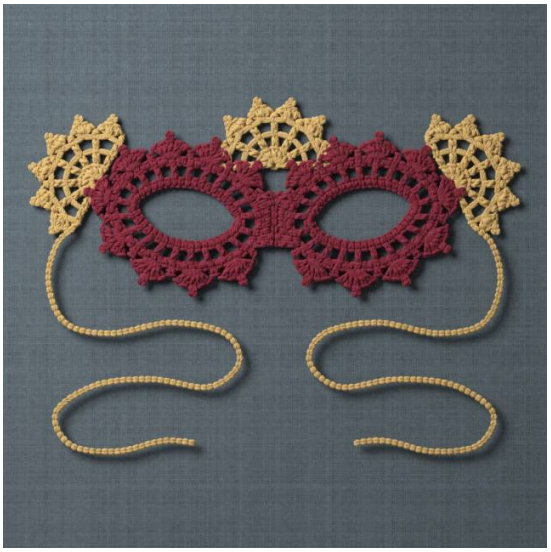
Lace masquerade mask

US terms



Finished size
About 7½ in (19 cm) wide and 3 in (8 cm) tall, without the ties

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 5 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.

You will need

Yarn A: wine red, the eye pieces **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: antique gold, the fans **about 15 yd (14 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 and a bowl, a board that takes pins and a sheet of plastic to cover it.

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.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round

Special stitches

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

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Gauge

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

The opening of an eye piece is about 1½ in (3.8 cm) long and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) tall when it is pinned out. A fan, pinned out, is about 1½ in (3.8 cm) along its straight edge, from the first sc of Row 4 to the last, and about 2 in (5 cm) wide from the first picot to the last.

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.

Before you start

- 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.
- 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 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, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- Rnd 1 of an eye piece is worked along the chain from end to end and then joined into a ring with the sl st: see that it is not twisted, with the chain on the inside round the opening. At the end close the small gap between the first and the last chain with the tail of the foundation.
- Rnd 2 of an eye piece: the last ch 2 passes over the last sc of Rnd 1, which is left unworked.
- The inner end of an eye piece is where its rounds begin and end: the short straight edge of 8 sts, the last dc and hdc and the first 4 sc, the hdc and the dc of Rnd 4. The 5th of its 9 shells is the outer end. The two eye pieces are alike; pinned out, they are mirror images.
- Fan: the chain that begins Row 2 or 3 stands on the st made last in the row below, and the next dc is the one after it. The last st of Row 2 goes in the 3rd chain of the ch 3 that began Row 1, the last dc of Row 3 in the 3rd chain of the ch 4 that began Row 2, and the last sc of Row 4 in the 3rd chain of the ch 5 that began Row 3; the first sc of Row 4 goes in the dc made last in Row 3. The 6 scallops of Row 4 are its curved edge, the two ends of the rows its straight edge, and the ring is in the middle of that. Either side may be the right side.
- 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 from side to side without the ties: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 12 in (30 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 14¼ in (36 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 18¼ in (46 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Eye piece: make 2

Yarn A, wine red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 39.
☐ **Rnd 1**	3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 18 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 18 chs, sl st in first sc to join **(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), **[**sk next st, dc in next st, ch 2**] 20 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join **(21 dc, 21 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp**] 20 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(63 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, (3 dc, picot, 2 dc) in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 9 times**, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sl st in first sc to join **(14 sc, 2 hdc, 47 dc, 9 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.

Fan: make 3

Yarn B, antique gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in ring **(7 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), dc in next dc, **[**ch 1, dc in next dc**] 5 times** **(7 dc, 6 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), dc in next dc, **[**ch 2, dc in next dc**] 5 times** **(7 dc, 6 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next dc, **[**(hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next dc**] 6 times** **(7 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 6 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.

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Finishing

- Shape the pieces before you sew: cover the board with the plastic. Wet the pieces with water and press the spare out of them. Pin the two eye pieces side by side, right sides up, the left one the mirror image of the right one, their inner ends together, straight up and down. The line between the two inner ends is the middle line, and the level of their upper ends is the zero line. Pin each eye piece to these measures: the picot of its 5th shell 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) to the side of the middle line and on the zero line; the inner corner of its opening 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the side and ½ in (1.3 cm) below the zero line; the outer corner of its opening 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) to the side and ¼ in (0.6 cm) below the zero line; the opening an almond 7/8 in (2.2 cm) tall in its middle; then each of the other 8 picots straight out from its own shell. Pin each fan as a half circle, each sc between two scallops ¾ in (1.9 cm) from the middle of the ring and every picot straight out. Let the pieces dry, and take the pins out.
- Bridge: lay the two eye pieces side by side in the same way. Sew the 8 sts of one inner end to the 8 sts of the other with the tail of one piece, from the upper end to the lower. This seam is now the middle line; its upper end is on the zero line. Pin the mask, flat, to the measures of the shaping once more while you sew the fans on.
- Crest: lay one fan behind the upper edge, right side up, its ring on the middle line and 3/8 in (1 cm) above the zero line, the sc between its 3rd and 4th scallop straight above the ring. With its tail, sew its straight edge to the shells in front of it, at each side of the ring, taking each stitch through the back of a shell only, so that no gold shows on the red.
- Temples: lay the other two fans behind the outer ends, right sides up, one at each side: the ring of each 2¾ in (7 cm) to the side of the middle line and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above the zero line, the sc between its 3rd and 4th scallop 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) to the side and ½ in (1.3 cm) above. With its tail, sew each fan in the same way to the shells in front of it, where they cover it.
- Ties: at each side, with B, join with a sl st in the end sc of Row 4 at the lower end of the straight edge of the temple fan, ch 108 and fasten off. Each tie is about 10 3/8 in (26.5 cm) long. Knot its end and trim the thread to ¼ in (0.6 cm).
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle before you stiffen the piece.
- To stiffen: keep the ties out of the stiffener. Wet the mask with fabric stiffener, as its label says, and press the spare out of it. Pin it out flat on the plastic, right side up, to the measures of the shaping, with every picot straight out from its shell or scallop. Let it dry before you take the pins out.

In all: 5 pieces; 534 stitches (189 in each eye piece, 52 in each fan).

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