Celtic knot

US terms



Finished size
About 6½ in (17 cm) wide and about 6¼ in (16 cm) tall, from the point at the top to the lowest edge of the ring

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows, with 2 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: emerald green, the cord **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the ring **about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins, a board or cushion to pin into 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
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)

Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row.

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 sc3tog for the next row.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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.

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Before you start

- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Both pieces are worked in one row with the right side facing all the way; do not turn the work over. The foundation chain runs along the middle of the cord. In the cord, the stitches of the first side of the chain make the outer edge and those of the other side the inner edge.
- In the cord, the 2 sc that end the first side and begin the other are worked into one chain, the last: the first of them belongs to the outer edge, the second to the inner edge. The last sc of the row goes in the same chain as the first. A sc2tog is worked over 2 chains and a sc3tog over 3 chains, one loop drawn up in each. Each group of 3 sc in one chain is a point of the knot; a sc3tog lies on the inner edge across from it.
- The places of the knot are named by the hours of a clock face: 12 is at the top. All parts stay right side up and are never twisted.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 8¼ in (21 cm).

Instructions

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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Cord

Yarn A, emerald green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 100.
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 11 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 8 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 8 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 2 chs, sc in next 12 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 8 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 8 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 2 chs, sc in next 12 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 8 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 8 chs, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc2tog in next 2 chs, sc in next 7 chs, sc3tog in next 3 chs, sc in next 7 chs, sc2tog in next 2 chs, sc in next 11 chs, [sc in next ch, sc2tog in next 2 chs, sc in next 7 chs, sc3tog in next 3 chs, sc in next 7 chs, sc2tog in next 2 chs, sc in next 11 chs] twice **(189 sc, 6 sc2tog, 3 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.

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Ring

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 55.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 7 chs, 2 sc in next ch, **[**sc in next 8 chs, 2 sc in next ch**] 5 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Set three pins in a triangle with equal sides of 5 7/8 in (15 cm), at 12, 4 and 8 on a clock face. These are the three points: the chain that holds a 3-sc group is pinned there. The middle of the clock is the middle of this triangle, 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) from each of the three pins. The cord crosses itself at three places, at 10, 2 and 6, each 1¾ in (4.4 cm) from the middle of the clock; measure to the chain along the middle of the cord. Lay every curve even and round, the edge with the 3-sc groups always outside, on your right as you go.
- First part of the knot: lay the first short end of the cord (where the row began) at 10. From there lead the cord down to 6 and on to the pin at 4, and pin it there through the chain that holds the first 3 sc.
- Second part: lead the cord from 4 up to 2 and on to 10, where it goes over the first short end and covers it, and down to the pin at 8, and pin it there through the chain that holds the second 3 sc.
- Third part: lead the cord from 8 to 6, pass it there under the part that already lies at 6, and go on to 2, where it goes over the part that already lies there, and to the pin at 12, and pin it there through the chain that holds the last 3 sc. From 12 lead it down to 10, under the part that lies there, until the two short ends meet.
- Sew the two short ends to each other, edge to edge, with the tail of the cord: outer edge to outer edge, chain to chain, inner edge to inner edge. The seam is hidden under the crossing at 10.
- The ring: lay the ring strip right side up, its foundation chain inside. At each point of the knot the cord has two sides, and going round clockwise you come to one of them and then to the other. Laid so, the row runs against the clock, so the strip is led from its other end. Begin with the short end where the row ended, the one with the long tail, under the left side of the point at 12, and lead the strip round clockwise, with its foundation chain 2 3/8 in (6 cm) from the middle of the clock: over the second side of the point at 12, under the first side and over the second side of the point at 4, under the first side and over the second side of the point at 8, and back to its beginning. Sew the two short ends to each other, edge to edge, with the tail of the ring, under the left side of the point at 12.
- Pin the knot out evenly, spray it with water and let it dry. Then, with the tails on the back, take two small stitches through both layers at every crossing: three where the cord crosses itself and six where it crosses the ring. Let no stitch show on the front.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces.

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