Queen Anne's lacy shorts



This is a pattern for some lacy shorts. They are very pretty and comfortable to wear in the summer as a bikini cover or as sleepwear. This was designed not be too lacy, so it could even be worn over some tights to work/school.

This pattern is only size M

You'll need:

- Crochet needle 3mm
- 4 skeins cotton: 480 meters/524 yards
- Measuring tape
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (preferable with a clip)
- Ribbon matching your yarn or a small belt

Skills:

- Medium – experienced crocheter.
- Short rows with double crochet.
- Be able to follow charts.

Abbreviations

UK Term	US Term
ss (slip stich)	Sl st (slip stitch)
dc (double crochet)	sc (single crochet)
htr (half treble crochet)	hdc (half double crochet)
tr (treble crochet)	dc (double crochet)
dtr (double treble crochet)	tr (treble crochet)
trtr (triple treble crochet)	dtr (double treble crochet)

Band

Start with the band. Similar to the Queen Anne's lace scarf. This version has other edging.

Note: the hipband should be crocheted as tight as possible. If not tight enough the pedals will give a flappy result. All the pedals should fit nicely together when layed out flat..

Step 1

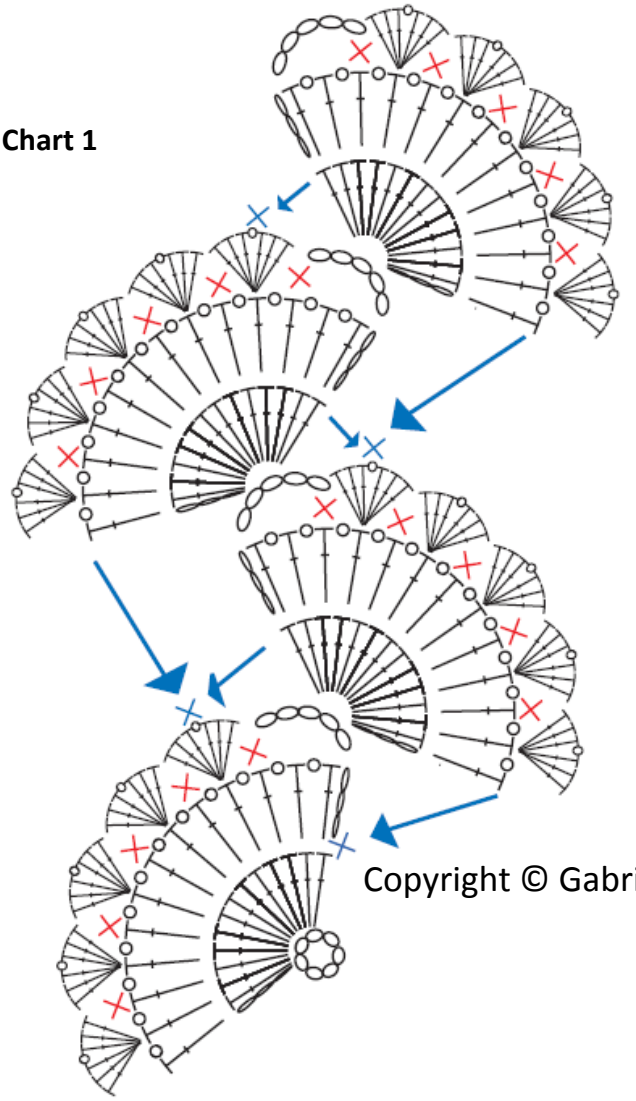
1. Make 7 stitch chain and close with slst to make a loop.
2. 3 chain, 12dc in loop. Turn work.
3. 4 chain, 1 dc, *1 chain, 1dc* repeat from * to * 12 times. Turn work
4. 1 chain, *skip 1 stitches, 3 dc, 1 chain, 3 dc, skip 1 stitches, 1sc* repeat 4 more times. 5 chain and sc in last stitch.

This is the First pedal of the band. The difference with the first one and the rest is that in all the following pedals there will be some extra stitches to make the band more flat and leave fewer gaps in the band.

See chart to continue the band.

