



LION BRAND® MICROSPUN Crochet Tankini



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Skill Level: Intermediate

SIZE

Junior S (L)

Top

Finished Chest 28 (30)" [71 (76) cm] (adjustable with Laces)

Length 11 (12)" [28 (30.5) cm], excluding optional Straps

Bottom

Width Across Back 11 (12)" [28 (30.5) cm]

Width Across Front 7 (8 1/2)" [18 (21.5) cm]

Total length 21 (22)" [53.5 (56) cm]

Note Pattern is written for smaller size with changes for larger size in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to both sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

MATERIALS

- LION BRAND Microspun
 - 3 balls #146 Fuchsia (MC)
 - 1 ball #148 Turquoise (A)
 - 1 ball #186 Mango (B)
 - 1 ball #143 Lavender (C)
 - 1 ball #194 Lime (D)
- or colors of your choice
- LION BRAND size E-4 [3.5 mm] crochet hook OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Scraps of contrasting yarn to be used as markers
- 2 1/2 yds [2.3 m] white elastic cord
- Small piece of cardboard
- Sewing needle and matching thread
- LION BRAND large-eyed, blunt needle

GAUGE

20 dc + 9 rows = 4" [10 cm].

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

STITCH EXPLANATIONS

dc2tog (dc dec) Yo, insert hook into st and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops.

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Yo, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop. Yo, draw through 2 loops, yo, draw through all loops on hook.

dc3tog (dec 2 dc) Yo, insert hook into st and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops. [Yo, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yo, draw through 2 loops] twice, yo, draw through all loops on hook.

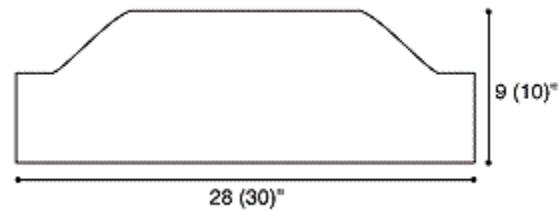
TANKINI TOP

BODICE

Starting at top edge, with MC, ch 142 (152).

Row 1 (RS) Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 140 (150) sts.

Rows 2-5 (2-6) Ch 2, dc in each st across; turn.



BOTTOM SECTION

Row 1 Ch 2, dc in each of next 99 (109) dc; turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 100 (110) sts.

Row 2 Ch 2, dc in each of next 59 (69) dc; turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 60 (70) sts.

Row 3 Ch 2, dc in each st across; working across shaped edge, dc in row-end st of next row; working in free sts in last row of Bodice, dc in each of next 8 dc; turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 69 (79) sts.

Rows 4-8 Repeat Row 3 – 106 (116) sts at end of Row 8.

Row 9 Ch 2, dc in each st across; working across shaped edge, dc in row-end st of next row; working in free sts in last row of Bodice, dc in each of last 6 dc; turn – 131 (141) sts.

Row 10 Ch 2, dc in each st across; working across shaped edge, dc in row-end st of next row; working in free sts in last row of Bodice, dc in each of last 16 dc; turn – 148 (158) sts.

Dec 1 dc by working dc2tog at each end of every other row 5 times – 138 (148) sts at end of last row. Work even on 138 (148) dc for 2 (3) more rows. Do not fasten off.

EDGING

Rnd 1 (RS) Ch 1, sc in each st across bottom edge of Tankini Top, 3 sc in corner st; working up Back side edge, working in row-end sts, sc evenly spaced across to next corner; lay a 32" [81.5 cm] piece of elastic across top edge of Bodice; working over elastic, work 3 sc in corner st, sc in each st across to next corner, 3 sc in corner st, drop elastic; working down side edge of Back, sc evenly spaced across to next corner, 2 sc in corner st already holding 1 sc; join with slip st in first sc. Do not fasten off.

Place a marker at each end of each Back edge, place 6 more markers evenly spaced between top and bottom edges for eyelet placement.

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LEFT BACK EDGING

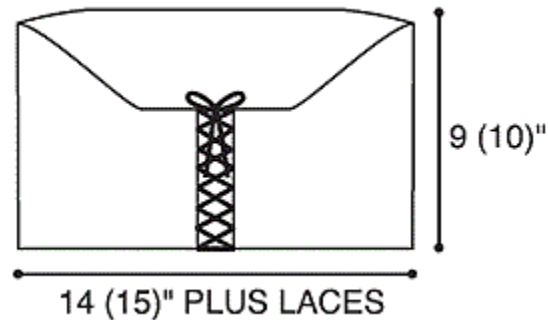
Ch 3 at first marker, skip next sc, *slip st in each sc across to next marker, ch 3, skip next sc at marker for eyelet; repeat from * across to next corner, slip st in next corner sc. Fasten off.

RIGHT BACK EDGING

With RS facing, join MC at top of Right Back side edge. Repeat Left Back Edging across Right Back side edge. Fasten off.

