Flat lace bell ornament

US terms



Finished size
About 2¾ in (7 cm) wide and about 3 in (8 cm) tall, without the hanging loop

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 3 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Lace (0), 2 colors

Hook
1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge
34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: ivory, rows 1 to 10 of the bell	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, row 11 of the bell, the clapper and the bow	**about 7 yd (6 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, fabric stiffener, a board that takes pins and a sheet of plastic.

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.

Gauge

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

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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.
- 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 round or a row does not count as a stitch.

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- 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The bell is worked back and forth in rows; its odd rows have the right side facing. The clapper and the bow are worked from a ring with the right side facing; do not turn them.
- The last st of a row is the chain that began the row before: the top of its ch-3, or the 3rd ch of its ch-4 or ch-5. In rows 6 to 10 a shell is worked only in the space in the middle of a shell of the row below, never in a space between two shells or at the end of a row.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5½ in (14 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **rem** remaining, **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in each of next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(5 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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

Bell

Yarns in order of use: A, ivory; B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in next st, 3 dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts	(11 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	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**] 4 times**	(6 dc, 5 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in last st	(17 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, [sk next 4 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st] twice, sk next 2 sts, dc in last st	(14 dc, 3 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rows 6 to 8** 6 7 8	Turn, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, [ch 1, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp] twice, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, dc in last st (14 dc, 4 ch-1 sps, 3 ch-2 sps)	
☐ **Row 9**	Turn, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, [ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp] twice, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, dc in last st (20 dc, 4 ch-1 sps, 3 ch-2 sps)	
☐ **Row 10**	Turn, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, [ch 2, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp] twice, ch 2, sk next 3 sts, dc in last st (20 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 3 ch-3 sps) Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 11**	Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot, sc in next st, (sc, hdc, picot, sc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 2 sts, picot, sc in next st, sc in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, sc in last st	(30 sc, 9 picots, 3 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Clapper

Yarn B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bow

Yarn B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	**[**Ch 4, 4 tr in ring, ch 4, sl st in ring**] 2 times**. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(8 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the bell before you sew the parts together. Lay the bell down right side up, with row 11 at the bottom and the middle shell of each row on one straight line from top to bottom.
- Slide the clapper, right side up, behind the middle scallop of row 11. Its magic ring lies 1/8 in (0.3 cm) straight below the hdc that carries the middle picot of that scallop, measured from the top of the hdc, so that the top 1/8 in (0.3 cm) of the clapper is hidden behind row 11 and the rest hangs below it. The picot lies on the front of the clapper. With its tail, sew the hidden part to the back of the stitches of row 11 on both sides of that hdc.
- For the tails of the bow, with B, ch 8 and fasten off, twice.
- Pin the two loops of the bow flat, one to each side of the ring. With its long tail, sew one end of each chain behind the middle of the bow, then wrap the tail 3 times round the middle and fasten it at the back, leaving enough to sew with.
- Sew the middle of the bow to the front of the bell, over the middle stitch of row 1; let the loops and the tails lie free.
- For the hanging loop, join A with a slip stitch in the middle one of the five foundation chains that row 1 is worked in, ch 16, work a slip stitch in the same place and fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.
- To stiffen: lay a sheet of plastic over a board that takes pins, such as a foam board. Wet the bell with fabric stiffener, as its label says, and press the spare out of it. Pin it out flat on the plastic, right side up: 5/8 in (1.6 cm) wide at row 1, 1¾ in (4.4 cm) wide at row 6 and 2¾ in (7 cm) wide at row 11, alike on the left and on the right, with a pin in the space in the middle of every shell (a ch-2 sp in rows 5 to 9, a ch-3 sp in row 10) and a pin in every picot, and the loops of the bow and the clapper flat. Let it dry before you take the pins out.

In all: 3 pieces; 194 stitches (168 in the bell, 18 in the clapper, 8 in the bow).

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