



# Bahamas suit



**Size:** UK 10/12 - US 6/8 - EU 36/38 - **Skill Level:** advanced

**How much yarn:** 8 balls (each ball 50g and 125m) of Sugar yarn (100% Sugar Cane) shade no. 9652

Hook: A 4.00mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

**Other items:** 14 plastic rings approx

3cm in diameter

#### **STITCHES**

Using hook: chain (ch) - Slip stitch (ss)
Double crochet (dc) - Treble (tr)
MESH AND CLUSTER STITCH: work over a multiple of 10 sts,
following instructions given for skirt.

#### **TENSIONS**

20 sts and 11.5 rows measure 10cm square over treble patt with 4.00mm hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Skirt:** work top down, starting from waistedge. With 4.00mm hook, ch120 plus 3 turning ch. 1st row: 1 treble into 5th ch from hook, 1 tr into each of next 118 ch, turn. There are 120 trebles. Cont to work rows of trebles (ch3 = first treble on every row) increasing 20 sts evenly spaced on 5th and 6th rows (2 tr into same st = 1 increase). There are 160 sts at end of 6th row. Cont to work straight 17 more rows and, when 23 rows have been worked (= approx 20cm from beg), join last st to beg of same row with a ss into 3rd of first ch3 to create a ring: the beg of next rounds will correspond to Back centre. Cont to work in rounds. Work 2 rounds of trebles. When 25 rows/rounds have been worked (= approx 22cm from beg), cont to work FLOUNCE as follows: **1st round:** ch4 (= first treble and ch1-space), miss next st, \* 1 tr into next st, ch1, miss 1 st; rep from \* ending with 1 ss into 3rd of first 4 ch. 2nd round: 1 dc into st of previous round, \* ch3, miss 1 st, 1 dc into next st, (ch5, miss 3 sts, 1 dc into next st) twice; rep from \* all around; omitting last dc, end with 1 ss into 3rd of first 3 ch. 3rd round: 1 ss into st of previous round, \* 6 tr (1st tr = ch3) into next ch3-sp, ch3, miss next ch5-sp, 1 dc into next dc, ch3, miss next ch5-sp; rep from \*; 1 ss into 3rd of first 3 ch. 4th round: ch3 (= 1st tr), \* 1 tr into each of next 5 tr, ch3, miss next ch3-sp, 1 dc into next dc, ch3, miss next ch3-sp, 1 tr into next tr; rep from \* all around; omitting last tr, end with 1 ss into 3rd of first 3 ch. 5th round: 1 ss into 1st tr, ch3 (= 1st tr), \* 1 tr into each of next 3 tr, ch4, miss next ch3-sp, 1 dc into next dc, ch4, miss next ch3-sp and next tr, 1 tr into next tr; rep from \*; omitting last tr, end with a ss into 3rd of first ch3. 6th round: 1 ss into 1st tr, ch3 (= 1st tr), \* 1 tr into next tr, ch6, miss next ch4-sp, 1 dc into next dc, ch6, miss next ch4-sp and next tr, 1 tr into next tr; rep from \*; omitting last tr, end with a ss into 3rd of first ch3. 7th round: 1 ss into 1st tr, \* 1 dc between next 2 tr, (ch5, 1 dc into next sp) twice, ch5; rep from \*; 1 ss into 1st dc. 8th round: ss to centre of next sp, 1 dc into this sp, \* ch5, 8 tr into next sp, (ch5, 1 dc into next sp) twice; rep from \*; omitting last dc, end with 1 ss into first dc. 9th round: 1 dc into dc as ss, \* ch5, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 7 times, 1 tr into next tr, (ch5, 1 dc into next dc) twice; rep from \*; omitting last dc, end with 1 ss into 1st dc. 10th round: 1 dc into dc as ss, \* ch5, miss 1 tr and ch1, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 5 times, 1 tr into next tr, (ch5, 1 dc into next dc) twice; rep from \*; omitting last dc, end with

