Butterfly stitch shawl

Shoulder shawl · US terms



Finished size
About 49½ × 23 in (126 × 58 cm)

Skill
Easy
Double crochet, chain loops, the gather stitch told step by step, color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: deep blue, background	**about 175 yd (160 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac, first wings and top edge	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sky blue, second wings	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: white, third wings	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 200 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Shoulder shawl (this file)	**49½ × 23 in (126 × 58 cm)**	**about 390 yd (357 m)**
Full shawl	57 × 26½ in (145 × 67 cm)	about 500 yd (457 m)

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 4 the piece, laid flat, is about 2.3 in (5.8 cm) tall. If yours is shorter, use a larger hook; if it is taller, use a smaller one.

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Each size in the list is printed in full when it is chosen. For another size work whole bands of six rows; the next band goes in the next color of lilac, sky and white. The plain row before a band has a number of stitches that is 5 more than a multiple of 12. An odd band (the first, the third and so on) has 4 butterflies more than the odd band before, with 5 stitches beyond the outer ones in the row below; an even band has 4 more than the even band before, with 11 stitches beyond them. Between two butterflies there are always 5 dc. After the last band work the row of single crochet in lilac. One band adds about 7.4 in (18.8 cm) to the top edge and about 3.4 in (8.6 cm) to the depth.

Notes

- The butterfly, step by step. First row of a band: where a butterfly begins, ch 9 and pass over 7 stitches. Second and third row: ch 9 again, over the loop of the row below. Let the loops lie loosely, one above the other. Fourth row: ch 3, work one gather stitch (gst) round all three loops, ch 3. Fifth row: 3 dc in the first ch-3 sp, dc in the top of the gst, 3 dc in the second ch-3 sp, so that the 7 stitches are there again.
- In the rows with loops, "sk next ch-9 sp" means that the new ch 9 passes over the loop below and nothing is worked into it. The three loops of one butterfly are in three rows, all in the color of the band.
- In the fifth row of a band "dc in next st", between the two groups of 3 dc, goes into the top of the gst.
- Every row of dc from row 2 on has 4 stitches more than the row below, 2 at each end, counting a butterfly as 7 stitches. The last row, in single crochet, has as many as the row below.
- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc; the last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. The chain stands on the first stitch of the row: "same st" right after it is that stitch, and "next st" is the one after it.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- In row 2 the turning ch is the skipped chs at the start of row 1: its top is the one that was next to the hook.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "2 dc in same st", they are all worked into that one place.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn.
- To change color, work the last stitch of the old color until two loops are left on the hook and draw the new color through them. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and fasten in a fresh piece each time: the yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.
- About 49.5 in (125.7 cm) across the top edge and 23.1 in (58.7 cm) deep.
- 40 rows and a row of single crochet along the top. Rows 1 to 4 are plain. Then come 6 bands of six rows: three rows with long loops, a row that gathers them, and two plain rows. The first band is rows 5 to 10.
- Yarn A: rows 1 to 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, 34, 39 and 40. Yarn B: rows 5 to 8, 23 to 26 and 41. Yarn C: rows 11 to 14 and 29 to 32. Yarn D: rows 17 to 20 and 35 to 38.
- Butterflies in a band, from the first band on: 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10.

Instructions

Shoulder shawl. US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sk skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
ch-9 sp: the gap under nine chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.
(5 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Special stitches

gst (gather stitch): Yo 2 times, pass the hook in front of the three ch-9 loops of the last three rows and under all three of them at their middle, to the back, yo and pull up a loop to the front, as tall as the row, so that the three loops lie inside it, (yo and draw through 2 loops) 3 times. It is a treble (UK double treble) that holds the three long loops together and stands in the ch-9 sp of the row below.

Yarns in order of use: A, deep blue; B, lilac; C, sky blue; D, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	4 dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc)	(5 dc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 3 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(9 dc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 7 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(13 dc)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 11 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn B on the last pull through.	(17 dc)
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 4 sts, ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 4 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(14 dc, 1 ch-9 sp)
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 6 sts, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 6 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(18 dc, 1 ch-9 sp)
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 8 sts, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 8 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(22 dc, 1 ch-9 sp)
☐ **Row 8 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 10 sts, ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn A on the last pull through.	(26 dc, 2 ch-3 sps, 1 gst)
☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 12 sts, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 12 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(37 dc)
☐ **Row 10 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 35 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn C on the last pull through.	(41 dc)
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 10 sts, ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 5 sts, ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(31 dc, 2 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 12 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 12 sts, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 12 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(35 dc, 2 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 13 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 14 sts, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 14 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(39 dc, 2 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 14 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 16 sts, ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 5 sts, ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 16 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn A on the last pull through.	(43 dc, 4 ch-3 sps, 2 gst)
☐ **Row 15 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 18 sts, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 5 sts, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 18 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(61 dc)

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☐ **Row 16 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 59 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn D on the last pull through. (65 dc)
☐ **Row 17 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 4 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 4 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch (34 dc, 5 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 18 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 6 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 6 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch (38 dc, 5 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 19 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 8 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch (42 dc, 5 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 20 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 10 sts, **[**ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn A on the last pull through. (46 dc, 10 ch-3 sps, 5 gst)
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 12 sts, **[**3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 12 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch (85 dc)
☐ **Row 22 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 83 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn B on the last pull through. (89 dc)
☐ **Row 23 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 10 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch (51 dc, 6 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 24 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 12 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 12 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch (55 dc, 6 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 25 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 14 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 14 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch (59 dc, 6 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 26 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 16 sts, **[**ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 16 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn A on the last pull through. (63 dc, 12 ch-3 sps, 6 gst)
☐ **Row 27 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 18 sts, **[**3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 5 times**, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 18 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch (109 dc)
☐ **Row 28 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 107 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn C on the last pull through. (113 dc)
☐ **Row 29 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 4 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 4 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch (54 dc, 9 ch-9 sps)

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☐ **Row 30 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 6 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 6 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(58 dc, 9 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 31 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 8 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 8 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(62 dc, 9 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 32 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 10 sts, **[**ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn A on the last pull through.	(66 dc, 18 ch-3 sps, 9 gst)
☐ **Row 33 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 12 sts, **[**3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 12 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(133 dc)
☐ **Row 34 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 131 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn D on the last pull through.	(137 dc)
☐ **Row 35 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 10 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 5 sts**] 9 times**, ch 9, sk next 7 sts, dc in next 10 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(71 dc, 10 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 36 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 12 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 9 times**, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 12 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(75 dc, 10 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 37 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 14 sts, **[**ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 9 times**, ch 9, sk next ch-9 sp, dc in next 14 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(79 dc, 10 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 38 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 16 sts, **[**ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 5 sts**] 9 times**, ch 3, gst in next ch-9 sp, ch 3, dc in next 16 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn A on the last pull through.	(83 dc, 20 ch-3 sps, 10 gst)
☐ **Row 39 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 18 sts, **[**3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 5 sts**] 9 times**, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 18 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch	(157 dc)
☐ **Row 40 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, dc in next 155 sts, 3 dc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn B on the last pull through.	(161 dc)
☐ **Row 41 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next 159 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(161 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 41 rows; 28 ends to weave in.

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