Flower lace bun cover

Ballet · US terms



Finished size

About 9½ in (24 cm) round at the fullest place and 2¾ in (7 cm) from the middle out to the cord, for a hair bun about 8 in (20.5 cm) to 10 in (25.5 cm) round

Skill

Easy

It is a small net worked in joined rounds, with three small pieces sewn together as a flower.

Yarn

Super fine (1), 2 colors

Hook

2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge

30 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: blush, the net, the frill, the cord and the small flower **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: rose, the large flower and its center **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 400 yd (366 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle and scissors.

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

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Ballet (this file)	**9½ in (24 cm) round, 2¾ in (7 cm)**	**about 50 yd (46 m)**
Large	12¾ in (32.5 cm) round, 3½ in (9 cm)	about 65 yd (59 m)

Gauge

30 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

30 stitches and 33 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, worked in the round.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 2 the center should measure about 1 in (2.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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Notes

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds of the net are joined, and the piece is never turned. The chain of 3 at the start of rounds 1 to 10 (13 in the large size) counts as the first double crochet (UK treble), and the slip stitch at the end of each of these rounds goes into the top of it, its third chain. The chain of 1 that follows it in the net is the first space of the round. The slip stitches at the start of a round only bring the hook to a space and are not counted.
- The chain of 1 at the start of the last two rounds does not count as a stitch. In the first of these rounds the first single crochet (UK double crochet) goes into the first space of the round before; in the last round it goes into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The three pieces of the flower are worked in joined rounds, right side out. Their chain of 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch. The first stitch goes into the stitch the round before was joined in; in the last round of the large flower and of the small flower the first petal goes into the first chain space of the round before.
- Measure round the fullest part of the bun, over the pins. A bun that lies between the two sizes takes the larger one: the cord draws it in.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- For an adult a small pearl bead may be sewn into the middle of the flower with thread. Leave it out for a child.
- Colors. The net, the frill, the cord and the small flower are A. The large flower and its center are B.

Instructions

Ballet. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
5 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **dc in each of next 11 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 11 times: work what is inside 11 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Net

Yarn A, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 11 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 2.** The center should measure about 1 in (2.5 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, ch 1, **[**dc in next 2 sts, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)

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Mesh

☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (30 dc, 30 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 29 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (30 dc, 30 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (36 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 35 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (36 dc, 36 ch-1 sps)

8 9 10

Edge

☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each of next 36 ch-1 sps, sl st in first sc to join (72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc, 90 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Large flower

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join (6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, ch 3, sk next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join (6 sc, 6 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc, 12 hdc, 18 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45 cm) for sewing.

Small flower

Yarn A, blush.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join (6 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, ch 2**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, 3 hdc, sc) in next ch-2 sp**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc, 18 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Center of the flower

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the net on the wrong side.

2. Bring the sewing tail of the large flower and that of the small flower to the middle: on the wrong side run each through the back of the stitches from the edge inward, in the large flower to round 2 and in the small flower to round 1. Weave in the beginning tails of the three flower pieces.

3. Set the small flower on the middle of the large one, both right side up, each small petal over the gap between two large petals. With the tail of the small flower sew it down through both layers with 6 small stitches, one through each stitch of its round 1. Fasten off on the wrong side of the large flower.

4. Set the center, right side up, on the middle of the small flower, over its round 1. With its own tail sew it down through all the layers with 6 small stitches, one through each of its 6 stitches. Fasten off on the wrong side of the large flower.

5. Set the flower on the middle of the right side of the net. With the tail of the large flower whip stitch it down all round with 12 stitches, each through the back of one stitch of round 2 of the large flower and through one stitch of round 1 of the net. The petals stay free. Fasten off on the wrong side of the net and weave in the end.

6. For the cord, with A, ch 164, about 17½ in (44.5 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 4 in (10 cm) at each end. Beginning at any space, weave it in and out through all 36 chain-1 spaces of round 10, the last round of the net, so that the two ends come out to the outside in two spaces that are next to each other. Knot each end and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm).

7. Put the cover over the finished bun, draw the cord snug, tie it in a bow under the bun and tuck the ends in beneath the net.

Finishing

- Weave in any tail that is left on the wrong side of the net, along the stitches of rounds 1 and 2, where the flower hides it.

In all: 4 pieces; 582 stitches (468 in the net, 66 in the large flower, 42 in the small flower, 6 in the center of the flower).

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