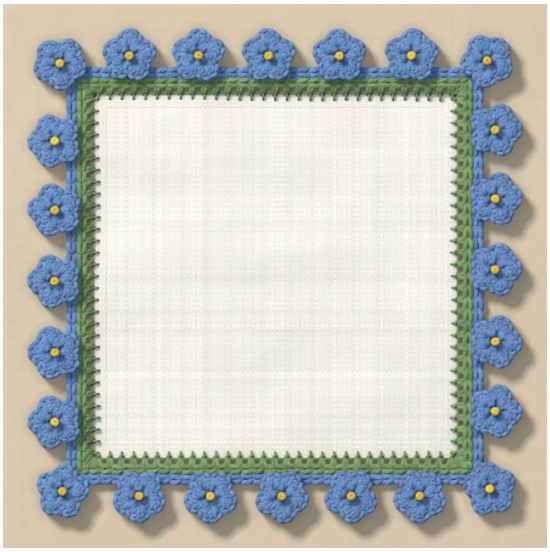
Little flower napkin edging

Small cloth · US terms



Finished size
About 6 in (15.5 cm) square, edging and all, round a hemmed cloth about 4½ in (11.5 cm) square

Skill
Intermediate
Petals in a ring of chain

Yarn
Lace (0), 3 colors

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 A: green cotton thread, first round and blanket stitch	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: forget-me-not blue cotton thread, flowers	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow cotton thread, knots	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

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

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. For another length of edge, the thread of rounds 1 and 2 for a side is in proportion to its length; yarn C is worked out for each flower, 6 cm of it, and 60 cm to begin and end.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small cloth (this file)	**6 in (15.5 cm) square, 4½ in (11.5 cm) square**	**about 55 yd (51 m)**
Handkerchief	13 in (33 cm) square, 11½ in (29 cm) square	about 115 yd (105 m)
Dinner napkin	18 in (46 cm) square, 16½ in (42 cm) square	about 160 yd (146 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)
rnd	round
st	stitch

Special stitches

flower: Ch 5, sl st in 4th ch from hook to form a ring, (ch 2, 3 hdc, ch 2, sl st) 5 times in the ring, sl st in the first of the 5 chs. It leaves It stands out from 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, with one loop across each corner. In round 1 a side has that number in place of 31. For round 2 take 1 from that number, divide by 6 and take away 1: the inner brackets of that side are worked so many times (31 less 1 is 30, divided by 6 is 5, less 1 is 4). If the cloth is longer than it is wide, its long and its short sides have a number each: the lines give the first side and then, in the outer brackets, the corner and the side after it, for the other three sides in turn. The other sizes follow the same rows with these numbers. Handkerchief: the hemmed cloth is about 11.4 in (29 cm) square; 79 loops along each side and one at each corner; round 1, work "sc in next 79 sts" wherever the small cloth has 31 (328 sc); round 2, work the inner brackets 12 times (336 sc, 56 flowers). Yarn A about 20 yd (18 m), B about 85 yd (78 m), C about 10 yd (9 m). Dinner napkin: the hemmed cloth is about 16.6 in (42.2 cm) square; 115 loops along each side and one at each corner; round 1, work "sc in next 115 sts" wherever the small cloth has 31 (472 sc); round 2, work the inner brackets 18 times (480 sc, 80 flowers). Yarn A about 30 yd (27 m), B about 120 yd (110 m), C about 10 yd (9 m).

Before you start

- 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.
- A loop of the blanket stitch counts as one stitch for round 1. The first st of round 1 is a corner loop.
- Corner stitch: the middle one of the 3 single crochet in a corner. The first corner of a round is begun with the corner stitch and one sc at the start of the round, and the last sc of the round, in the same stitch, completes it; its corner stitch is the first sc of the round.
- A flower is worked whole after the stitch before it and uses no stitch of the round: go on with the next sc beside it. It stands out from the edge on its stem of one chain, with its front toward you; it is not turned.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.

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- 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.
- To change color, draw the new color through as you close the slip stitch that joins the round. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and fasten in a fresh piece each time: the yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.
- The hemmed cloth is about 4.6 in (11.7 cm) square; with the edging it is about 6.1 in (15.5 cm).
- Before you begin, sew blanket stitch all round the hem with the sharp needle and yarn A, as the notes tell: one loop across each corner and 31 loops along each side, 7 to the inch (2.5 cm). Round 1 is worked into these 128 loops, one loop after another, and begins in a corner loop.
- Round 1 leaves 33 stitches between two corner stitches on every side. Round 2 has 5 flowers on every side and one at each corner, 24 in all.

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 and hdc is half treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, green cotton thread; B, forget-me-not blue cotton thread.

☐ **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**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1, (sc, flower, sc) in first st, sc in next 5 sts, flower, **[**sc in next 6 sts, flower**] 4 times**, sc in next 4 sts, **[**(2 sc, flower, sc) in next st, sc in next 5 sts, flower, **[**sc in next 6 sts, flower**] 4 times**, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join	**(144 sc, 24 flowers)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Centers: thread the sharp needle with a length of yarn C and leave a tail at the back. Work one French knot in the middle of each flower: bring the needle up, wind the yarn twice round it, go down again beside the place it came up and pull snug. Run the yarn along the back of the edging to the next flower. When a length runs out, fasten it off and begin another; each new length adds 2 ends.
- Weave in the ends: 2 of the blanket stitch, 2 of round 1, 2 of round 2 and 2 of the knots, when the knots are worked with one length.

In all: 2 rounds; 280 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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