Butterfly ring doily

Size 10 thread · US terms



Finished size
About 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Lace (0), 4 colors

Hook
1.5 mm (US steel 8)

Gauge
38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: white, main color	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: violet, color B	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lilac, color C	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: deep plum, color D	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.5 mm (US steel 8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and rust-proof pins for blocking.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Size 10 thread (this file)	**7¾ in (19.5 cm) across**	**about 110 yd (101 m)**
Sport cotton	14½ in (37 cm) across	about 175 yd (160 m)
Worsted cotton	21 in (53 cm) across	about 240 yd (219 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
rnd	round

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

About 19½ rows of double crochet to 4 in (10 cm). After rnd 3 the doily measures about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- The sl sts at the start of a round carry the yarn to where the round begins; they are not counted.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next round.
- The wings are worked in rounds without turning, the body in one row.
- At the start of a row or round "same st" is the stitch at the foot of the chain you have just worked.
- In rnds 2 and 3 of the wings "sc in next sc" is worked in the sc of the round below that lies between two wings.

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Instructions

Chosen: Size 10 thread. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Doily

Yarns in order of use: A, white; C, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
The wheel		
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 6 (counts as tr, ch 2), **[**tr in next dc, ch 2**] 11 times**, join with sl st in 4th ch of beg ch-6	**(12 tr, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next tr, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), sk next dc, **[**dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next dc**] 17 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5	**(18 dc, 18 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next dc, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 17 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(72 dc)**
The net		
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, sk next dc, **[**sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next dc**] 35 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 36 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 3, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3**] 35 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 36 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 4, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4**] 35 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 36 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 5**] 35 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 36 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 6, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 6**] 35 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 36 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 7, **[**sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 7**] 35 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 36 ch-7 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sl st in next ch-7 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 8, **[**sc in next ch-7 sp, ch 8**] 35 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 36 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sl st in next ch-8 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 8, **[**sc in next ch-8 sp, ch 8**] 35 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 36 ch-8 sps)**

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The rim and the fan edge

☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in next ch-8 sp, **[**dc in next sc, 4 dc in next ch-8 sp**] 35 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off A **(180 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Join C with sl st in first dc, ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3), dc in same st, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc**] 35 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-6 **(72 dc, 36 ch-3 sps, 36 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, picot, 3 dc) in same sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, **[**(3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp**] 35 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(216 dc, 36 sc, 36 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Butterfly wings: make 6

Yarns in order of use: B, violet; C, lilac.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1**	With B, ch 1, sc in ring, ch 9, sc in ring, ch 6, 2 sc in ring, ch 6, sc in ring, ch 9, sc in ring, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off B **(6 sc, 2 ch-9 sps, 2 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join C with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, (hdc, 2 dc, 2 tr, 3 dtr, 2 tr, 2 dc, hdc) in next ch-9 sp, sc in next sc, (hdc, 2 dc, 3 tr, 2 dc, hdc) in next ch-6 sp, sc in each of next 2 sc, (hdc, 2 dc, 3 tr, 2 dc, hdc) in next ch-6 sp, sc in next sc, (hdc, 2 dc, 2 tr, 3 dtr, 2 tr, 2 dc, hdc) in next ch-9 sp, sc in next sc, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off C **(16 dc, 14 tr, 8 hdc, 6 sc, 6 dtr)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next dtr, (sc, picot, sc) in next dtr, 2 sc in next dtr, sc in each of next 5 sts, sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next tr, (sc, picot, sc) in next tr, 2 sc in next tr, sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in each of next 2 sc, sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next tr, (sc, picot, sc) in next tr, 2 sc in next tr, sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next sc, sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next dtr, (sc, picot, sc) in next dtr, 2 sc in next dtr, sc in each of next 5 sts, sc in next sc, join with sl st in first sc **(62 sc, 4 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Butterfly body: make 6

Yarn D, deep plum.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 8.
☐ **Row 1**	With D, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 6 chs **(7 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the doily, the wings and the bodies. The two wings worked over the ch-9 sps are the front wings, the two over the ch-6 sps the hind wings.

2. Antennae: with D ch 13 for each butterfly and fasten off; cut the ends short after working them back into the chain. Lay the 7th ch (the middle) on the wings at the place between the front wings, just under where the front end of the body will lie, so that 6 chs run forward on each side.

3. Body: lay it on the right side of the wings, over the ring, pointing from between the hind wings to between the front wings, its sc edge to the right, the middle of its 7 sc over the ring. Cut a length of D three times as long as the way round it and 8 in (20 cm) more and sew it down all round, one small stitch in each sc and in each ch, through the wings, and at the front end through the 7th ch of the antennae too. Fasten off at the back.

4. Places: rnd 11 of the doily has 36 sc. Begin between any two of them: that is the first place, and each next place lies 6 sc farther on. (6 places) Lay a butterfly right side up on the right side of the doily, the ring of its wings midway between the two sc of rnd 11, its front end pointing straight outward. The picots of the hind wings come to about rnd 9, those of the front wings to between rnds 12 and 13. Pin all six before you sew.

5. Sewing: cut 40 in (102 cm) of B for each butterfly. From the back sew it to the net with 3 small stitches on each side of the body, always through the wings and round a chain of the net, then with 2 small stitches at each of the four picots, round the chain that lies next to it. Carry the yarn from place to place inside the violet edge at the back of the wings. Fasten off. The edges between stay free; lift them a little with your fingers. Antennae: the line that the butterfly points along meets an sc of rnd 12, and a ch-8 loop runs from that sc to each side. Lay each antenna straight from the front end of the body to the middle of the loop on its own side, where the next sc of rnd 13 is worked into it, and sew the end to the loop there with 2 small stitches; for this cut 8 in (20 cm) of D for each antenna. An antenna may bend a little on the way. To check: the two ends of a butterfly lie on neighboring ch-8 loops of rnd 12, and the one sc of rnd 12 that the butterfly points at lies midway between them. Fasten off at the back.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left with the yarn needle.
- To block: wet the piece, lay it right side up on a towel, pin it out to size with every fan and picot of the edge drawn evenly, and let it dry.

In all: 7 pieces.

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