across the crotch.

3 Ch 2, skip center stitches (crotch gap), join yarn to other side.

4 Continue working in the round for each leg.

3. WORK THE LEGS



1 Work in the round with dc and sc pattern.

2 Continue until desired length.

3 Finish with a round of sc for a clean edge.

4. WAISTBAND



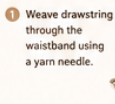
1 With 4.0 mm hook, work sc evenly around waist edge.

2 Work in rows of sc or half double crochet (hdc) for 2-3 in (elastic casing).

3 Insert elastic band and sew ends together.

4 Close the casing with sl st or sew closed.

5. DRAWSTRING & BUTTONS



1 Weave drawstring through the waistband using a yarn needle.

2 Add buttons on the front center as shown.

3 Secure all ends and weave in yarn tails.

6. CARGO POCKETS (Make 4)

2 with flap (side pockets) + 2 without flap (back pockets)

POCKET BODY (Make 4)



1 Ch an even number.

2 Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and across.

3 Rows 2-: Work dc rows until desired pocket size.

4 Fasten off.

FLAP (Make 2)



1 Ch a shorter width.

2 Work sc rows until flap length.

3 Fasten off and sew a button on the flap.

4 Sew flap to pocket body.

ASSEMBLY



1 Pin pockets to sides and back.

2 Sew pockets securely in place.

3 Weave in all ends.



COLOR PLACEMENT GUIDE



TIPS FOR BEST RESULTS

- Check your gauge.
- Count stitches regularly.
- Block your pieces for a neat finish.

- Sew pockets before wear for extra durability.

YARN & COLOR IDEAS



Choose colors that match your style!

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

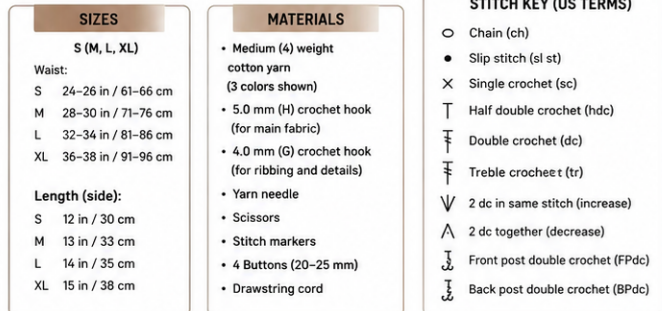


YOU DID IT!

Enjoy your handmade crochet cargo shorts!



With Pockets • Step-by-Step Diagram & Guide



*** Adjust length and width by adding or reducing rows/stitches. ***
Happy crocheting! ♥

Create a stylish pair of Two-Tone Crochet Cargo Shorts featuring functional cargo pockets, an elastic waistband,

decorative drawstring, button details, and a modern two-color design. This detailed tutorial is based on the layout and construction shown in the reference chart while expanding every step with clear explanations so that crocheters in the United States can confidently complete the project from beginning to end.

This tutorial uses standard US crochet terminology.

Materials

You will need:

- **Worsted Weight Yarn (Category 4)**
 - **Main Color (MC):** approximately 500–650 yards
 - **Contrast Color (CC):** approximately 150–250 yards
- **4.0 mm (G-6) crochet hook**
- **5.0 mm (H-8) crochet hook**
- **1-inch (2.5 cm) elastic waistband**
- **Drawstring cord or crochet cord**
- **4 buttons (optional decorative or functional)**
- **Yarn needle**
- **Stitch markers**
- **Measuring tape**
- **Scissors**

Finished Sizes

Available Sizes:

- **XS**
- **S**
- **M**
- **L**
- **XL**

Approximate Measurements

Waist

- XS: 24"
- S: 26"
- M: 28"
- L: 30"
- XL: 32–34"

Hip

- XS: 34"
- S: 36"
- M: 38"
- L: 40"
- XL: 42–44"

Finished Length

Approximately 13–15 inches depending on size.

Gauge

Using the 5.0 mm hook:

16 double crochet stitches

9 rows

= 4 × 4 inches (10 × 10 cm)

Always make a gauge swatch before beginning.

Crochet Abbreviations (US Terms)

Abbrevia tion	Meaning
ch	Chain
sl st	Slip Stitch

sc	Single Crochet
hdc	Half Double Crochet
dc	Double Crochet
blo	Back Loop Only
flo	Front Loop Only
rep	Repeat

Construction Overview

The shorts are constructed in the following order:

- **Crochet two front/back body panels**
- **Join panels at the crotch**
- **Separate into two leg openings**
- **Crochet each leg in the round**
- **Add waistband casing**
- **Insert elastic**
- **Make drawstring**
- **Crochet cargo pockets**
- **Sew pockets**
- **Add buttons**
- **Weave in ends**

H2 – Step 1: Crochet the Shorts Panels

The shorts begin by making two identical rectangular panels.

Each panel is worked from the bottom edge upward.

Foundation

Using the 5.0 mm hook:

Chain an even number that matches your hip measurement.

Do not make the chain too tight.

Turn.

Row 1

Work:

1 Double Crochet into the second chain from the hook.

Continue placing one Double Crochet into every chain across.

Turn.

Row 2

Chain 3.

Work one Double Crochet into every stitch.

Turn.

Row 3

Repeat Row 2.

Maintain straight edges.

Continue Pattern

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 until the panel reaches approximately the upper thigh.

