Child's lace collar

Child, 6 to 8 years · US terms



Finished size
About 12½ in (32 cm) round and about 2 in (5 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
Increases, eyelets, shells, picots

Yarn
Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
21 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: white cotton, rows 1 to 4, edge and button loop **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink cotton, shells **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, one small flower button, about 0.5 in (1.3 cm) across, a sewing needle, sewing thread and rustproof pins.

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
Child, 6 to 8 years (this file)	**12½ in (32 cm) round, 2 in (5 cm) deep**	**about 55 yd (50 m)**
Child, 2 to 4 years	11½ in (29 cm) round, 2 in (5 cm) deep	about 55 yd (50 m)
Child, 10 to 12 years	13¾ in (35 cm) round, 2 in (5 cm) deep	about 65 yd (59 m)

Gauge

21 stitches and 11½ 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 1 the upper edge of the row, measured along its curve, is about 14.9 in (37.8 cm) long. If yours is shorter, use a larger hook; if it is longer, use a smaller one.

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Each size in the list is printed in full when it is chosen. For another neck ch a multiple of 6 plus 3: take 3 from the chain and divide by 6; that is q (here 11), and the collar has 2 × q shells. The brackets of rows 1 and 2 are worked q less 1 times, that of row 3 is worked 4 × q less 2 times, and those of rows 4, 5 and 6 are worked 2 × q less 1 times. Each q is about 1.1 in (2.8 cm) of neck edge.

Notes

- 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 next ch", 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.
- The ch 3 at the start of rows 2 and 4 counts as a dc and stands on the first st, so "next st" right after it is the second st. In the row after it the last stitch goes into the top of it ("top of turning ch").
- The ch 4 at the start of row 3 counts as a dc and a ch-1 sp. In row 4 the last dc goes into its 3rd chain, counted from the bottom.
- In row 5 each shell of 7 dc goes into the space between two sts: after "sk next 2 sts" put the hook in between the second skipped st and the next one, under no loop. Then 2 more sts are skipped, so a shell stands over 4 sts of row 4 with a sc at each side.
- In row 6 one sc goes into each of the 7 dc of a shell, with a picot after the fourth; the sc between two shells is skipped.
- Rows 1 to 4 are white, row 5 is pink and row 6 is white. To change color, work the last stitch of the row before until two loops are left on the hook and draw the new color through them; the next row begins with it. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm).
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- The neck edge is about 12.6 in (32 cm) long. From the neck edge to the edge of the shells the collar is about 1.9 in (4.8 cm) deep, without the picots. The age is a guide: take the size whose neck edge is a little longer than the neckline it will lie on.
- 22 shells round the edge. The two back edges meet edge to edge when the collar is buttoned.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 6 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 10 times: work what is inside 10 times in all.
(78 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook. Nothing is worked into the picot, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

Yarns in order of use: A, white cotton; B, pink cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 69.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), dc in next 4 chs, 2 dc in next ch, **[**dc in next 5 chs, 2 dc in next ch**] 10 times** (78 dc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 10 times**, dc in next 6 sts, 2 dc in top of turning ch (89 dc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 42 times**, ch 1, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch (45 dc, 44 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 21 times**, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch. Change to yarn B on the last pull through. (111 dc)
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in sp before next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 21 times**, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in sp before next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch. Change to yarn A on the last pull through. (23 sc, 154 dc)
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next 4 sts, picot, sc in next 3 sts, sk next st**] 21 times**, sc in next 4 sts, picot, sc in next 3 sts, sc in last st (156 sc, 22 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Putting it together

Button loop: lay the collar flat with its right side up and the opening away from you. At the right-hand back edge join yarn A with a sl st in the corner of the foundation edge, ch 7, sl st in the top of the stitch at the end of row 1 at the same edge. The chain is about 1.1 in (2.8 cm) long. Put the button through the loop, and add or leave out a chain if it is loose or tight; then fasten off.

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Finishing

- Weave in the ends on the wrong side.
- Wet the collar, lay it flat with the right side up, pin out the neck edge and then every picot, and let it dry.
- Button: when the collar is dry lay it as for the button loop, right side up and the opening away from you. With the sewing needle and thread sew the flower button firmly to the left-hand back edge, over the end of row 1, about 0.2 in (0.5 cm) from the neck edge.

In all: 6 rows; 656 stitches.

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