Flower curtain tie backs, pair

Regular · US terms



Finished size
About 22 × 3¼ in (56 × 8 cm)
About 22 in (56 cm) long without the rings and 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide. To fit a curtain 12 in (30.5 cm) to 20¾ in (52.5 cm) round where it is gathered

Skill
Intermediate
The star stitch takes some practice, and the rose and the leaves are sewn on.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: ivory, the bands	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, the roses	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage, the leaves	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 4 metal rings ¾ in (2 cm) across, two for each tie back, 2 hooks for the wall, one at each side of the window, 3 stitch markers, pins, 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	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Regular (this file)	**a curtain 12 in (30.5 cm) to 20¾ in (52.5 cm) round where it is gathered**	**22 × 3¼ in (56 × 8 cm)**	**about 245 yd (224 m)**
Long	a curtain 15¼ in (38.5 cm) to 26½ in (67.5 cm) round where it is gathered	28 × 3¼ in (71 × 8 cm)	about 315 yd (288 m)

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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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
WS	wrong side

Special stitches

star: Pull up a loop in each of these five places: the small hole that closes the star before, the side of the last loop of that star, the stitch that last loop was pulled up in, and the next 2 stitches. There are 6 loops on the hook. Then yo, pull through all 6 loops, and ch 1 to close the star; that chain leaves a small hole, its eye. The first star of a row has no star before it: pull up its first three loops in the 2nd chain from the hook, in the 3rd chain from the hook, and in the stitch at the foot of the chain, and then go on in the next 2 stitches. It leaves 1 star for the next row or round.

Gauge

16 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. 16 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet. 16 stitches and 6 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in treble crochet. A row of stars is counted at the same height as a row of half double crochet, and a star is as wide as 2 stitches.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 16 stitches and 11 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 26.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(24 hdc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 16	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	**(24 hdc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 2 at the start of a row of half double crochet and the chain of 1 at the start of a row or round do not count as stitches.
- A row of stars begins with a chain of 3 that counts as a half double crochet. The first two loops of the first star are pulled up in the two lower chains of those 3; the top chain is left free, and the last half double crochet of the next row goes into it. The last two loops of every star are pulled up in the next 2 stitches of the row below, one loop in each: those are the 2 stitches a star uses, and the next star goes on in the 2 stitches after them.

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- In the row after the stars, every star gets 2 half double crochet in its eye, the small hole made by the chain that closed it. The half double crochet that ends a row of stars, and the chain of 3 that begins it, get one each. The stars show on the right side.
- The edging. Each round begins in the stitch it was joined in. In round 2 every shell is (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in one stitch, with a single crochet (UK double crochet) between two shells; the shells go round the corners without any other increase.
- The petals of the rose. Each petal is worked in one stitch, with a stitch passed over on both its sides and a single crochet between two petals. There are 14: 4 of half double crochet, 5 of double crochet (UK treble) and 5 of treble crochet (UK double treble).
- The leaf is one round along both sides of its foundation chain: along one side from the base to the point, 3 single crochet in the last chain, and back along the other side. The last 2 single crochet go into the chain that has the first single crochet in it.
- Choose the size by the curtain: gather it in your hand where the tie back will be and measure round it. The regular size is for 12 in (30.5 cm) to 20¾ in (52.5 cm), the long one for 15¼ in (38.5 cm) to 26½ in (67.5 cm). A tie back that goes loosely round makes a soft curve; one that only just goes round gathers the curtain tightly.

Instructions

Chosen: Regular. 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble, yo is yarn round hook and sk is miss.

Band: make 2

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 84.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(82 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as hdc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 40 times**, hdc in last st	**(2 hdc, 40 stars)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, 2 hdc in each of next 40 sts, hdc in last st	**(82 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as hdc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 40 times**, hdc in last st	**(2 hdc, 40 stars)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, 2 hdc in each of next 40 sts, hdc in last st	**(82 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Edging: make 2

Yarn A, ivory.

