

CUTE
CROCHET
UPGRADE



BRACE YOURSELF

Transform old shorts into a cute pair of dungarees
with Tricia Fairburn's adjustable crochet straps



YOU WILL NEED

- Yarnsmiths Support Act (100% cotton, 50g/200m)
- 1 ball of each:
 - Scarlet Red (2R100)
 - Gunmetal Grey (2R005)
- A 3.5mm (US E/4) hook
- A pair of denim shorts
- A leather needle
- 2 buttons, 18mm diameter
- Dungaree buckles and sliders, 40mm

For yarn stockists contact
Wool Warehouse 01926 882818
www.woolwarehouse.co.uk

TENSION

Tension is not critical, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

MEASUREMENTS

Braces measure approx 4cm (1½in) wide

ABBREVIATIONS

For a full list, see page 78

A few small stitches can transform an old garment. Pair with boots for a punky look, or experiment with colour to find your style.

NOTES

Braces are worked in rows to 95cm in length. They are adjustable with buckles and sliders. You can make yours to any desired length.

BRACES

PREPARE SHORTS

If your shorts have belt loops, you will need to remove them. Sew buttons to the front of the shorts, as shown in the image.

HEMS (MAKE 2)

Using Gunmetal Grey, backstitch evenly around the leg openings. Each backstitch should measure approx 1cm wide. You can work any number of sts. We worked 75.

Join Gunmetal Grey in first backstitch.

Round 1 (RS) Ch1 (does not count as a st throughout), dc in same st, 2dc in each st to end, ss to beg dc, turn.

Round 2 (WS) Ch1, dc in each st to end, ss to beg dc, turn.

Change to Scarlet Red.

Rounds 3-4 As Round 2.

Fasten off.

WAISTBAND EDGING

Using Gunmetal Grey, backstitch evenly around the waistband. Each backstitch should measure approx 1cm wide. You can work any number of sts. We worked 100.

Join Gunmetal Grey in first backstitch.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1, 2dc in each st to end, turn.

Row 2 (WS) Ch1, dc in each st to end, turn.

Change to Scarlet Red.

Rows 3-4 As Row 2.

Pm in st at centre of back.

Fasten off.

BRACES (MAKE 2)

Lay the shorts down with the back facing up. Mark out 11 sts on the back either side of the marker that sit approximately in line with the button on the front. These two marked-out sections should be the same distance from the marked central stitch.

With RS facing, join Gunmetal Grey in first of 11 marked sts.

Row 1 (RS) Ch1, dc in next 11 sts, turn. [11 sts]

Rep row 1 until Brace measures approx 34cm.

Change to Scarlet Red.

Rep row 1 until Brace measures approx 47cm

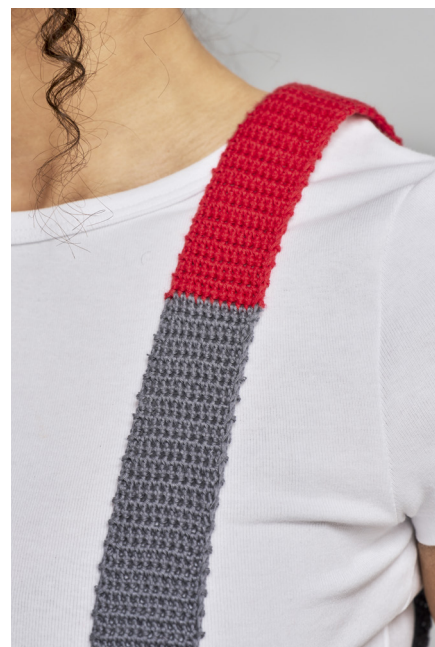
Change to Gunmetal Grey.

Rep row 1 until Brace measures 81cm.

Change to Scarlet Red.

Rep row 1 until Brace measures 95cm

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.



Make the braces in double crochet, changing shades periodically for long blocks of colour



The hems are trimmed with a stripy edging worked in four rounds of double crochet

TO FINISH

Block shorts and Braces before attaching the buckles and sliders.

With RS facing, attach the sliders first, then attach the buckles.

With WS facing, feed the Brace ends back through the middle of the sliders and fold over. Sew the Brace ends to the WS of the Braces.

Weave in any rem ends.