1 ss into 1st dc. 11th round: 1 dc into dc as ss, \* ch6, miss 1 tr and chl, (1 tr into next tr, chl) 3 times, 1 tr into next tr, ch6, 1 dc into next dc, ch5, 1 dc into next dc; rep from \*; omitting last dc, end with 1 ss into 1st dc. 12th round: 1 dc into dc as ss, \* ch9, miss 1 tr and ch1, 1 tr into next tr, ch1, 1 tr into next tr, ch9, 1 dc into next dc, ch5, 1 dc into next dc; rep from \*; omitting last dc, end with 1 ss into 1st dc. 13th round: 1 dc into dc as ss, \* chll, miss 1 tr, 1 tr into next chl-sp, chll, 1 dc into next dc, ch5, 1 dc into next dc; rep from \*; omitting last dc, end with 1 ss into 1st dc. Cut yarn and fasten off. Now shape Flounce, working back-and-forth rows only on 13 Motifs, leaving other Motifs unworked. Starting at Back centre (= beg of the rounds), count 7 cluster motifs towards RH (right hand) side and join yarn with a ss to treble on point of 7th cluster, working as follows: 14th row: 1 dc into tr as ss, ch6, 1 dc into next sp, ch6, (1 dc, ch3, 1 dc) into next sp, \* (ch6, 1 dc into next sp) twice, ch6, (1 dc, ch3, 1 dc) into next sp; rep from \* 10 more times, ch6, 1 dc into next sp, ch6, 1 dc into next tr, turn. 15th row: ch6, miss 1 sp, 1 dc into next sp, ch3, 6 tr into next ch3-sp, \* ch3, (1 dc into next sp, ch5) twice, 1 dc into next sp, ch3, 6 tr into next ch3-sp; rep from \* 10 more times, ch3, 1 dc into next sp, ch6, miss 1 sp, 1 dc into next dc, turn. 16th row: ch8, 1 dc into next dc, ch3, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 5 times, 1 tr into next tr, \* ch3, 1 dc into next dc, (ch6, 1 dc into next dc) twice, ch3, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 5 times, 1 tr into next tr; rep from \* 10 more times, ch3, 1 dc into next dc, ch8, 1 dc into dc on 14th row, turn. 17th row: ch9, 1 dc into next dc, ch5, miss 1 tr and ch1, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 3 times, 1 tr into next tr, \* ch5, 1 dc into next dc, (ch6, 1 dc into next dc) twice, ch5, miss 1 tr and ch1, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 3 times, 1 tr into next tr; rep from \* 10 more times, ch5, 1 dc into next dc, ch9, 1 dc into dc on 15th row, turn. 18th row: ch9, 1 dc into next dc, ch6, miss 1 tr and ch1, 1 tr into next tr, ch1, 1 tr into next tr, \* (ch6, 1 dc into next dc) 3 times, ch6, miss 1 tr and ch1, 1 tr into next tr, chl, 1 tr into next tr; rep from \* 10 more times, ch6, 1 dc into next dc, ch9, 1 dc into dc on 16th row, turn. 19th row: ch11, 1 dc into next dc, ch7, miss 1 tr, 1 tr into next ch1-sp, \* (ch7, 1 dc into next dc) 3 times, ch7, miss 1 tr, 1 tr into next ch1-sp; rep from \* 10 more times, ch7, 1 dc into next dc, ch11, 1 dc into dc on 17th row, turn. 20th row: ch9 (ch3 = 1st tr and ch6-sp), \* 1 dc into next sp, ch6; rep from \* ending with 1 tr into dc on 18th row, turn. 21st row: chll (ch3 = 1st tr and ch8), miss 1 sp, \* (1 dc into next sp, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next sp, ch3, 8 tr into next sp, ch3; rep from \* 10 more times, (1 dc into next sp, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next sp, ch8, 1 tr into 3rd ch (= treble) of beginning ch on previous row, turn. **22nd row:** ch11 (ch3 = 1st tr and ch8), \* (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next dc, ch2, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 7 times, 1 tr into next tr, ch2; rep from \* 10 more times, (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next dc, ch8, 1 tr into 3rd ch (= treble) of beginning ch on previous row, turn. 23rd row: ch11 (ch3 = 1st tr and ch8), \* (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next dc, ch3, miss 1 tr, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 5 times, 1 tr into next tr, ch3; rep from \* 10 more times, (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next dc, ch8, 1 tr into 3rd ch (= treble) of beginning ch on previous row, turn. 24th row: 1 dc into dc on previous row, ch8, \* (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next dc, ch5, miss 1 tr, (1 tr into next tr, ch1) 3 times, 1 tr into next tr, ch5; rep from \* 10 more times, (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next dc, ch8, 1 dc into 3rd ch (= treble) of beginning ch on previous row, turn. 25th row: 1 dc into dc on previous row, ch8, \* (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next dc, ch8, miss 1 tr, 1 tr into next tr, ch1, 1 tr into next tr, ch8; rep from \* 10 more times, (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc

