Lace cross bookmark

US terms



Finished size
About 4 × 5¾ in (10 × 15 cm)
About 4 in (10 cm) wide and 5 7/8 in tall (10 by 15 cm) without its cord and tassel

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 2 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: white, the cross **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: plum, the cord **about 5 yd (5 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 piece of stiff card, a board covered with a towel, a spray bottle and spray starch, only if you want the bookmark crisp.

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.

After Rnd 2 the square in the middle measures about 1 in (2.5 cm) from one side to the opposite one.

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.

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.

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- 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.
- At the end of every arm fasten the thread off; for the next arm join it again with a slip stitch in the place named. The first stitch of the row is worked in that same place.
- 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.
- 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.
- Rnd 2 begins in the ch-1 sp after the first dc of Rnd 1 and makes a square: its four corners are the four ch-3 sps, and each of its four sides is the 8 dc between two corners. Its last 2 dc go in the ch-1 sp the round began in, beside the first two, and the ch 3 after them is the fourth corner.
- The four arms are worked one after another, each in rows on the 8 dc of one side of the square. The corner spaces are not worked into again. The next unworked st is, for the first arm, the first stitch of Rnd 2 (the top of its ch-3), and for every later arm the first dc after the corner where the arm before it ended, as you go on round the square in the direction of the rounds. Rows 3 to 9 are the first arm, Rows 10 to 16 the second, Rows 17 to 23 the third and Rows 24 to 40 the fourth, which is the long one, the foot of the cross. When you join for a new arm do not turn: the right side faces you in its first row.
- In the second row of an arm every sk passes over 3 sc, and the 5 dc are worked in the gap between the 4th and the 5th of the 8 sc.
- A chain that counts as a dc or a hdc stands on the first stitch of the row before, and the picot after it is worked on its top: ch 3, sl st in its top chain. The last stitch of the next row is worked in that top chain. Wherever a picot stands, work into the stitch itself, not into the picot.
- In the row after a group of 5 dc the five sc go in those five dc, one in each. In the rows after it, next ch-3 sp means the next loop between two sc: pass over the stitches and the ch-2 or ch-1 sps that come before it. A space is worked round its chain, not into it. In the last row of an arm the first sc goes in the first hdc of the row before and the last sc in its last one.

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), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 11 times: work what is inside 11 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc, 12 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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

Cross

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), **[**dc in ring, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-4 to join. Pull the tail to close the ring. (12 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, [2 dc in next ch-1 sp] twice, **[**(2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, [2 dc in next ch-1 sp] twice**] 3 times**, 2 dc in first ch-1 sp, ch 3, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(32 dc, 4 ch-3 sps)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 3**	Join A with sl st in next unworked st of Rnd 2, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts of Rnd 2	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), picot, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, 5 dc in sp before next st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, dc in next st, picot	(7 dc, 2 picots, 2 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sc in next st**] 4 times**, ch 2, hdc in next st, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 5 sc, 4 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 4 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 3 sc, 2 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next hdc, picot, ch 1, (2 dc, picot, dc, picot, dc, picot, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in next hdc, picot	(2 sc, 5 picots, 2 ch-1 sps, 5 dc)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 10**	Join A with sl st in next unworked st of Rnd 2, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts of Rnd 2	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), picot, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, 5 dc in sp before next st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, dc in next st, picot	(7 dc, 2 picots, 2 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 12**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sc in next st**] 4 times**, ch 2, hdc in next st, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 5 sc, 4 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 13**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 4 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 14**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 3 sc, 2 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 15**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next hdc, picot, ch 1, (2 dc, picot, dc, picot, dc, picot, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in next hdc, picot	(2 sc, 5 picots, 2 ch-1 sps, 5 dc)

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 17**	Join A with sl st in next unworked st of Rnd 2, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts of Rnd 2 (8 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), picot, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, 5 dc in sp before next st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, dc in next st, picot (7 dc, 2 picots, 2 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 19**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sc in next st**] 4 times**, ch 2, hdc in next st, picot (2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 5 sc, 4 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 20**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot (2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 4 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 21**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot (2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 3 sc, 2 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 22**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot (2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next hdc, picot, ch 1, (2 dc, picot, dc, picot, dc, picot, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in next hdc, picot (2 sc, 5 picots, 2 ch-1 sps, 5 dc)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 24**	Join A with sl st in next unworked st of Rnd 2, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts of Rnd 2 (8 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), picot, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, 5 dc in sp before next st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, dc in next st, picot (7 dc, 2 picots, 2 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 26**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sc in next st**] 4 times**, ch 2, hdc in next st, picot (2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 5 sc, 4 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 27**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot (2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 4 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 28**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot (2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 3 sc, 2 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 29**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot (2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 30**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), picot, ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, dc in next hdc, picot (7 dc, 2 picots, 2 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 31**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sc in next st**] 4 times**, ch 2, hdc in next st, picot (2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 5 sc, 4 ch-3 sps)

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☐ **Row 32**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 4 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 33**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 3 sc, 2 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 34**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 35**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), picot, ch 1, 5 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, dc in next hdc, picot	(7 dc, 2 picots, 2 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 36**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sc in next st**] 4 times**, ch 2, hdc in next st, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 5 sc, 4 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 37**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 4 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 38**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 3 sc, 2 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Row 39**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), picot, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, hdc in next hdc, picot	(2 hdc, 2 picots, 2 ch-2 sps, 2 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next hdc, picot, ch 1, (2 dc, picot, dc, picot, dc, picot, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in next hdc, picot	(2 sc, 5 picots, 2 ch-1 sps, 5 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Cord

Yarn B, plum.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 8 chs	(9 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin out the cross, right side up, on a board covered with a towel: every picot straight out, the sides of the arms straight and parallel, 1 in (2.5 cm) apart without the picots, the three short arms the same length, 2 in (5.1 cm) from the middle of the square to the tip of the middle picot, and the foot 3 7/8 in (9.8 cm) from the middle of the square to the tip of its middle picot. Spray it with water or with starch and let it dry. Then weave in the ends with the yarn needle.
- Cord: it is about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) long. Sew the end of the cord that has the sewing tail, with that tail, to the back of the middle picot at the foot of the cross, so that 1/8 in (0.3 cm) of it lies behind the picot and the rest hangs straight down.
- Tassel: cut the card 1¼ in (3.2 cm) wide and wind B round it 22 times. Pass an 8 in (20 cm) length of B under all the loops at one edge of the card, tie it in a tight knot and leave its ends hanging. Cut the loops at the other edge and take the card away. Wind a second 8 in (20 cm) length of B three times round the tassel, ¼ in (0.6 cm) below the knot, tie it and hide its ends inside. With the ends of the first length sew the top of the tassel to the free end of the cord, so that the two meet, and hide the ends in the tassel. Cut the strands level, 1¼ in (3.2 cm) below the top.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 287 stitches (278 in the cross, 9 in the cord).

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