Join A with a slip stitch in the first stitch at the right end of row 5, with the right side facing. Round 1 goes along row 5, down the row ends at the left, along the 82 chains of the foundation chain, and up the row ends at the right. The first and the last stitch of row 5 and the first and the last of the 82 chains get 3 sc each, which turns the corner; every other stitch and chain of the two long edges gets 1. Where it says so many sc in the end of a row, put the hook under the whole stitch, or the chain, at the end of that row.

☐ **Foundation**	The band, RS facing, 82 stitches and 5 rows; turn it as you go round it.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 80 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of next row**] 2 times**, 2 sc in end of next row, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 80 chs, 3 sc in next ch, **[**2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of next row**] 2 times**, 2 sc in end of next row, sl st in first sc to join	**(188 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, (hdc, 3 dc, hdc) in next st, sk next st**] 47 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(47 sc, 94 hdc, 141 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Rose: make 2

Yarn B, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 58.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Row 2 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 hdc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**sk next st, 7 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 5 times**, **[**sk next st, 9 tr in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(15 sc, 20 hdc, 35 dc, 45 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 50 in (127 cm) for sewing.	

Leaf: make 6

Yarn C, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 10.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next 3 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next 3 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, 2 sc in last ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc, 4 hdc, 4 dc, 6 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the bands and the edgings on the wrong side, the starting tail of each leaf along the middle of its wrong side, and the starting tail of each rose, which is at its small end, along row 1. Only the long tail of each rose and of each leaf is left.

2. Pin the bands out flat, damp, with their right side up and the shells pulled out, and let them dry.

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3. Rings. For each ring cut a length of A 18 in (45 cm) long. Lay the band with its wrong side up. Lay the ring on it at the middle of one short end, in line with row 3, half of it over the edging and half standing out past the tips of the shells. Beginning with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), sew the half of the ring that lies on the edging to it: the needle goes round the wire and through the back of the stitches beneath it, 10 stitches close together. Fasten off and weave both ends in on the wrong side. Sew a ring to the other end in the same way.

4. The rose. Lay the strip with its right side up, the petals away from you and the 4 small petals at your right. (If you crochet with your left hand, they are at your left; roll the strip the other way.) Begin to roll at the small end: roll the foundation edge tightly, the right side inside, keeping that edge level, and go on more loosely with the larger petals, so that the last petal closes over the roll. Row 1 makes the flat base, a disk about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. Pin it. Run the long tail down the end of the strip to the base, sew through the base from side to side, through all its layers, 8 stitches that cross one another like the spokes of a wheel, and then once round its outer edge, a stitch for every ½ in (1.5 cm), that takes in the end of the strip. Do not fasten off: what is left of the tail sews the rose to the band. Turn the petals outward with your fingers.

5. The leaves. The joined end of each leaf, where its long tail is, is its base; the end with 3 sc in one chain is its point. On the right side of the band find the middle: count along row 3 from one short end and put a marker in the 41st stitch. Put a second marker 2 stitches to the left of it and a third 2 stitches to the right of it, all on row 3: they are ½ in (1.5 cm) from the middle, so that the base of the rose covers them. Lay the base of one leaf on the left marker, right side up, its point toward the left end of the band; lay a second one on the right marker in the same way, its point toward the right end; lay the third with its base on the middle marker and its point straight down, over the lower long edge, the one along the foundation chain. With its own tail sew each leaf down along the first ½ in (1.5 cm) of both its edges from the base: bring the needle up through the leaf one stitch in from its edge and down through the band beside the edge, 4 stitches on each side. Fasten off on the wrong side and weave the end in there. The rest of the leaf stays free. Take the two outer markers away.

6. Take the last marker out and set the middle of the base of the rose on the stitch it was in. The base reaches about 7/8 in (2 cm) to each side and covers the bases of the three leaves. With the rest of its tail sew the base to the band all round, 12 stitches close to its outer edge: the needle goes through the edge of the base and through what lies beneath it, the band, or a leaf and the band together. Fasten off on the wrong side and weave the end in. The second tie back is made in the same way; both are alike.

Finishing

- Pass a tie back round the curtain with the rose in front, and hang both rings over the hook in the wall, one after the other.

In all: 10 pieces.

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