# Hanging fruit hammock

Medium · US terms



Finished size

**About 21¾ × 12 in (55 × 30 cm)**

About 21¾ in (55 cm) from the outside of one ring to the outside of the other along the middle of the net, drawn out flat, and about 12 in (30.5 cm) wide when the loops are spread. To fit a load of about 4 lb (1.8 kg) of fruit, with hooks about 18 in (45.5 cm) apart

Skill

**Easy**

One net row is repeated with its partner; the first and the last row are worked round a wooden ring.

Yarn

**Medium (4)**

Hook

**4.5 mm (US 7)**

Gauge

**17 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**

In single crochet.

## You will need

Yarn: teal, medium (4) **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two wooden rings 2½ in (6.5 cm) across on the outside and about ¼ in (0.5 cm) thick, two cup hooks that screw into wood, 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 |
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| **Medium (this file)** | **a load of about 4 lb (1.8 kg) of fruit, with hooks about 18 in (45.5 cm) apart** | **21¾ × 12 in (55 × 30 cm)** | **about 105 yd (96 m)** |
| **Large** | a load of about 4 lb (1.8 kg) of fruit, with hooks about 22 in (56 cm) apart | 27¼ × 14 in (69 × 36 cm) | about 150 yd (137 m) |


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## Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **dc** | double crochet (UK tr, treble) |
| **st** | stitch |
| **sp** | space |
| **sk** | skip (UK miss) |
| **rnd** | round |
| **RS** | right side |

## Gauge

**17 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

In the net, hung up and drawn down with one hand, ten rows are about 4½ in (11.5 cm).

**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 17 stitches and 19 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.

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| **Swatch foundation** | Ch 27. | |
| **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(26 sc)** |
| **Swatch rows 2 to 28** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(26 sc)** |

## Before you start

- The net begins on a wooden ring, where other pieces begin with a magic ring, so there is nothing to pull closed.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- A row with a chain of 3 at its start: the chain counts as a double crochet (UK treble), and the 2 chains after it are a space. The last double crochet of such a row goes into the last single crochet of the row before. In the row after it the last single crochet goes into the top of that chain of 3.
- A single crochet in a chain-5 space goes round the chain and not into one chain of it. The chain-2 spaces at the two ends of a row are passed over.
- The right side is the side that faces you in row 1.
- Hang it in wood with hooks that screw in firmly, and put in no more than about 4 lb (1.8 kg) of fruit. Keep it clear of the stove.
- One yarn is used throughout: a variegated, self-striping or cake yarn of the same weight and length can take its place, and its colors fall where the yarn has them.
- This net is 12 loops wide. The edges are about 12 in (30.5 cm) long and the net between the rings about 16¾ in (42.5 cm), so the edges draw in.


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## Instructions

Chosen: Medium. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, dc is treble and sk is miss.

### Net

Row 1 goes round the first wooden ring. Draw a loop up through the ring and chain 1, which does not count as a stitch, then put the hook through the ring for every stitch. Push the 13 single crochet together; they cover about half of the ring, and the other half stays free.

Row 37, the last row, joins the second ring. Hold it behind the net, at the top edge. For each single crochet put the hook into the next chain-5 space and through the ring, draw the yarn back through the ring and the space, and finish the stitch over the ring. The 12 stitches cover about half of this ring too.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Take the wooden ring in place of a foundation. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | 13 sc in ring | **(13 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 5, sc in next st**] 12 times** | **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st | **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 4** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st | **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st | **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st | **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 7** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st | **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 8** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st | **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 9** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st | **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 10** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st | **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 11** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st | **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 12** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st | **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 13** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st | **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 14** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st | **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 15** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st | **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |


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| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 17** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 18** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 19** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 20** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 21** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 22** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 23** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 24** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 25** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 26** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 27** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 28** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 29** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 30** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 31** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 32** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 33** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 34** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 35** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 2, dc in last st **(2 dc, 12 sc, 2 ch-2 sps, 11 ch-5 sps)** |


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| ☐ **Row 36** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-2 sp, sc in last st | **(13 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)** |
| ☐ **Row 37** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each of next 12 ch-5 sps | **(12 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

### Edge: make 2

Leave a tail of 10 in (25 cm) where the edge begins too.

Hold the net with its right side facing you and one long side at the top. Begin at your right, beside a ring, and work to the other ring. Where the row ends with a chain of 3, put the hook under that chain; where it ends with a double crochet (UK treble), put it round the post. Pass over the single crochet at the ends of the rows between. Work the other long side in the same way, with the net turned so that this side is at the top.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | One long side of the net, RS facing: 17 places, one in the end of each row with two ch-2 spaces, which are the odd rows from row 3 to row 35. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Join yarn with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, 3 sc in each of next 16 sts | **(51 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 3** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(51 sc)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 10 in (25 cm). | |

### Hanging loop: make 2

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 36, sl st in first ch to form a ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join | **(36 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). | |

### Assembly

**1.** Each edge has two tails, one at each end. Thread each tail in turn into the needle, take it through the nearest single crochet on the ring and back through the end of the edge, 2 times, so that the edge is held close to the ring, and fasten off. Weave in all the tails that are left along the edges and into the single crochet on the rings, on the wrong side.

**2.** Hanging loops: weave in the tails of each loop along its stitches. Lay a loop flat, so that it is a band of two layers. Push one end of the band up through a ring from below, on the free half of the ring, pass the other end through it, and draw it tight.

**3.** Screw the two hooks into the underside of a shelf or a wall cabinet about 18 in (45.5 cm) apart and hang one loop on each. The right side of the net is the outside. Closer together, the hammock hangs deeper.

## Finishing

- Pull the net once the long way and once across, so that the loops open.

In all: 3 pieces; 875 stitches (497 in the net, 153 in each edge, 36 in each hanging loop).

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