Make 32 pedals. That should give you a total length of 98 cm/ 38,5 inches. **Your work will stretch out a little while it's worn! If your work is a little less then 98cm/38,5 inches, don't worry!**

Chart 1



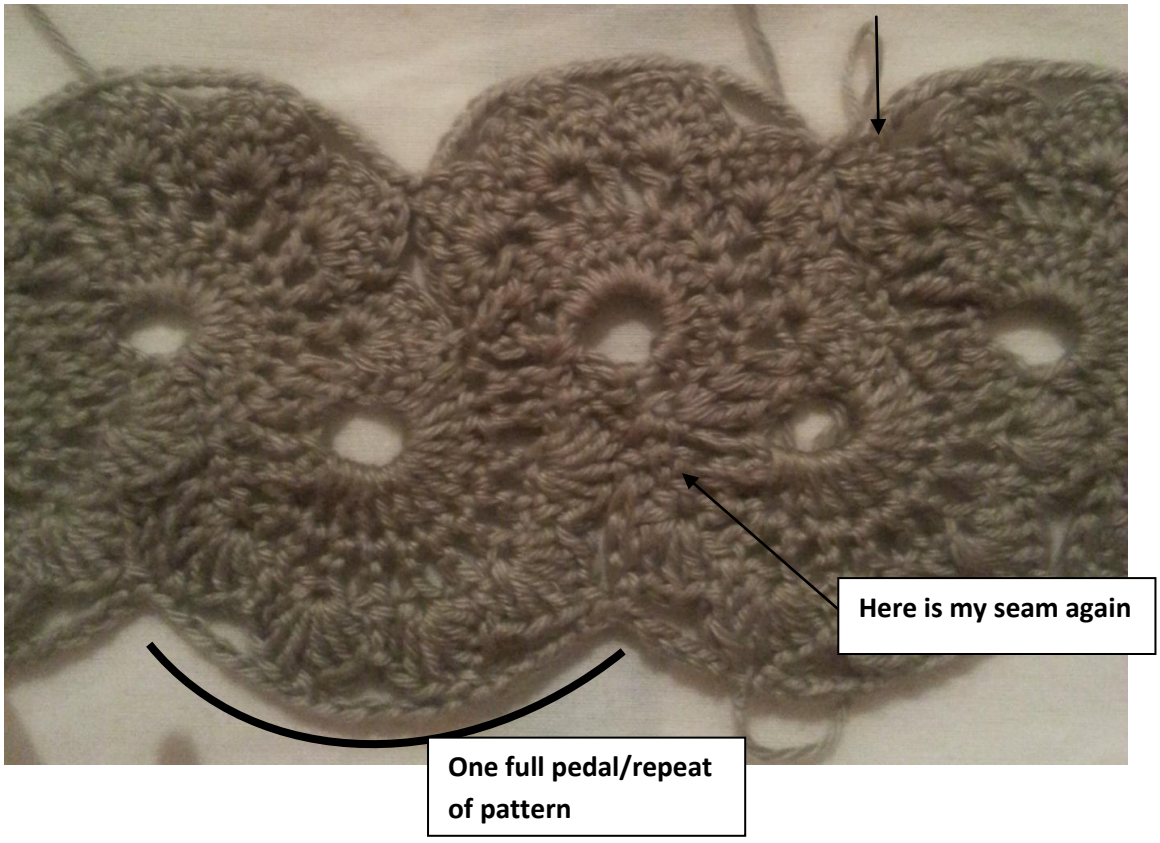
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When you finished with the band sew the first and last pedal together. Try to match the pedals so the seam doesn't catch your eye.



Step 2

Connect the edging with chains. Start one pedal before your seam in the band. *Sc, chain 5, sc in 1 chain opening in the small pedal, 5 chain, sc, 5 chain, sc*. Repeat for every pedal. Do the same on the other side of the band.



Making the short

Step one

Lay your band flat with all the pedals across each other. As your band lays flat, you'll see that one side shows full pedals and the other side has two half pedals. From the side with full pedals you'll work downwards. Mark the sides with a stitchmarker. One of the stitchmarker is your starting point for the bottom part of the shorts. (the pedals will be guidance for the short rows later on.)

