Half circle shelf edging

US terms



Finished size
Each length of three half circles is about 10¼ in (26 cm) long and 2½ in (6 cm) deep, and each half circle is about 3½ in (9 cm) wide

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with 16 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Fine (2), 5 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: raspberry, rows 1 and 2 of the half circles	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sunny yellow, row 3 of the half circles	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: turquoise, row 4 of the half circles and row 4 of the headings	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: violet, some of the pieces	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: white, row 5 of the half circles and rows 1 to 3 of the headings	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

Before you start

- The half circle is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- 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.

Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The 4 rows of double crochet measure about 1½ in (4 cm) from the ring to the top of Row 4.

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.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **rem** remaining, **st** stitch.

2 dc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Dc in next 2 sts: one in each.

[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (13 dc): the row now has 13; a check, not a step. Not 13? **Pull it back**.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Half circle: make 12

Make 3 in each of four color orders. Rows 1 and 2, Row 3 and Row 4 are, for the first three, A, B and C, as the lines say; for the next three B, C and D; for the next three C, D and A; for the last three D, A and B. Row 5 is E in all twelve.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a magic ring. *Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.*	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(7 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	(13 dc)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	(19 dc)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 6 times**	(25 dc)
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, join E with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, **[**(sc, picot, sc) in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, (sc, picot, sc) in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(30 sc, 5 picots)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Heading: make 4

☐ **Start**	With E, ch 55.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(54 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(54 sc)
	2 3	
	Fasten off E.	
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in each st across	(54 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin every half circle out flat, right side up, the ends of its rows in one straight line, pull the picots out with pins, and pin the headings out straight, 10¼ in (26 cm) long; spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Lay a heading down, right side up, Row 4 at the top. Lay three half circles below it, right sides up, curves down, side by side with their corners touching, their straight sides against the foundation chain of the heading. Number the four color orders 1 to 4 as they are given above. From left to right, the first length has orders 1, 2 and 3, the second 2, 3 and 4, the third 3, 4 and 1, and the fourth 4, 1 and 2.
- With its tail, sew the straight side of each half circle to 18 chains of the heading: 2 stitches in the end of every dc row, 1 in the end of Row 5 at each corner, drawn through the edge of the half circle and the chain above it, and none in the ring.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 16 pieces; 1,992 stitches (94 in each half circle, 216 in each heading).

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.

Notes

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and its picots; slip stitches are not counted.
- The right side of a half circle is the side that faces you in the odd-numbered rows. Rows 2 to 5 begin in the last stitch of the row before, which is the first st after the turn. The ch 3 at the start of a row stands in the place of a dc in that st, so the next dc goes into the second st; the last stitch of a row goes into the top of the ch-3 that began the row before.
- A picot in (sc, picot, sc) is worked on the first of the two sc.
- The right side of the heading is the side that faces you in Rows 1 and 3.
- For a longer shelf, work the heading 18 chains longer for each half circle more: every half circle takes 18 stitches, which is about 3½ in (8.5 cm). The four color orders take turns.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 12 in (30 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 15½ in (39 cm).

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