Lace bib necklace

US terms



Finished size
The cord is about 16 in (41 cm) long, buttoned; the bib below it is about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall, pinned out

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows, with 2 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Lace (0), 3 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: deep raspberry, rows 1 to 5 of the bib and the neck cord	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, rows 6 and 7 of the bib	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale pink, rows 8 and 9 of the bib	**about 9 yd (8 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, a 3/8 in (1 cm) wooden button, sewing thread, a needle for the button 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.

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

- 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.
- 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.

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- 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 right side of the bib faces you in Row 1 and in every odd-numbered row.
- Row 2: the ch 4 stands on the last st of Row 1. Row 3: its first sc is worked in the last dc of Row 2, and its last sc in the 3rd ch of the ch 4; the ch-1 sps are not worked into.
- Row 3: a shell is 5 dc in one stitch. Row 4: the 3 sl sts bring you to the middle dc of the first shell, and every sc is worked in the middle dc of a shell; the last 2 dc and the sc beside them stay unworked.
- Rows 5, 7 and 9: the first sc of the row is worked in the last sc of the row before.
- Rows 6 and 8: fasten off at the end of the row before, turn, pass over the whole first shell and join the new color in the ch-2 sp of the second shell; the first sc goes in that same sp. The 14 sts skipped are the sc at the end, the 8 dc of the first shell, the next sc and the first 4 dc of the second shell; the 14 sts left at the other end are the same. Every sc of these rows is worked in the ch-2 sp of a shell, the last one in the shell before the last. In Row 8 the ch-1 sps are not worked into.
- Row 9: the fans grow from dc at the ends to tr and, in the one fan at the center, dtr.
- 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.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured across the bib: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 10¼ in (26 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).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **dtr** double treble crochet (UK triple treble), **rem** remaining, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sk skip.
5 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **ch-7 sp**: the gap under seven chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 27 times: work what is inside 27 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(57 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.

Bib

Yarns in order of use: A, deep raspberry; B, rose; C, pale pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 58.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(57 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), **[**sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1**] 27 times**, sk next st, dc in next st	(29 dc, 28 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, **[**5 dc in next st, sc in next st**] 14 times**	(15 sc, 70 dc)

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☐ **Row 4**	Turn, sk next st, sl st in next 3 sts, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 7, sk next 5 sts, sc in next st**] 13 times**, leave the remaining 3 sts unworked	(14 sc, 13 ch-7 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, **[**(4 dc, ch 2, 4 dc) in next ch-7 sp, sc in next st**] 13 times**	(14 sc, 104 dc, 13 ch-2 sps)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Row 6**	Turn, sk next 14 sts, join B with sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 9, sc in next ch-2 sp**] 10 times**, leave the remaining 14 sts unworked	(11 sc, 10 ch-9 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 2, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-9 sp, sc in next st**] 10 times**	(11 sc, 80 dc, 60 ch-1 sps, 10 ch-2 sps)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 8**	Turn, sk next 14 sts, join C with sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 11, sc in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**, leave the remaining 14 sts unworked	(8 sc, 7 ch-11 sps)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, **[**(2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc) in next ch-11 sp, sc in next st**] 2 times**, (2 tr, picot, 2 tr, picot, 2 tr, picot, 2 tr, picot, 2 tr, picot, 2 tr) in next ch-11 sp, sc in next st, (2 dtr, picot, 2 dtr, picot, 2 dtr, picot, 2 dtr, picot, 2 dtr, picot, 2 dtr) in next ch-11 sp, sc in next st, (2 tr, picot, 2 tr, picot, 2 tr, picot, 2 tr, picot, 2 tr, picot, 2 tr) in next ch-11 sp, sc in next st, **[**(2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc, picot, 2 dc) in next ch-11 sp, sc in next st**] 2 times**	(8 sc, 48 dc, 35 picots, 24 tr, 12 dtr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Neck cord

Yarn A, deep raspberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 138.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(137 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(137 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the neck edge of the bib along half of a circle that is about 4¼ in (11 cm) across, the right side up. Pull each fan of Row 9 straight out from that circle and pin every picot; open the loops so that all shells of a row lie alike. Pin the cord straight. Spray both with water and let them dry.
- Neck cord: count 40 stitches from each end of Row 2 of the cord and mark the next stitch; from one marked stitch to the other, both counted, are the middle 57 stitches. Lay the bib right side up with the neck edge at the top, and the cord along it with the top edge of Row 2 against the foundation chain of the bib; the side of the cord that faced you in Row 2 is up. Cut a new length of A, 30 in (76 cm) long, and begin at one end of the bib. Sew the two edges together with whip stitch, over and over: one stitch through each of the 57 middle stitches of the cord and the chain of the bib that lies against it, 57 in all. 40 stitches of the cord stay free at each end.
- With sewing thread, sew the button to one end of the cord, on the side that is up, its middle 1/8 in (0.3 cm) from the short edge.
- Button loop: at the other short edge, join A with a slip stitch in one corner, ch 10, work a slip stitch in the other corner and fasten off. The loop is about ½ in (1.3 cm) long when it is pulled flat. Pull it over the button to see that it holds; work a chain more or less if it does not.
- For another length add the same number of chains at both ends of the cord, about 8 chains for each 1 in (2.5 cm), and leave that many more stitches free at each end.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 779 stitches (505 in the bib, 274 in the neck cord).

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