Step two

Row 1: Double crochet in the chains you've just made. As you can see in the picture above, each pedal had a two sides and a top. Double crochet 5-6-5 in the side – top – side. This gives 256 stitches.

Row 2: all double crochet and increase 1 dc each side where marker is placed.

Row 3: In this row there will be a short row incorporated in the back of the shorts. Double crochet until one pedal before marker and turn. Double crochet until one pedal before marker and turn again. Finish row in double crochet. **Tip for short row: make the first and last stitch of the short row a half double crochet, that will leave a smaller hole.**

Row 4: all double crochet and increase 1 dc each side where marker is placed.

Row 5: one dc in every previous stitch.

Row 6: (!) two things happening this row. A short row AND a increase 1 dc each side. Short row: double crochet until two pedals before marker and turn. Double crochet until two pedals before marker and finish row in dc. Don't forget the second increase!

Row 7: one dc in every previous stitch.

Row 8: all double crochet and increase 1 dc each side where marker is placed. Total stitches: 264



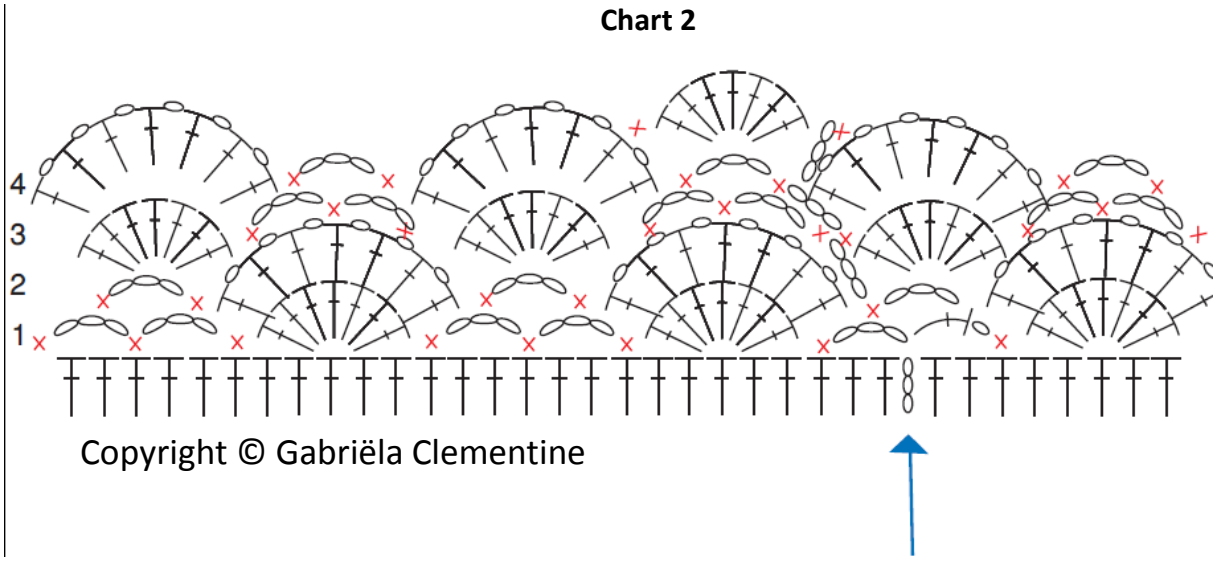
The pedals in the band are a guide for the short rows.

Short row in row 3 and 6.

Step three
the lacy edge.

8 rows straight in pattern. See chart 2, start at blue arrow

Chart 2



Step four
Lay down your work flat and mark the middle of the bottom in front and back. Crochet 4 rows of the pattern at marked points. Break yarn and sew the ends together. **Instead of 4 rows in pattern, you could also do 4 rows of 11 dc**

The top

Row 1: Again double crochet in the chains of the band. 4-4-4 double crochet in the side – top – side of the pedals. That gives 192 stitches.

Row 2: *8 dc, 1ch and skip 1 stitch* repeat 23 times. These will be the hole to put your string/ribbon through.

Row 3 + 4: decrease one stitch before and one after the marker. Per row – 4 dc.

Break yarn.

Finishing touch.

Weave in all ends.

Insert your ribbon or string and wear your beautiful shorts!