Measure often.

Both panels must be identical.

Begin Waist Shaping

During the final two rows:

Increase one stitch at each side.

This creates a gentle A-line shape that better fits the hips.

Repeat once more.

Fasten off.

Repeat the entire process for the second panel.

H2 – Step 2: Join the Panels and Form the Crotch

Lay both panels together with the right sides facing outward.

Align all corners.

Using Slip Stitches or Single Crochet:

Join across the crotch section only.

Leave the two leg openings unjoined.

Chain two stitches across the center opening to provide comfortable movement.

Continue joining until both front and back crotch seams are secure.

Do not twist the fabric.

Check that both legs are even before continuing.

H2 – Step 3: Crochet the Legs

Attach yarn to one leg opening.

Work continuously in rounds.

Round 1

Chain 2.

Double Crochet evenly around the opening.

Join with Slip Stitch.

Round 2

Chain 2.

Double Crochet into every stitch.

Continue

Repeat the previous round until reaching the desired inseam.

For longer shorts:

Simply continue adding rounds.

For shorter shorts:

Stop earlier.

Bottom Edge

Finish with one round of Single Crochet.

This creates a clean edge that resists curling.

Fasten off.

Repeat exactly for the second leg.

Measure carefully to ensure both legs are identical.

H2 – Step 4: Create the Elastic Waistband

Switch to the 4.0 mm hook.

Attach yarn at the waist.

Round 1

Work Single Crochet evenly around the waistband.

Join.

Waistband Casing

Work several rounds of Half Double Crochet.

Continue until the waistband is wide enough to fold over the elastic.

Usually 2–3 inches.

Fold the Waistband

Fold the waistband inward.

Using the yarn needle:

Sew the inside edge while leaving a small opening.

Insert the elastic.

Overlap the elastic ends.

Sew securely.

Close the remaining opening.

The waistband should stretch comfortably without twisting.

H2 – Step 5: Crochet the Drawstring

The decorative drawstring can also function as extra waist adjustment.

Chain approximately:

50–70 inches

depending on size.

Work one Slip Stitch into every chain.

Fasten off.

Thread the drawstring through the waistband casing using a yarn needle or safety pin.

Tie decorative knots at each end.

Optional:

Add tassels or wooden beads.

H2 – Step 6: Make the Cargo Pockets

The shorts include:

- Two side cargo pockets with flaps
- Two back patch pockets

Pocket Body

Chain an even number.

Row 1

Single Crochet across.

Turn.

Row 2

Chain 1.

Single Crochet across.

Repeat until reaching the desired pocket height.

Fasten off.

Make four pockets.

H2 – Step 7: Crochet the Pocket Flaps

For the two side cargo pockets:

Chain slightly fewer stitches than the pocket width.

Work several rows of Single Crochet.

Round the front corners if desired.

Create a small button loop using:

Chain 4

Slip Stitch into the same stitch.

Fasten off.

Repeat for the second flap.

H2 – Step 8: Sew the Pockets

Position the pockets before sewing.

Side Cargo Pockets

Place one pocket on each outer thigh.

Leave the upper edge open.

Sew only the sides and bottom.

Attach the flap above the pocket.

Sew a decorative button beneath the button loop.

Back Pockets

Position both back pockets evenly.

Sew along three sides.

Leave the top open.

Check symmetry before permanently sewing.

H2 – Step 9: Add Decorative Buttons

Sew two decorative buttons onto the front waistband.

These imitate the appearance shown in the original design.

If preferred, the buttons may also be functional.

Ensure they are securely attached.

H2 – Step 10: Weave in Every Yarn End

Using a yarn needle:

Hide every loose yarn tail inside the stitches.

Trim excess yarn carefully.

Avoid cutting too close.

This greatly improves durability.

H2 – Step 11: Blocking and Finishing ✨

Lightly dampen the shorts.

Lay them flat.

Shape both legs evenly.

Straighten the waistband.

Square the pockets.

Allow everything to dry completely.

Blocking gives the garment a professional finish.

Color Placement Guide

For the same appearance as the reference design:

Left Front Leg

- **Contrast Color**

Right Front Leg

- **Main Color**

Left Side Pocket

- **Main Color**

Right Side Pocket

- **Main Color**

Left Back Pocket

- **Contrast Color**

Right Back Pocket

- **Main Color**

Use the same color arrangement for the waistband accents if desired.

Care Instructions

- **Hand wash in cold water.**
- **Do not bleach.**
- **Lay flat to dry.**
- **Do not wring.**
- **Steam lightly if necessary.**
- **Store folded rather than hanging to prevent stretching.**

Tips for Best Results 💡

- **Always make a gauge swatch before starting.**
- **Count your stitches every few rows.**
- **Use stitch markers to mark the beginning of each round.**
- **Measure frequently while crocheting.**
- **Block each pocket before sewing for cleaner edges.**
- **Weave in yarn tails securely to improve durability.**
- **Sew the elastic without twisting it inside the casing.**
- **Try the shorts on before attaching the pockets to ensure ideal placement.**

Congratulations! 🎉

Your Two-Tone Crochet Cargo Shorts are now complete. You have created a comfortable, functional, and stylish handmade garment featuring cargo pockets, a secure elastic waistband, decorative drawstring, and modern two-tone color blocking. With careful finishing and attention to detail, these shorts are perfect for casual wear and showcase both practical construction and eye-catching crochet design.