Lace covered stones

US terms



Finished size
About for flat stones about 2 in (5 cm), 3 in (8 cm) and 4 in (10 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 3 pieces and 2 special stitches.

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (cream in the picture), lace (0) **about 55 yd (50 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, three smooth, flat, nearly round stones, washed and dry: one about 2 in (5 cm) across and ½ in (1.3 cm) thick, one about 3 in (8 cm) across and ¾ in (1.9 cm) thick, and one about 4 in (10 cm) across and 1 in (2.5 cm) thick, a spray bottle, a tape measure and a board that takes pins.

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.
- 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 does not count as a stitch.

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- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- 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.
- The last rounds of each cover draw in, because they go round the edge of the stone and under it.
- Before you begin a cover, measure its stone with the tape over the top, from the widest place on one side, through the middle, to the widest place on the other. The star net is for a stone that measures about 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm), the flower mesh for 3¼ in (8.3 cm) and the pineapple wheel for 4 3/8 in (11 cm). Measured flat in the same way, from edge to edge through the magic ring, the star net is about 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm), the flower mesh 4¼ in (11 cm) and the pineapple wheel 5½ in (14 cm); the difference goes round the edge of the stone and under it. For a larger stone, work one more round just before the last round for every ¼ in (0.6 cm) that it measures more: on the star net between Rnds 7 and 8 and on the flower mesh between Rnds 10 and 11, 1 sc in each ch-4 sp with ch 4 between, and on the pineapple wheel between Rnds 13 and 14, 1 sc in each ch-5 sp with ch 5 between. Begin and join an added round as the round before it; the last round stays as it is written. These measures are for the thread and gauge above; in another yarn they grow in the same proportion as the size.
- Star net: the last dc3tog of Rnd 4 is worked in the first 3 dc of Rnd 3. In Rnd 5 the ch-4 sps of Rnd 4 are left free.
- Flower mesh: in Rnd 2 the chain before the first tr cluster is not used again; the round is joined in the top of the first tr cluster.
- Pineapple wheel: in Rnd 5 the dc before and the dc after each ch-2 sp of Rnd 4 are left unworked. In Rnds 7 and 8 the ch-1 sps of the round before are left free, and in Rnd 9 the ch-4 sps.
- 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 across the largest stone: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6½ in (17 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 9¾ in (25 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), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(6 dc, 6 ch-2 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

tr cluster (Treble cluster): [yarn over twice, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, (yarn over and pull through 2 loops) twice] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

dc3tog (UK tr3tog): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

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Star net

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), **[**dc in ring, ch 2**] 5 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join. Pull the tail to close the ring. (6 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, **[**3 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (18 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2, **[**dc in next 3 sts, ch 2, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (18 dc, 12 ch-2 sps, 6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, dc3tog in next 3 sts, ch 4, **[**sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, dc3tog in next 3 sts, ch 4**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc, 6 ch-3 sps, 12 ch-4 sps, 6 dc3tog)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, sc in next dc3tog, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 5, sc in next dc3tog, ch 5**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 4, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc, 12 ch-4 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 3, **[**sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 3**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc, 12 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Flower mesh

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join (8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (does not count as a st), (tr cluster, ch 3) in same st, **[**(tr cluster, ch 3) in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first tr cluster to join (8 tr cluster, 8 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 5**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join (8 sc, 8 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), dc in same sp, ch 2, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 2**] 7 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join (16 dc, 16 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), **[**dc in next dc, ch 3**] 15 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-6 to join (16 dc, 16 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1**] 15 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join (32 dc, 16 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1**] 15 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-6 to join (32 dc, 16 ch-3 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 5**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join (16 sc, 16 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join (16 sc, 16 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 4, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join (16 sc, 16 ch-4 sps)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 3, **[**sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 3**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join (16 sc, 16 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Pineapple wheel

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 11 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), **[**sk next st, dc in next st, ch 3**] 11 times**, sk next st, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-6 to join (12 dc, 12 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), dc in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join (30 dc, 6 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), dc in same sp, ch 1, sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 3 times**, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sk next st, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 3 times] 5 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join (30 dc, 6 ch-2 sps, 24 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), dc in same sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1**] 5 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join (12 dc, 6 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps, 24 sc, 18 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 1, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 1**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc, 6 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps, 18 sc, 12 ch-3 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc, 6 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-4 sps, 12 sc, 6 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in same sp, ch 6, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 6, **[**(2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 6, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 6**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc, 6 ch-3 sps, 12 ch-6 sps, 6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 7, sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 7, sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 7, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 7, sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 7, sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 7**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc, 18 ch-7 sps)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next ch-7 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 6, **[**sc in next ch-7 sp, ch 6**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc, 18 ch-6 sps)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 6, **[**sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 6**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc, 18 ch-6 sps)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 5**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc, 18 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 4, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 4**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc, 18 ch-4 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the three covers. Block: lay each cover on the board, right side up, and pin it out to an even circle as far as it lies flat; leave the loops of its last three rounds free. Spray it with water and let it dry.
- Closing: for each cover cut a length of 1 yd (91 cm) of the thread and thread it on the yarn needle. Lay the cover down, right side down, and the stone on it, its top down, the middle over the magic ring. Run the needle through the sps of the last round, up through one and down through the next, all the way round: 12 sps on the star net, 16 on the flower mesh and 18 on the pineapple wheel. Draw the thread up evenly from both ends, working round the stone, until the lace lies close to the stone everywhere. An opening is left in the middle of the underside, about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) across on the star net, 2¼ in (5.7 cm) on the flower mesh and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) on the pineapple wheel.
- Turn the stone over and move the lace with your fingers until the magic ring is in the middle of the top. Draw up the thread once more, tie its ends in a double knot close to the lace and weave them in.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces.

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