Shorts Set/Hot Pants & Halter Top
With Thong

USING

Cascade Fixation

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HALTER TIE-ON-TOP.

Beginning at the bottom with E hook & navy yarn ch 186 (194, 202), 1 dc in the 6th ch from hook, * ch 1, skip 1 ch, 1 dc in the next ch. Repeat from * to end. [91 (95, 99) spaces]

Work 4 rows of lattice as follows: ch 4 (this acts as 1 dc and 1 ch), skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next dc, * ch 1, 1 dc into the next dc. Repeat from * to end, working the last dc into the 3rd ch at the beginning of the last row. End off.

Using white yarn work 1 dc in each dc and ch to end. [184 (192, 200) dc]. Turn.

WORK IN THE FRONT LOOPS ONLY FOR ALL REMAINING ROWS

Row 7: skip 1 st st, 1 sc 1 ch in second st (this acts as a neat decrease dc at the beginning of a row), dc in each st to last 2 st, work 2 dcs together as follows: dc in the first st until 2 loops remain, work a dc into the next st until 3 loops remain, YOH and draw through all loops on hook. Turn.

Repeat row 7 until 21 rows have been worked. Turn.

Work 1(3, 9) rows as follows: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to end. turn

Either sl st over 30(33, 34) or break yarn and rejoin skipping 30(33, 34) st., 1 sc 1 ch in next st, work 2 dc together, twice, dc in each st to last 2 st, work 2 dc together. Turn.

Row 24(26, 32): skip 1 st, 1 sc 1 ch in the 2nd st, work 2 dcs together, dc in each st to last 2 st, work 2 dcs together. Turn. {This shaping becomes even when even rows have been worked}

Repeat the last row until 52 (54, 54) stitches remain. End off. Using navy work 2 rows of sc across the top. Ch 80 ch for halter tie. End off. Rejoin navy yarn at the beginning of the last row just worked and ch 80. End off.

Make 2 x 80 ch in navy and attach at sides for back ties.

Using a C hook and navy yarn work 1 round of sc evenly around the outside edge. Work the ties in this round as follows: 1 sc in each ch to last ch, 3 sc in last ch, work down the other side of ch. Work 3 sc in the bottom corners to help the work to lay flat. Repeat this process until you reach the beginning stitch. Join with a sl st into the first sc. End off.

To block this garment use a steam iron held about 1” above the garment. DO NOT PRESS.
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SIZES
To fit sizes 6-8 (10-12, 14-16). Directions are for smallest size with larger sizes in parentheses. If there is only one figure it applies to all sizes.
To fit 30-32” (33-35”, 36-38”) bust.

MATERIALS
2 x 50gm balls CASCADE FIXATION cotton elastic in #8001 white
5 x 50gm balls CASCADE FIXATION cotton elastic #2625 navy.
Size E and D crochet hook OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE.
3 Yards of 1/8” elastic for thong and shorts.

GAUGE
6 rows and 14 st = 2” / 5cm

SHORTS
Using a E hook
Back and front are made in 1 piece beginning at the front crotch, and ending at the back crotch. Make 2.
Ch 13 (17, 19), 1 dc in the 4th ch from hook. Dc in each st to end. Turn at the end of each row. [11 (15, 17) dc]
Row 1 – Row 3: ch 3 (acts as a dc) 1 dc in each st to end.
Row 4: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to the last st, 3 dc in the last st.
Row 5: ch 3 2 dc in the same place as the turning ch, 1 dc in each st to end.
Row 6: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to the last 2 st, 2 dc in both of the last 2 sts.
Row 7: ch 3, 3 dc in the same place as the ch 3, 1 dc in each st to end.
Row 8: as row 6.
Row 9: as row 7
Row 10: as row 6
Row 11: ch 7, 1 dc in the 4th ch from hook, dc in each ch and dc to end.
Row 12: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to the last st, 3 dc in the last st.
Row 13: ch 7, 1 dc in the 4th ch from hook, dc in each ch and dc to end.
Row 14: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to the last st, 3 dc in the last st.
Row 15: ch 7, 1 dc in the 4th ch from hook, dc in each ch and dc to end.
Row 16: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to the last st, 3 dc in the last st.
Row 17: ch 7, 1 dc in the 4th ch from hook, dc in each ch and dc to end.
Medium size: repeat rows 16 & 17 once.
Large size: repeat rows 16 & 17 twice
Work 17 (19, 21) rows as follows: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to end.
Lattice stitches are worked through both loops.
Work 5 rows of lattice alternating the next 2 rows as follows:
At waist edge: ch 3, work 1 dc in the next 3 st, skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next dc, * ch1, 1 dc into the next dc. Repeat from * to end, working the last dc into the 3rd ch at the beginning of the last row. At leg edge: ch 4 (this acts as 1 dc and 1 ch), skip 1 st, 1 dc in the next dc, * ch1, 1 dc
into the next dc. Repeat from * to last 4 st. 1 dc in each st to end, working the last dc into the 3rd ch at the beginning of the last row.

