Boho lampshade cover with tassels

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 16½ × 7¾ in (42 × 20 cm)
About 33 in (84 cm) round, not stretched, and 7¾ in (19.5 cm) tall without the tassels. To fit a straight drum shade 33½ in (85 cm) to 36½ in (92.5 cm) round and about 7 in (18 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is one tube of mesh in joined rounds, with bobbles in some rounds, and tassels tied on.

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: natural, light (3) **about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a piece of stiff card 4¾ in (12 cm) long and about 3 in (7.5 cm) wide, for the tassels, a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	a straight drum shade 30½ in (77.5 cm) to 33½ in (85 cm) round and about 7 in (18 cm) tall	15 × 7¾ in (38 × 20 cm)	about 350 yd (320 m)
Medium (this file)	**a straight drum shade 33½ in (85 cm) to 36½ in (92.5 cm) round and about 7 in (18 cm) tall**	**16½ × 7¾ in (42 × 20 cm)**	**about 400 yd (366 m)**
Large	a straight drum shade 36½ in (92.5 cm) to 40 in (101.5 cm) round and about 9¾ in (25 cm) tall	18 × 10½ in (46 × 27 cm)	about 500 yd (457 m)

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Extra large	a straight drum shade 40 in (101.5 cm) to 43½ in (110.5 cm) round and about 9¾ in (25 cm) tall	19½ × 10½ in (50 × 27 cm)	about 550 yd (503 m)

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

bo (Bobble): [yo, insert hook in the stitch named, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 5 times in that one stitch, yo, pull through all 6 loops on hook. Push it out to the right side with a finger. It leaves 1 bo for the next round.

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

16 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. The mesh and the bobble rounds have as many rounds to 4 in (10 cm) as double crochet, and each double crochet with its chain is as wide as 2 stitches.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 1 the tube should measure about 33 in (84 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Join the foundation chain into a ring with a slip stitch, and take care that it is not twisted. Work the first single crochet (UK double crochet) of round 1 into the first chain, the one that has the slip stitch in it, and one into each of the other chains; the slip stitch itself is not worked into.
- The right side, the outside, faces you in every round. The chain of 1 or 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch, and the first stitch of the next round goes into that same stitch, the one the round before was joined in.
- The mesh. Each double crochet (UK treble) and each bobble is worked into the top of the stitch below, a double crochet or a bobble; the chain-1 space between two stitches is passed over and a chain of 1 is worked above it. In round 2, which is worked into single crochet, a stitch is passed over instead. Every round begins in a stitch and ends with a chain-1 space, which lies before the join.
- A bobble is worked with the right side facing and its bump comes out at the back: push it through to the right side with a finger. A bobble counts as one stitch, and the chain of 1 after it closes it.

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- How the diamonds lie: the bobbles of a diamond move one mesh square outward in each round for three rounds and one square inward for three rounds. In the rounds where two bobbles meet there is one bobble in place of the two.
- Measure your shade round its outside and along its side from rim to rim. Small: for a shade 30½ in (77.5 cm) to 33½ in (85 cm) round and about 7 in (18 cm) tall. Medium: for a shade 33½ in (85 cm) to 36½ in (92.5 cm) round and about 7 in (18 cm) tall. Large: for a shade 36½ in (92.5 cm) to 40 in (101.5 cm) round and about 9¾ in (25 cm) tall. Extra large: for a shade 40 in (101.5 cm) to 43½ in (110.5 cm) round and about 9¾ in (25 cm) tall. The cover is a little smaller round than the shade, and in no size does the mesh have to stretch by more than an eighth. The cover stands ½ in (1.5 cm) above the top rim, where the cord draws it in, and its hem comes down to the lower rim or a little past it.
- For a taller shade, work 1 or 2 rounds more of plain mesh before the two last rounds of single crochet, each like round 3. There are 9 such rounds to 4 in (10 cm), so one adds a little under ½ in (a little over 1 cm) and two add a little under 1 in (a little over 2 cm). Each takes about 11 yd (10 m) in the largest size, less in the others; the numbers of the two last rounds go up by as many.
- Use this cover on a shade over an LED bulb, which stays cool. It is not for a bulb that gets hot, and the cover touches the shade only, never the bulb. Leave the top of the shade open.
- One yarn is used throughout: a variegated, self-striping or cake yarn of the same weight and length can take its place, and its colors fall where the yarn has them.

