Beaded Renaissance snood

Shoulder length · US terms



Finished size
About 9½ in (24 cm) from the edge to the point, without the tassel, pulled lightly lengthwise; edge about 19¾ in (50 cm) around before the cord is drawn
To fit hair that reaches the shoulders

Skill
Intermediate
Long chain loops in fine thread, and beads worked in

Yarn
Lace (0), 2 colors

Hook
1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge
34 stitches and 38½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: wine, main color — **about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, the cord — **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: pearl beads, 4 mm across, with a hole that the thread passes through: 226 for Shoulder length, 338 for Long hair (two of them are for the ends of the cord: pick out two whose hole the threaded fine needle passes through with one strand of thread already in it), 2 pearl beads, 8 mm across, for the ends of the cord, with a hole that the threaded fine needle passes through with three strands of thread already in it, a fine needle that passes through the small beads, a tapestry needle, scissors and a tape measure and a piece of stiff card, 3 in (7.5 cm) wide, for the tassel.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Shoulder length (this file)	**hair that reaches the shoulders**	**9½ in (24 cm), 19¾ in (50 cm) around**	**about 160 yd (146 m)**
Long hair	hair that reaches below the shoulders	13¼ in (34 cm), 19¾ in (50 cm) around	about 210 yd (192 m)

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Gauge

34 stitches and 38½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

A net need not be exact. As a guide, 34 single crochet side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide: when 3 rounds are done the edge, laid flat and doubled, is about 9 7/8 in (25 cm) across. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one. Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Notes

- The beads come out at the back as you work. The back of the work is the outside of the snood: you work with the inside facing you, and the work is never turned.
- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- The first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st, unless the round begins with a sl st into a space. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- A stitch in a chain space goes round the whole chain, not into one of its loops.
- Where a round begins with a sl st into a space, first go along its chain with loose sl sts: 1 in each of the first 4 chains of a ch-9, the first 3 of a ch-7, the first 2 of a ch-5 or the first one of a ch-3. You are now at the middle chain: work the sl st into the space there, ch 1, and the first sc into the space there too. None of these sl sts is counted or worked into.
- In round 2 the first dc goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. In the rounds with beads, every second stitch holds a bead; in each round of beads they come between those of the round of beads before.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, string the beads that are still needed on the next ball first; then work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Wear the edge over the top of the head, behind the ears and round the nape, with the hair inside the net. Draw the cord until the edge sits close and tie it in a bow. With the bow at the nape or at the top of the head, the tassel hangs down behind.
- The small beads and pearls are not for a child under three.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Shoulder length. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 84 times: work what is inside 84 times in all.
(168 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bsc (Bead single crochet): Slide a bead along the thread until it lies against the hook, insert hook in the sp, yo beyond the bead, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops. The bead is held at the back of the stitch, on the side away from you. In UK terms: bead double crochet.

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Snood

Yarn A, wine.

Before you begin, pick out the two small beads for the cord and lay them aside. String the other 224 small beads on thread A with the fine needle, and push them along toward the ball. Let some of them slide nearer whenever you need them.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 168, join with sl st in first ch to make a loop, without twisting the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	(168 sc)

Round 2 is the round for the cord

☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 84 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(84 dc, 84 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 84 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(168 sc)

The net begins here

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, ch 9, sk next 2 sts**] 56 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(56 sc, 56 ch-9 sps)

Begin each of rounds 5 to 24 with the sl sts along the chain that the notes explain

☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-9 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 9, **[**bsc in next ch-9 sp, ch 9, sc in next ch-9 sp, ch 9**] 27 times**, bsc in next ch-9 sp, ch 9; join with sl st in first sc	(28 sc, 28 bsc, 56 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-9 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 9, **[**sc in next ch-9 sp, ch 9**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(56 sc, 56 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Rnds 7 to 20**	Repeat rnds 5 and 6 in turn: every even-numbered rnd is worked as rnd 6, every odd-numbered rnd as rnd 5.	

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

Rounds 21 to 26 make the point

☐ **Rnd 21**	Sl st in next ch-9 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 7, **[**sc in next ch-9 sp, ch 7**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(56 sc, 56 ch-7 sps)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sl st in next ch-7 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-7 sp, ch 5**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(56 sc, 56 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 3, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(56 sc, 56 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp**] 55 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, **[**sc2tog**] 28 times**; join with sl st in first sc2tog	(28 sc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, **[**sc2tog**] 14 times**; join with sl st in first sc2tog	(14 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 14 in (36 cm).	

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Cord

Yarn B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 341.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(340 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Turn the net so that the side with the beads is outside. Point: thread the 14 in (36 cm) tail on the tapestry needle, pass it under both loops of each of the 14 stitches of the last round, pull it up tight and sew three times across the hole. Leave the tail for the tassel. Weave in the end at the edge on the inside.

2. Cord: the two tails of the cord both hang at the end where it was begun; the end where it turned has none. Thread one of the tails on the tapestry needle. With the outside of the snood facing you, begin at the first dc of round 2: pass the cord in through the ch-1 space on one side of it, out through the next space, in through the next and so on all the way round to the space on the other side of that dc, the last of the 84, where it comes out. Both ends are now outside, with the one dc between them. Draw the ends level.

3. Pearls: at the end of the cord with the two tails, run one tail back along the cord with the fine needle and trim it. The other is the pearl thread of this end. At the end without a tail, draw a 12 in (30 cm) piece of B through the last stitch until half of it is on each side, and knot the two halves together close to the cord. Run one half back along the cord and trim it. The other half is the pearl thread of this end.

4. At each end, thread the pearl thread on the fine needle, pass it through a large pearl and then through one of the two small beads that were laid aside, and back through the large pearl into the cord. Pull it up so that the large pearl lies against the end of the cord with the small bead below it. Go through the large pearl, the small bead and back through the large pearl once more, sew two times through the cord, run the rest of the thread back along it and trim it.

5. Make one tassel. Lay a 12 in (30 cm) piece of B along the top edge of the card and wind B round the card and over this piece 50 times. Knot the piece tightly round the loops at the top edge, slide the loops off the card and cut them open at the other edge. Wind a second 12 in (30 cm) piece tightly 6 times round the tassel, ½ in (1.3 cm) below the top, knot it, and draw its ends into the tassel with the needle.

6. With the 14 in (36 cm) tail of the net sew the top of the tassel to the outside of the point, through the loops of the tassel and the last round 5 times. Fasten the tail and the ends of the top piece on the inside. Trim the tassel level, about 2¾ in (7 cm) long.

Finishing

- Weave in any ends that are left on the inside.

In all: 2 pieces.

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