Back Row 1: ch 3, 1 dc in each dc and ch sp to end. Working in the front loops only for the rest of the garment.
Work 17(21,23) rows as follows: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to end.
Decrease row 1: ch 3, 1 dc in the next 17(19, 21) st, work 2 dc together, twice.
Decrease row 2: skip 1 dc, sc 1 ch in the second dc, work 2 dc together, dc in each st to end.
Repeat these 2 decrease rows until there are 12(16,18) dc remaining.
Last row: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to last 2 st, work 2 dc together. End off leaving a long tail for sewing up seams.
To make up:
Place the 2 pieces on top of one another and sew the 2 curves. Now lay them so that they look like pants and sew the crotch seam.
Rejoin yarn at waist and work one row of lattice, 1 dc 1 ch, evenly around the top. Join with a sl st.
Topstitch a length of elastic 19, 20, 21 inches long, overlapping the ends.
Work 1 round of sc in each st over the top of the elastic. Join with a sl st into the first sc. End off. This lattice is for weaving the lacing through.
Working with 2 strands of yarn make a length of chain, long enough to lace through the top of the pants and tie a bow. End off and weave in the ends.
Using a safety pin weave the lacing through the lattice and tie at the front.

THONG

This is worked in one piece from the top of the back.
Row 1: Using D hook and navy yarn ch 28, dc in the 6th ch from hook, *skip 1 ch, 1 ch 1 dc in the next st. Repeat from * 4 times. Skip 1 ch, 1 ch 1 dc 1 ch 1 dc in the next st. **skip 1 ch, 1 ch 1 dc in the next st. repeat from ** to end. Turn.
Row 2: ch 4 (this acts as 1 dc+1 ch), skip 1 ch, WORK 2 DCS TOGETHER as follows: work 1 dc into the next dc until 2 loops remain on the hook, skip 1 ch, work 1 dc into the next dc until 3 loops remain, YOH and pull through all 3 loops, *skip 1 ch, 1 ch 1 dc in next dc. Repeat from * 7 times, ch 1, skip 1 ch, work 2 dc together, (as above) ch 1 dc in the 3rd turning ch. Turn.
Row 3: ch 4, skip 1 ch, work 2 dc together, *skip 1 ch, 1 ch 1 dc in next dc. Repeat from * 5 times, ch 1, work 2 dc together, ch 1, 1 dc in 3rd turning ch. Turn.
Row 4: ch 4, skip 1 ch, work 2 dc together, *skip 1 ch, 1 ch 1 dc in next dc. Repeat from * 3 times, ch 1, work 2 dc together, ch 1, 1 dc in 3rd turning ch. Turn.
Row 5: ch 4, skip 1 ch, work 2 dc together, *skip 1 ch, 1 ch 1 dc in next
dc. Repeat from * once, ch 1, work 2 dc together, ch 1, 1 dc in 3rd turning ch. Turn.
Row 6: ch 4, skip 1 ch, work 2 dc together, ch 1, work 2 dc together, ch 1, 1 dc in 3rd turning ch. Turn.
Row 7: ch 4, skip 1 ch, work 2 dc together, ch 1, 1 dc in 3rd turning ch. Turn.
Row 8: ch 3, work 2 dc together.
Ch 40 (44, 48)
You are now working on the front pants.
Row 1: 3 dc into the 4th ch from hook. Turn. (4 dc)
Row 2 – Row 4: ch 3 (this acts as a dc), 2 dc in the same place as the ch 3, 1 dc in each st to last st, 3 dc in the top of turning ch. Turn. (16 dc at the end of the 4th row)
Work in the front loops only for the rest of the dc rows.
Row 5: ch 3, 1 dc in the same place as the 3 ch, dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in the top of the turning ch. Turn. (18 dc)
Row 6: ch 3, 1 dc in each st to end. Turn. (18 dc)
Row 7 – Row 11: ch 3, 1 dc in the same place as the 3 ch, dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in the top of the turning ch. Turn. (28 dc at the completion of row 11)
Row 12: ch 3, 2 dc in the same place as the ch 3, 1 dc in each st to last st, 3 dc in the top of turning ch. Turn. (32 dc)
REPEAT ROW 12 FOR LARGE SIZE.
Row 13 (13, 14): ch 3, 1 dc in the same place as the 3 ch, dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in the top of the turning ch. Turn.
Row 14 (14, 15): ch 3, 1 dc in the same place as the 3 ch, dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in the top of the turning ch. Turn.
For the 2 larger sizes: work: ch 3, 1 dc in the same place as the 3 ch, dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in the top of the turning ch. Turn.
Row 15 (16, 17): ch 3, 2 dc in the same place as the ch 3, 1 dc in each st to last st, 3 dc in the top of turning ch. Turn
Repeat last row once for all sizes.
Row 17 (18, 19): ch 3 1 dc in the same place as the ch, 1 dc in the next 16 (17, 19) st, 1 hdc, 1 sc in the next 3 st, work 2 sc together, 1 sc in the next 3 st, 1 hdc, 1 dc in the next 16 (17, 19) dc, 2 dc in the last st. (this gives a nice curve to the top of the thong)
Row 18 (19, 20): ch 4, 1 dc in the same place as the ch, *skip 1 st, ch 1, 1 dc in the next st, repeat from * to end, work 1 ch 1 dc extra in last st.
Ch 50 (55, 59), sl st into the first foundation chain worked in row 1 at the back. End off. Take care not to twist the chains.
Ch 50 (55, 59) and attach to the other side joining the back to the front. Join 3 circles of 1/8" elastic measuring 19 (22, 22) inches [49 (55, 55) cm] by top stitching them with sewing thread with a 1/2 inch [1.5 cm] overlap.
Sc evenly around the leg edge working over the elastic as you go. Join the round with a sl st in to the first sc worked. Repeat for the other leg and waist edge.