Cluster lace napkin edging

Small cloth · US terms



Finished size
About 5¾ in (14.5 cm) square, edging and all, round a hemmed cloth about 4½ in (11.5 cm) square

Skill
Intermediate
Clusters, chain loops, picots

Yarn
Lace (0)

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge
28 stitches and 32 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: leaf green, lace (0) **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, sharp sewing needle for the blanket stitch and hemmed cloth, its size is given below.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. For another length of edge, the thread for a side is in proportion to its length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small cloth (this file)	**5¾ in (14.5 cm) square, 4½ in (11.5 cm) square**	**about 40 yd (37 m)**
Handkerchief	12½ in (32 cm) square, 11½ in (29 cm) square	about 90 yd (82 m)
Dinner napkin	17¾ in (45 cm) square, 16½ in (42 cm) square	about 130 yd (119 m)

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)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
rnd round
sk skip

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sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

Special stitches

CL (cluster): (yo, insert hook in the place, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops) 3 times in the same place, yo and draw through all 4 loops on the hook. It leaves 1 cluster for the next row.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook. It leaves It leaves a small loop standing on the stitch before it. for the next row.

Gauge

28 stitches and 32 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 a side, measured between two corner stitches, is about 4.7 in (11.9 cm). If the edge ruffles, use a smaller hook; if it pulls the cloth in, use a larger one.

To fit another cloth, sew a blanket stitch edge whose loops along each side are a multiple of 6 plus 1 (31 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 1 from the loops of a side and divide by 6: that is n (here 5). In round 1 "31 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 the repeat along each side, here worked 11 times, is worked 2 × n + 1 times; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 11 times, is worked 2 × n + 1 times. The long repeat in outer brackets is worked 3 times, as printed, when all four sides have the same n. If the cloth is longer than it is wide, work out n for its long sides and for its short sides. The lines are written as one side and then, in the outer brackets, the corner and the side that follow it; where the brackets say 3 times, work what is in them once for each of the other three sides, with the n of that side.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked into the loops of the blanket stitch, one after another. Its first st is the loop that lies across any one of the corners.
- Blanket stitch: use a sharp needle and the crochet thread, and hold the cloth with the edge you are working on toward you. Fasten the thread at the edge. * Put the needle in from the front about 0.1 in (0.3 cm) inside the edge and 0.14 in (0.4 cm) farther along, bring its point out under the edge and over the thread that lies there, and draw up until the thread lies snugly along the edge. Repeat from * all round. The thread that lies along the edge between two stitches is one loop. At a corner, make one slanting stitch on either side of the point, so that one loop lies across the corner. At the end, join the last loop to the first stitch and fasten off.
- Corner stitch: the middle one of the 3 single crochet in a corner. A round that begins with 2 sc and ends with 1 sc in the same first stitch makes its first corner of those 3 sc, and its corner stitch is the first sc of the round. In rounds after the first, "first st" means the first stitch of the round below.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round 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. Where a chain space is the next place named, pass over any stitches that stand before it and leave them unworked.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.

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- Round 3 is worked only into the ch-3 spaces of round 2, the four at the corners and those between two clusters. Its first slip stitch goes into the corner space beside the ch 3 the round was joined in. Every stitch of round 2 (the ch 3 at its start, the dc beside a corner space and the clusters) is passed over and left as it is.
- Begin with a hemmed cloth about 4.6 in (11.7 cm) square; with the edging it is about 5.7 in (14.5 cm) square.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the hem in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 31 loops along each side, 128 loops in all, 7 to the inch (2.5 cm). Its thread is in the amount below and its 2 ends are among the ends to weave in.
- Round 1 leaves 33 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

Instructions

Chosen: Small cloth. 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, dc is treble and yo is yarn over hook.

☐ **Foundation**	A hemmed cloth with a blanket stitch edge of 31 loops on each side and one at each corner, with the right side facing you.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 31 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(136 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), (ch 3, dc) in same st, **[**sk next st, (CL, ch 3, CL) in next st, sk next st**] 11 times**, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next st, **[**sk next st, (CL, ch 3, CL) in next st, sk next st**] 11 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(8 dc, 48 ch-3 sps, 88 CL)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (3 sc, picot, 3 sc) in same sp, **[**(2 sc, picot, 2 sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 11 times**, **[**(3 sc, picot, 3 sc) in next ch-3 sp, **[**(2 sc, picot, 2 sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 11 times] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(200 sc, 48 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 3 rounds; 4 ends to weave in.

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