



Ruffled Hip Belt

Take a plain outfit from boring to lively with this crocheted belt. This one is embellished with cowrie shells, but you can use beads or other craft store findings.

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EASY

Designed by Double Stitch.

Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium and Large are in parentheses.

Belt Length (without ties) = 25½ (27¾, 30)".

RED HEART® “Soft Yarn”: 1 ball each 9388 Wheat **A**, 9937 Garden Print **B**, and 9522 Leaf **C**.

Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9].
Yarn needle, 8 to 10 cowrie shells.

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 4" in sc. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

BELT

With **A**, ch 90 (98, 106).

Row 1 (Right Side): Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 89 (97, 105) hdc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each hdc across; turn.

Rows 3 and 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn. Fasten off at end of Row 4.

Row 5: With right side facing, skip first 5 sc, join **B** in next sc; ch 1, sc in each sc across to last 5 sc; TURN, leaving remaining 5 sc unworked – 79 (87, 95) sc.

Rows 6-8: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; turn. Fasten off at end of Row 8.

Ruffle Trim-Row 9: With right side facing, join **C** in first sc of Row 8; ch 3, 2 dc in same sc, 3 dc in each sc across; turn.

Row 10: Ch 1, hdc in each dc across. Fasten off.

Top Ties

With **C**, ch 80, with right side facing, sc in each ch across foundation ch, ch 80. Fasten off.

Bottom Tie

Join **C** in next free sc of Row 4; ch 1, sc in same sc and in next 4 sc, ch 80. Fasten off.

Repeat Bottom Tie on opposite side.
Weave in all ends.

Embellishment

Sew cowrie shells evenly across (about 1 inch apart) on right side, along the length of the belt just above Row 5.



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RED HEART® “Soft Yarn”, Art. E728
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256 yd (234 m) and print 4 oz (113 g),
204 yd (187 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B, C** = color A, B, C; **ch** = chain;
dc = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet;
mm = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es).



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