Cameo brooch

US terms



Finished size
About 2½ in (6 cm) wide and about 2¾ in (7 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 8 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Lace (0), 3 colors

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

Gauge
34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: midnight blue, rounds 1 to 6 of the ground	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, rounds 8 and 9 of the ground, the rose and the rose heart	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: antique gold, round 7 of the ground and the leaves	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a brooch pin 1 in (2.5 cm) long, a scrap of dark blue felt, sewing thread and a spray bottle.

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.

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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Ground: Rnd 1 goes up one side of the foundation chain, round its end and down the other side; its last sc goes into the chain that holds its first 2 sc. Every round begins and ends at this end, which is the lower end of the brooch.
- Ground, Rnd 9: the 5 dc in one stitch are a scallop, 14 in all, and each sc between two scallops is a dip. One dip lies at the lower end of the brooch, where the round begins, and one at the upper end. The scallops on the two sides are alike.
- Rose: each petal is the group of 5 stitches in one stitch, and the sc between two petals is the dip. Rose heart: each petal is the group of 4 stitches in one stitch. Both have more stitches than lie flat, so that their petals stand up from the ground.
- Leaf: it begins and ends at its plain end; the ch-1 sp is its tip. The last sc goes into the chain that holds the first sc.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 6¾ in (17 cm).

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Instructions

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 and dc is treble.

Ground

Yarns in order of use: A, midnight blue; C, antique gold; B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 3 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join C with sl st in first sc, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(48 sc)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 13 times**, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(14 sc, 70 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Rose

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next st, **[**sc in next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc, 10 hdc, 15 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Rose heart

Yarn B, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 5 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, (sc, 2 hdc, sc) in same st, (sc, 2 hdc, sc) in each of next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 10 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf: make 5

Yarn C, antique gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, (sc, ch 1, sc) in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(4 sc, 2 hdc, 1 ch-1 sp)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Every place is measured from the middle of the foundation chain of the ground. Hold the ground right side up, its longer way up and down, with the beginning of the rounds at the bottom.
- Leaves: lay the five leaves on the ground like a star, right side up, one of them pointing straight down and the others evenly round: the tip of each ½ in (1.3 cm) from the middle, its plain end toward the middle. Sew each one down round its edge with its tail.
- Rose: lay the rose on the leaves, right side up, with its magic ring on the middle and one petal pointing straight up. The tip of each leaf shows between two petals, and the plain ends are hidden. With its tail sew it down through the back of Rnd 1, so that the petals stay free. Lay the rose heart on it, right side up, magic ring on magic ring, its petals over the dips of the rose, and sew it through the back of its Rnd 1 in the same way. Coil: with C, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail at each end, ch 10, about 1 in (2.5 cm) long, and fasten off. Coil the chain flat round its first chain, about 1¾ turns, hold the turns together with a few stitches of one tail, lay the coil on the rose heart, its first chain over the magic ring, and sew it down with the other tail.
- Knots: with B work three French knots above the rose, one ¾ in (1.9 cm) straight above the middle and two 5/8 in (1.6 cm) above it, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the right and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left. Work three more below the rose at the same distances below the middle.
- Back: cut a piece of felt the size of the midnight blue ground and round it to the same oval. Sew the brooch pin across the felt, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above its middle, with sewing thread through the holes of the pin. Lay the felt on the wrong side of the ground, the pin outside, and sew it on all round, under the inner edge of the gold round, with stitches that do not show on the front.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 pieces; 445 stitches (350 in the ground, 40 in the rose, 25 in the rose heart, 6 in each leaf).

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