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into next dc, ch8, 1 dc into beg dc on previous row, turn. **Note:** when working the following row, keep in mind that the total number of spaces obtained, at the end of the row, must be a multiple of 3 therefore, given the difficulty of the pattern, count the spaces gradually and, if necessary, add or remove some spaces. 26th row: 1 dc into dc on previous row, ch8, \* (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next dc, ch8, miss 1 tr, 1 dc into next ch1-sp, ch8; rep from \* 10 more times, (1 dc into next dc, ch6) twice, 1 dc into next dc, ch8, 1 dc into beg dc on previous row. Without turning, continue on the side where the last 13 rows were done, working (ch6, miss 2 rows, 1 dc in correspondence of next row) 4 times, then work over sts of 13th round as follows: \* ch6, 1 dc into next sp, ch6, 1 dc into next dc, ch6, 1 dc into next dc, ch6, 1 dc into next sp, ch6, 1 dc into next tr; rep from \* across all sts on 13th round, then continue on the side where the last 13 rows were done, working (ch6, miss 2 rows, 1 dc in correspondence of next row) 3 times, ch6, 1 ss into 1st dc. Cont to work in rounds. 27th round: ss to centre of next sp, 1 dc into same sp, ch6, \* 1 dc into next sp, ch6; rep from \* all around obtaining a number of spaces multiple of 3; end with 1 ss into 1st dc. 28th round: ss into 1st sp on previous round, ch4 (ch3= 1st tr and ch1= sp), (1 tr, ch1, 1 tr, ch1, 1 tr, ch1, 1 tr, ch1, 1 tr) into same 1st sp, ch2, 1 dc into next sp, ch6, 1 dc into following sp, ch2, \* (1 tr, ch1) 5 times and 1 tr into next sp, ch2, 1 dc into next sp, ch6, 1 dc into following sp, ch2; rep from \* ending with a ss into 3rd of first ch4. 29th round: \* (1 dc into next ch1-sp, ch3) 4 times, 1 dc into next ch1-sp, ch3, miss ch2-sp, (1 tr, ch2 and 1 tr) into next ch6-sp, ch3, miss ch2-sp; rep from \*, end with 1 ss into 1st dc. **30th round:** ch9 (ch3 = 1 tr and ch6), \* miss two ch3sps, 1 dc into next dc, ch6, miss two ch3-sps, 1 tr into next dc, miss next ch3-sp, 1 tr into next tr, ch6, 1 tr into next tr, miss next ch3-sp, 1 tr into next tr, ch6; rep from \*; omitting last tr and ch6, end with a ss into 3rd of first ch9. 31st round: ss to centre of next sp, 1 dc into this sp, \* ch6, 1 dc into next sp, ch2, (1 tr, ch1) 6 times and 1 tr into next sp, ch2, 1 dc into next sp; rep from \*; omitting last dc, end with 1 ss into 1st dc. **32nd round:** ss to centre of next sp, ch5 (ch3= 1 tr and ch2 = sp) and 1 tr in this sp; \* ch3, miss a ch2-sp, (1 dc into next ch-1 sp, ch3) 6 times, miss a ch2-sp, (1 tr, ch2, 1 tr) into next ch6-sp; rep from \*; omitting (1 tr, ch2, 1 tr) into last space, end with a ss into 3rd of first ch5. **33rd round:** ch9 (ch3 = 1st tr and ch6 = sp), \* 1 tr into next tr, miss next ch3-sp, 1 tr into next tr, ch6, miss ch3-sps, 1 dc into next sp, ch6, miss two ch3-sps, 1 tr into next dc, miss next ch3-sp, 1 tr into next tr, ch6; rep from \*; omitting last tr and ch6, end with a ss into 3rd of first ch9. Fasten off.