LACE CHAIN

With MC, make a ch approximately 40" [101.5 cm] long. Fasten off. Starting at top of Back opening, weave each end of Lace Chain through the eyelets in Left and Right Back Edgings, shoelace-style, ending with equal lengths at bottom of opening, adjusting tightness of Laces for proper fit.



Gather elastic slightly as desired across top edge and, with sewing needle and matching thread, sew ends to wrong side. Trim ends.

TASSEL – Make 2

Wrap MC 18 times around a 3" [7.5 cm] piece of cardboard. Tie a 5" [12.5 cm] length of MC around strands at one end of bundle. Remove bundle from cardboard. Cut yarn at end of bundle opposite tie. Tie a separate 12" [30.5 cm] strand of MC several times around bundle approximately 1/2" [13 mm] below folded end. Take end to inside of Tassel and trim. With strand used to tie end of Tassel, tie one Tassel to each end of Lace Chain. Trim ends even.

STRAPS (optional) – Make 2

With MC, make a ch approximately 16" [40.5 cm] long (or desired length). Slip st in 2nd ch from hook, slip st in each ch across. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. With large-eyed, blunt needle, sew one Strap to Front and Back on each side of Tankini Top as desired.

FLOWER – Make 1 each in A, B, and C

Ch 5; join with slip st to form ring.

Rnd 1 Ch 1, work 10 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc – 10 sc.

Rnd 2 Ch 1, *sc in sc, ch 3, skip next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc – 5 ch3-spaces.

Rnd 3 Slip st in first ch3-space, ch 1, (sc, 4 dc, sc) in each ch3-space around; join with slip st in first sc – 5 petals. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

LEAF – Make 5

With D, ch 9.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in each of next 5 ch, sc in each of last 2 ch. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

With yarn tails, sew Flowers and Leaves to Front of Tankini Top as pictured.

TANKINI BOTTOM**BACK**

With MC, ch 57 (62).

Row 1 (RS) Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 55 (60) sts.

Work even in dc until there are 10 rows total. Then, dec 1 dc (by working dc2tog) at each end of next row, then every other row 4 more times – 45 (50) sts at end of last row. Then dec 1 dc at each end of every row twice – 41 (46) sts at end of last row. Then dec 2 dc (by working dc3tog) at each end of every row 4 (5) times – 25 (26) sts at end of last row.

Next Row Slip st to 4th dc, ch 2, dc in each st across to last 3 sts; turn, leaving remaining sts unworked – 19 (20) sts.

Repeat last row 2 more times – 7 (8) sts at end of last row. Work even in dc for 4 more rows. Do not fasten off.

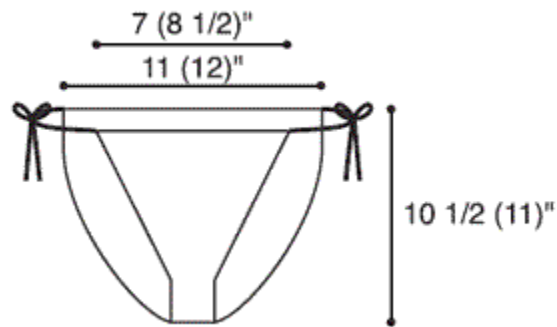
FRONT

Inc 1 dc at each end of next row and every following row for 15 (17) rows total – 37 (42) sts at end of last row. Do not fasten off.

EDGING

Rnd 1 (RS) Ch 1, working across top edge of Front, sc in each st across to next corner, 3 sc in corner st, *lay a 24" [61 cm] piece of elastic across side edge of

Bottom; working over elastic, working in row-end sts, sc evenly spaced across side edge to next corner, drop elastic *, 3 sc in next corner, sc in each st across top edge of Back; repeat from * to * across other side edge, 2 sc in next corner already holding 1 sc; join with slip st in first sc. Gather elastic slightly as desired across side edges. With sewing needle and matching thread, sew ends to wrong side. Trim ends.

**TIE – Make 4**

With MC, make a ch approximately 12" [30.5 cm] long or desired length. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing. With tail, sew one end of each Tie to each corner on top edges of Front and Back.

TASSEL – Make 4

Wrap MC 10 times around a 2" [5 cm] piece of cardboard. Tie a 5" [12.5 cm] length of MC around strands at one end of bundle. Remove bundle from cardboard. Cut yarn at end

of bundle opposite tie. Tie a separate 10" [25.5 cm] strand of MC several times around bundle approximately 3/8" [1 cm] below folded end. Take end to inside of Tassel and trim. With strand used to tie end of Tassel, tie one Tassel to each end of each Tie. Trim ends even.

ABBREVIATIONS:	
ch = chain	rnd(s) = round(s)
ch-space = space previously made	RS = right side
dc = double crochet	sc = single crochet
dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)	st(s) = stitch(es)
inc = increas(e)(s)(ing)	tog = together
MC = main color	yo = yarn over

**Microspun (Article #910) is a super-soft sport-weight micro-fiber acrylic yarn. It comes in 2.5 oz./70g (168yd/154m) balls*

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