

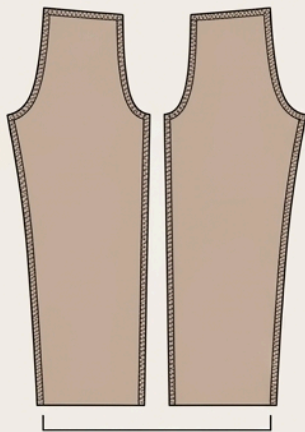
# DIY Crochet Side Panel Shorts – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

## DIY: CROCHET SIDE PANEL SHORTS TUTORIAL

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- **Main Fabric:**  
1/2 yd Tan/Taupe French Terry fabric.
- **Contrast Yarn:**  
Medium-weight cotton yarn in White (Color A) and Dusty Rose (Color B).
- **Crochet Hook:**  
Size H/8 (5.00 mm).
- **Tools:**  
Tape measure, sharp fabric scissors, sewing machine, matching thread.

### PREPARING SHORTS PANELS



**CUT (4)** fabric pieces, adjusting hip & length.  
**SERGE** edges for a clean finish.

### CROCHET SQUARE STEPS (USA Terms)

#### MAKE (5) IDENTICAL GRANDE SQUARES PER SIDE

Round 1



Magic Ring. CH 3 (counts as DC), 2 DC.  
(CH 1, 3 DC) x 3 times.  
CH 1. Slip stitch to top of first CH 3 to close.  
(Total 12 DC)

Round 2



**Attach Rose in any CH 1 space.**  
CH 3, 2 DC, CH 1, 3 DC in same space (1st Corner).  
(CH 1, skip 3 DC, 3 DC in next CH 1 space, CH 1) x 3.  
Slip stitch to close. (Total 24 DC)

Round 3



**Attach White in any Corner.**  
[CH 3, 2 DC, CH 1, 3 DC] in DC] in corner.  
CH 1, skip 3 DC, 3 DC in next CH 1 space, CH 1.  
(Repeat [ ] for corners and [ ] for sides).  
Slip stitch to close. Finish off. (Total 36 DC)

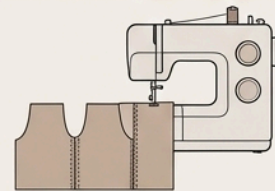
### ASSEMBLY & SEWING

#### JOINING SQUARES



Sew squares side-by-side using a slip stitch or single crochet seam.  
Total (5) squares per side strip.

#### INSERTING PANEL



Attach the crochet strips to the center seam of the front and back fabric panels using a zig-zag stitch or serger. Ensure placement is even.

#### CONSTRUCTION & FINISHING



1. Pin and sew inner and side seams.
2. Fold and sew waistband casing.
3. Insert elastic and sew a decorative drawstring (optional).
4. Hem leg openings.

### USA CROCHET KEY & METHODS

- **Terms:** Magic Ring (MR), Chain (CH), Slip Stitch (SL ST), Single Crochet (SC), Half Double Crochet (HDC), Double Crochet (DC).

- **Magic Ring:**  
[Step 1: Loop  
Step 2: Insert hook  
Step 3: CH to secure]



- **Double Crochet (DC):**  
[Step 1: Yarn over, insert hook  
Step 2: Yarn over, draw through  
Step 3: Yarn over, draw through 2 loops x 2]



Create your own stylish crochet side panel shorts with this detailed guide! This tutorial walks you through everything—from crocheting the granny squares to assembling and finishing the shorts—so even beginners can follow along with confidence.

## **Materials You'll Need**

Before you begin, gather all your supplies:

- **Main Fabric:** 1/2 yard of tan or taupe French terry fabric
- **Contrast Yarn:** Medium-weight cotton yarn
  - Color A: White
  - Color B: Dusty Rose
- **Crochet Hook:** Size H/8 (5.00 mm)
- **Tools:**
  - Tape measure
  - Sharp fabric scissors
  - Sewing machine
  - Matching thread

## **Preparing the Shorts Panels**

Start by preparing the fabric base of your shorts:

- Cut **4 fabric pieces** (2 front panels and 2 back panels).
- Adjust the **hip width and length** to your desired size.
- Serge or zigzag stitch all edges to prevent fraying and give a clean finish.

Set these aside while you crochet your panels.

## **Crochet Square Steps (Make 10 Total)**

You will create **5 identical granny squares per side**, so a total of **10 squares**.

### **Round 1 – Starting the Center**

- Begin with a **Magic Ring (MR)**
- Chain 3 (counts as your first double crochet)
- Work **2 double crochets (DC)** into the ring
- Chain 1
- Repeat (*3 DC, CH 1*) **3 times**
- Join with a slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain

👉 You should have **12 DC total**

## Round 2 – Adding the Dusty Rose Layer

- Attach **Dusty Rose yarn** in any chain-1 space
- Chain 3
- Work **2 DC** in the same space
- In the next chain-1 space:
  - Work **3 DC, CH 1, 3 DC** (this forms a corner)
- Continue around:
  - (*Skip 3 DC, 3 DC in next space, CH 1*)
- Repeat for all sides
- Slip stitch to close

👉 You should have **24 DC total**

## Round 3 – Final Square with White Yarn

- Attach **White yarn** in any corner space
- In the corner: (*CH 3, 2 DC, CH 1, 3 DC*)
- Along the sides:
  - CH 1
  - Skip 3 DC
  - Work 3 DC in next space
  - CH 1
- Repeat for all sides and corners
- Slip stitch to close and fasten off

👉 You should have **36 DC total**

Repeat this process until you have **10 identical squares**.



## Joining the Squares

Now it's time to assemble your crochet panels:

- Arrange **5 squares in a vertical strip**
- Join them **side-by-side** using either:
  - Slip stitch
  - Single crochet seam

Repeat to create **2 strips total** (one for each side of the shorts).

## Inserting the Crochet Panels

- Take your fabric shorts panels
- Place the crochet strip along the **side seam area**
- Attach the strip between the front and back panels
- Sew using a **zig-zag stitch or serger**
- Make sure the crochet panel is **evenly aligned** from top to bottom

## Construction & Finishing

Now complete your shorts:

1. **Pin and sew** the inner leg seams and side seams
2. Fold the top edge and sew a **waistband casing**
3. Insert elastic into the waistband
4. Optionally, add a **decorative drawstring**
5. Hem the leg openings to your desired length

## Crochet Basics (Quick Reference)

- **Magic Ring (MR):**
  - Make a loop
  - Insert hook and pull up a loop
  - Chain to secure
- **Double Crochet (DC):**
  - Yarn over, insert hook
  - Yarn over, pull through
  - Yarn over, pull through 2 loops (twice)

## Final Result

You'll have a beautiful pair of comfy, handmade shorts with unique crochet side panels—perfect for casual wear, beach days, or lounging in style.