Bra - cup: (make 2 alike) with 4.00mm hook, ch10 plus 3 turning ch. 1st row: 1 treble into 5th ch from hook, 1 tr into each of next 7 ch, into last ch work 5 tr and cont to work on opposite side of starting ch, working 1 tr into each of next 9 ch; turn. 2nd row: ch3 (= 1st treble) and 1 tr into first st of previous row, 1 tr into each of next 10 sts, 3 tr into next st, 1 tr into each of next 11 sts, turn. 3rd row: ch3 (= 1st treble) and 1 tr into first st of previous row, 1 tr into each of next 11 sts, 3 tr into next st, 1 tr into each of next 13 sts, turn. 4th row: ch3 (= 1st treble) and 1 tr into first st of previous row, 1 tr into each of next 13 sts, 3 tr into next st, 1 tr into each of next 14 sts, turn. **5th row:** ch3 (= 1st treble) and 1 tr into first st of previous row, 1 tr into each of next 14 sts, 3 tr into next st, 1 tr into each of next 16 sts, turn. **6th row:** ch3 (= 1st treble) and 1 tr into first st of previous row, 1 tr into each of next 16 sts, 3 tr into next st, 1 tr into each of next 17 sts, turn. 7th row: ch3 (= 1st

treble) and 1 tr into first st of previous row, 1 tr into each of next 16 sts, 2 tr into next st, 1 tr into next st, 2 tr into next st, 1 tr into each of next 18 sts. Do not turn and continue to work on cup lower edge as follows: ch3, 1 tr into post of last treble on 7th row, (1 tr into post of next tr, 2 tr into post of following tr) twice, (2 tr into post of next tr) 4 times, (1 tr into post of next tr, 2 tr into post of following tr) twice, 2 tr into post of next tr, turn. 8th row: ch3 (= 1st treble) and 1 tr into first st of previous row, 1 tr into each of next 23 sts, turn. **9th** row: ch3 (= 1st treble) and 1 tr into first st of previous row, 1 tr into each of next 24 sts, turn. **10th row:** ch3 (= 1st treble) and 1 tr into first st of previous row, 1 tr into each of next 25 sts, do not turn and cont to work on two cup sides as follows: ch3 (= 1st treble), 1 tr into post of next treble, (2 tr into post of next tr) twice, I tr into each of next tr until to cup tip, 2 tr into each of next 3 tip tr, 1 tr into each of next tr until to last tr on 7th row, (2 tr into post of next tr) twice, (1 tr into post of next tr) twice, turn. **11th row:** ch3 (= 1st treble), 1 tr into each of next tr until to centre tr on cup tip: 3 tr into this tr, then 1 tr into each of next tr until to last tr of row. Cut yarn and fasten off. Work another Cup in the same manner.

**Rings:** with 4.00mm hook, work a round of approx 40 dc into a plastic ring, covering it completely. End with a ss into first dc. Fasten off. Cover the other 13 rings in the same manner.

## **FINISHING**

**SKIRT:** work a border along Back opening of Skirt, as follows: **1st row:** join yarn to upper edge of opening, ch4 (ch3=1st tr and ch1=sp), miss 1 row, \*5 tr evenly spaced on next 3 row edge, ch1, miss 1 row; rep from \* until to lower edge of opening, 1 tr at opening bottom and continue on opposite opening side working as follows: ch1, miss 1 row, \*5 tr evenly spaced on next 3 row edge, ch1, miss 1 row; rep from \* until to upper edge ending with 1 treble, turn. **2nd row:** 1 dc into each st and ch on previous row. Fasten off. **Waistedge string:** with 4.00mm hook work a chain approx 130cm long, turn and work 1 ss into each ch to end. Fasten off. Insert this string between sts on 1st round of Skirt, alternately from front to back and back to front, starting and

ending at Front centre. Make a small knot at string ends. **Opening string:** with 4.00mm hook work a chain approx 90cm long, turn and work 1 ss into each ch to end. Fasten off. Insert this string, crossing it, into ch-1 spaces on two opposite sides of skirt opening border.

**BRA:** using yarn needle join a ring with a small stitch to tip of a cup, then join opposite side of same ring to tip of other cup, joining cups in this manner (the tip of 2 cups begins inner lower edge of bra). With a small stitch join rem rings to each other, creating a 13 ring row. With small stitches sew ring row to bra lower edge and to centre ring between cups, leaving free 2 ½ rings at each end.

**Bra straps:** with 4.00mm hook, join yarn with a ss to centre st of ring at each end (left end and right end) of bra ring row. Work a chain approx 55cm long, turn and work 1 ss into each ch to end. Fasten off. With 4.00mm hook, join yarn to 1st st (on right side) and to last st (on left side) on last cup row and work a chain approx 50cm long, turn and work 1 ss into each ch to end. Cut yarn leaving a 5cm approx end. Open yarn and separate strands to create a small tassel. Then join yarn to tip of each cup and work a chain approx 50cm long, turn and work 1 ss into each ch to end. Cut yarn leaving a 5cm approx end. Open yarn and separate strands to create a small tassel.