Gothic lace choker

US terms



Finished size

About 13 in (33 cm) long, without the hook and the chain, and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) deep from the top of the band to the points

Skill

Intermediate

Worked in rows, with 1 special stitch.

Yarn

Lace (0)

Hook

1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge

34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: soft black, lace (0) **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, 38 round red beads of about 1/8 in (3 mm) with a hole the thread goes through, a round red bead of about 3/8 in (8 to 9 mm), black sewing thread and a needle, a small hook clasp, a 2 in (5 cm) length of metal chain with links that the hook goes into, 2 jump rings, small pliers and a spray bottle.

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.

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)
sk	skip (UK miss)
rem	remaining
sp	space
st	stitch

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Special stitches

bead ch (Bead chain): Slide a bead up to the hook, yarn over beyond the bead and pull through the loop. It counts as one chain.

Gauge

34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In Row 2 the gauge is the same across: a dc and a ch-1 space together are as wide as 2 sc.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- String 36 of the small beads on the thread before you join it for Row 6, and push them along it until they are wanted. A bead chain leaves its bead on the side of the work away from you.
- The side that faces you in the odd-numbered rows is the right side. Row 6 is worked with the wrong side facing, so its beads lie on the right side.
- Row 2: the ch 4 stands on the first st, and the last dc goes in the last st. Row 3: the last sc goes in the 3rd chain of the ch 4 that began Row 2.
- Row 4 makes 13 loops; every loop spans 7 sts and ends in the 8th, and there are 4 sc before the first loop and 4 after the last one, counting the sc the loop starts or ends in.
- Row 5: the stitches of an arch are worked round the whole chain of its loop, with the ch-3 space at the point; the sl st between two arches goes in the sc between two loops. The row is worked back, so its first arch goes in the last loop made in Row 4 and its last arch in the first loop. The sl st after the last arch goes in the sc that first loop starts from, which is the 4th sc of Row 4, and the 3 sc go in the 3 sc that are left, the first three of Row 4.
- Row 6 runs from point to point and is worked only in the ch-3 spaces. The 3 sc and the sl st at each end of Row 5 are left as they are. Each swag hangs about 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below the points.
- In another yarn the distances given here for the blocking and for the swags grow in the same proportion as the size, and the beads must be that much larger, with a hole that yarn goes through.
- Other lengths: an arch takes 8 chains, about 0.94 in (2.4 cm). Keep to an odd number of arches, so that one of them is the middle. For about 11¼ in (28 cm), ch 96, and work the brackets 46 times in Row 2, 47 times in Row 3, 11 times in Rows 4 and 5 and 10 times in Row 6, with 30 small beads strung and 2 more for the drop. For about 15 in (38 cm), ch 128, and work the brackets 62 times in Row 2, 63 times in Row 3, 15 times in Rows 4 and 5 and 14 times in Row 6, with 42 small beads strung and 2 more for the drop.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along the band: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 21¼ in (54 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 24¾ in (63 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 31¾ in (81 cm).

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Instructions

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 and dc is treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 112.
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across **(111 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 54 times** **(56 dc, 55 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next dc, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc**] 55 times** **(111 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, **[**ch 15, sk next 7 sts, sc in next st**] 13 times**, sc in next 3 sts **(20 sc, 13 ch-15 sps)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in next sc, **[**(sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc, 2 hdc, sc) in next ch-15 sp, sl st in next sc**] 13 times**, sc in next 3 sts **(32 sc, 52 hdc, 104 dc, 13 ch-3 sps)** Fasten off.
☐ **Row 6**	Turn, join with sl st in first ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 4, bead ch, ch 3, bead ch, ch 3, bead ch, ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 12 times** **(13 sc, 12 ch-17 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the band straight and level, right side up, the arches pointing away from you. Put a pin in the ch-3 space of every arch, straight out from the middle of its loop and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) from the foundation edge, so that every arch comes to a point. Leave the swags loose. Spray the choker with water and let it dry.
- Drop: lay the choker right side up with the arches pointing down. Fasten black sewing thread in the sc that Row 6 made in the ch-3 space of the middle arch, the 7th from either end. Pick up a small bead, the large bead and the other small bead; leave the last bead out and take the needle back up through the large bead and the first small one, draw the thread up so that the drop hangs straight below the point, and fasten off in the same sc.
- Closing: with the pliers, twist open a jump ring and put it through the space between the first two dc of the ladder (Row 2) at the right end; hang the hook on it and close it. At the left end hang the metal chain in the same way. The hook goes into any link.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 rows; 499 stitches.

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