# Lace teardrop earrings

US terms



Finished size
**Each lace drop about 2 in (5 cm) long with its bead and 1½ in (4 cm) wide**

Skill
**Intermediate**
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
**Lace (0), 2 colors**

Hook
**1.3 mm (US steel 10)**

Gauge
**44 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)**
In double crochet.

## You will need

Yarn A: peacock, main color — **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: bronze, color B — **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.3 mm (US steel 10), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a sewing needle that takes the thread and goes through the beads, 2 teardrop wire frames, 1 in (25 mm) wide and 1 3/8 in (35 mm) long, with no loop at the point, 4 jump rings about ¼ in (6 mm) across, 2 fish hook ear wires, the plain kind, whose small loop lies in line with the hook, 2 teal glass beads 4 mm (about 5/32 in (81.5 cm)) across, each with a hole of at least 1.2 mm (3/64 in (162.5 cm)), which the thread must pass twice, two small pliers, rust-proof pins, a towel, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 of this size at this gauge.

## Abbreviations

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

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| **ch** | chain |
| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **dc** | double crochet (UK tr, treble) |
| **tr** | treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble) |
| **dtr** | double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble) |
| **sp** | space |
| **st** | stitch |
| **beg** | beginning |
| **rnd** | round |


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### Special stitches

**picot:** Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

## Gauge

**44 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)** in double crochet.

After rnd 1 the disc measures about 7/16 in (1.1 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

## Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- The sl sts at the start of a round carry the yarn to where the round begins; they are not counted.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next round.
- Rnd 1 is the bronze middle and rnd 2 the spokes. Rnd 2 begins at the bottom of the drop and goes up one side. The two dtr stand at the two sides of the point, and the ch-6 sp between them becomes the point.
- Rnd 3 is worked over the wire frame. Lay the frame along the tops of rnd 2, its point at the ch-6 sp. Put the hook into each stitch or space as always and under the wire too, so that every sc closes round the wire. The lace is a little smaller than the frame and is drawn out to it; spread the sc so that the spokes stand straight and the ch-2 sp lies on the point. The last ch-1 sp, the one with 3 sc, is at the bottom.
- In rnd 4 the 3 sc in the ch-2 sp stand on the point. Each picot sits on the sc before it, and the last one is at the bottom, on the middle one of the last 3 sc of rnd 3. Both earrings are worked alike, so there is no left and no right one.

## Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, dc is treble, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

### Lace drop: make 2

**Yarns in order of use: B, bronze; A, peacock.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off B | **(16 dc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Join A with sl st in any dc, ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), **[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 5 times**,<br>tr in next dc, ch 1, dtr in next dc, ch 6, dtr in next dc, ch 1, tr in next dc, ch 1,<br>**[**dc in next dc, ch 1**] 6 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4 | **(12 dc, 2 tr, 2 dtr, 1 ch-6 sp, 15 ch-1 sps)** |


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Lay the wire frame on the work for this round: see the notes.

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| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 2 sc in same sp, **[**2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**,<br>sc in next tr, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dtr, (3 sc, ch 2, 3 sc) in next ch-6 sp,<br>sc in next dtr, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next tr, **[**2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**,<br>3 sc in next ch-1 sp, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A **(41 sc, 1 ch-2 sp)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next sc, picot,<br>**[**sc in each of next 3 sc, picot**] 4 times**, sc in each of next 5 sc, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp,<br>sc in each of next 6 sc, picot, **[**sc in each of next 3 sc, picot**] 5 times**, sc in next sc,<br>join with sl st in first sc **(44 sc, 11 picots)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off. |

### Assembly

**1.** To shape: wet the lace on its frame, lay it right side up on the towel, draw each picot out with a pin and let it dry.

**2.** Bead: the last picot of rnd 4, over the middle one of the last 3 sc of rnd 3, is at the bottom. Hold the drop with its point up and its right side facing you; the bead is to hang below that picot, with its hole lying from side to side. Thread the needle with 10 in (25 cm) of B. (a) Bring it from the back to the front through the small hole in the middle of the picot and leave a 4 in (10 cm) tail at the back. (b) Take the thread down in front of the bottom edge of the picot and through the bead from right to left. (c) Take it up behind the picot and once more from the back to the front through the hole of the picot: it has now gone right round the bottom edge of the picot. Draw it up until the bead hangs close under the picot. Work (b) once more, so that the thread passes the bead twice in all, take it up behind the picot and tie it to the tail at the back.

**3.** Ear wire: open a jump ring sideways with the two pliers, put it from front to back through the middle one of the 3 sc that were worked in the ch-2 sp at the point, and close it. Open a second jump ring, put it through the first ring and through the loop of an ear wire, and close it. The first ring stands at a right angle to the lace and the second turns back by a quarter, so that the lace faces the front when the hook goes through the ear from front to back. (If the loop of your ear wire stands at a right angle to its hook, leave the second ring out.)

**4.** Finish the second earring in the same way. In wear the right side of the lace is to the front and the open end of the hook to the back.

## Finishing

- Weave in all ends at the back with the needle and cut them close.
- The jump rings and the ear wire are not counted in the length.

In all: 2 pieces.

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