Instructions

Chosen: Medium. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, yo is yarn round hook and sk is miss.

☐ **Foundation** — Ch 132, sl st in first ch to form a ring.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** — Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join — **(132 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** The tube should measure about 33 in (84 cm) around: lay it flat without stretching it, measure across it and double that.

Cord round

☐ **Rnd 2** — Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 66 times**, sl st in first dc to join — **(66 dc, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 3** — Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 66 times**, sl st in first dc to join — **(66 dc, 66 ch-1 sps)**

Diamonds

☐ **Rnd 4** — Ch 2,
> **[**bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 5 times] 11 times**,
sl st in first bo to join — **(11 bo, 55 dc, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 5** — Ch 2,
> **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp,
> **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join — **(44 dc, 22 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 6** — Ch 2,
> **[[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, bo in next st, ch 1,
> sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, bo in next st, ch 1,
> sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join — **(44 dc, 22 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**

Ch 2,
[[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, bo in next st, ch 1,
sk next ch-1 sp, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 2 times] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(55 dc, 11 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 8**

Ch 2,
[[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, bo in next st, ch 1,
sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, bo in next st, ch 1,
sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(44 dc, 22 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 9**

Ch 2,
[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp,
[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(44 dc, 22 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 10**

Ch 2,
[bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 5 times] 11 times**,
sl st in first bo to join **(11 bo, 55 dc, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 11**

Ch 2,
[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp,
[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(44 dc, 22 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 12**

Ch 2,
[[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, bo in next st, ch 1,
sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, bo in next st, ch 1,
sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(44 dc, 22 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 13**

Ch 2,
[[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, bo in next st, ch 1,
sk next ch-1 sp, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 2 times] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(55 dc, 11 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 14**

Ch 2,
[[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, bo in next st, ch 1,
sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, bo in next st, ch 1,
sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(44 dc, 22 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 15**

Ch 2,
[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp,
[dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**,
sl st in first dc to join **(44 dc, 22 bo, 66 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 16**

Ch 2,
[bo in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 5 times] 11 times**,
sl st in first bo to join **(11 bo, 55 dc, 66 ch-1 sps)**

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Hem

☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp**] 66 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(66 dc, 66 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 66 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(132 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(132 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails on the wrong side, along the rounds of single crochet at the two edges. The right side, with the bobbles, is the outside.

2. The cord. Leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm), ch 220, about 55 in (139.5 cm), and fasten off with a tail of the same length. Draw each tail back through the last few chains with the needle, and trim it. The cord goes through round 2. Begin at the first chain-1 space after the join of that round: from the outside, go in through that space, out through the next, and so on all the way round. There are 66 spaces, an even number, so the cord comes out on the outside through the last space, beside the place where it went in.

3. The tassels, 33 of them. Wind the yarn 10 times round the length of the card, so that every loop is 4¾ in (12 cm) long, and cut it. For the tie, cut a length of 18 in (45 cm), slide it under all the loops at one end of the card, bring its two ends together so that they are equal, and tie them tightly in a double knot round all the loops. Slide the loops off and cut them open at the other end. For the neck, cut another length of 18 in (45 cm) and wind it 5 times tightly round the tassel ½ in (1.5 cm) below the tie, knot its two ends together twice, draw the ends down inside the tassel with the needle and trim all the strands level, so that the tassel is about 4½ in (11.5 cm) long. The two ends of the tie stay long.

4. Hang the tassels on the last round, round 19. Put the marker in the first stitch of that round. Each tassel hangs on 2 stitches side by side, and 2 stitches are left free before the next tassel. The first tassel hangs on the marked stitch and the stitch after it, the second on the 5th and 6th stitches, the third on the 9th and 10th, and so on round, 4 stitches for each tassel: 33 x 4 = 132 stitches. With the needle take one end of the tie through the first of its 2 stitches and the other end through the second, both from the outside to the inside and under both loops of the stitch, and draw them up until the top of the tassel touches the hem. Knot the two ends together twice on the inside, weave them in along the hem and trim them.

Finishing

- Turn the lamp off and take the shade off it. Draw the cover over the shade from above, the cord at the top and the join of the rounds at the back, until the cover stands ½ in (1.5 cm) above the top rim all round. Pull the cord until the edge leans in over the rim, tie it in a bow, and tuck the bow and its ends down between the cover and the shade. Put the shade back on the lamp.
- Pull the bobbles out with your fingers and comb the tassels straight.

In all: 19 rounds.

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