Ornament collar

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (9 cm) across from the tip of a leaf to the tip of the leaf opposite, measured flat, for a ball 3¼ in (8.3 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 1 special stitch.

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: ivory, lace (0) **about 20 yd (18 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, 8 gold beads about 1/8 in (3 mm) across, a sewing needle that goes through the beads, a board that takes pins, a round Christmas ball 3¼ in (8.3 cm) across with a cap that comes off 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

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.

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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 are not counted.
- Rnd 1 is worked over the chain of the ring, not into its loops. The open ring is about ¾ in (1.8 cm) across.
- Only Rnd 4 is different in its same st: it begins with a slip stitch in the hdc next to the joining, and its same st is that hdc.
- In another yarn choose a ball that is larger or smaller in the same proportion as the collar.
- In Rnd 3 each group worked in a ch-7 sp is the lower half of a leaf. In Rnd 4 nothing is worked in the last sc of one leaf and the first sc of the next, which stand side by side, nor in the dc next to each hdc. Each leaf of Rnd 4 begins and ends with a sc in a hdc; these two sc of neighboring leaves make the valley between them.
- In Rnd 5 the ch-2 sp in the middle of a leaf is its tip. The sc, hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc and sc worked there end the leaf in a point. Rnd 5 skips no st at a valley: it works a sc in each of the two sc of Rnd 4 that make the valley, the last sc of one leaf and the first sc of the next, so that these two sc of Rnd 5 stand side by 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 straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 6¾ in (17 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 8¾ in (22 cm).

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), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

ch-7 sp: the gap under seven chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(32 hdc): 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.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 24, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 32 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	(32 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 7, **[**sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, ch 7**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc, 8 ch-7 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-7 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in same sp, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-7 sp**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc, 16 hdc, 16 dc, 32 tr, 8 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 2, sk next st, dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 2, sk next st, dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc, 24 ch-2 sps, 64 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, picot, sc in next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, picot, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, picot, sc in next 2 sts, (sc, hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts, picot, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join (128 sc, 24 picots, 16 hdc, 16 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends. Block: lay the collar on a board that takes pins, such as a foam board, right side up, and pin out the picot at the tip of each leaf so that the eight tips are evenly spaced on a circle and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) from the middle of the open ring. Put a pin in the valley between every two leaves, 1 in (2.5 cm) from the middle. Spray it with water and let it dry. It need not lie quite flat, because it bends over the ball.
- Beads: thread the sewing needle with a 40 in (102 cm) length of the same thread the collar is worked in. Fasten it on the wrong side at the tip of a leaf, bring it out through the picot of the tip, take up a bead, and go through the picot again in the same way. Take the needle through bead and picot a second time, fasten it on the wrong side, and run it along the wrong side of Rnd 5 to the next tip. Sew a bead to the tip picot of each of the 8 leaves (8 beads).
- To put it on: take the cap off the ball, lay the collar on the ball, right side up, with its open ring round the neck, and push the cap back on the neck, down through the open ring. The cap stands in the open ring, and the leaves hang down evenly all round, the tips 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) from the edge of the open ring, measured along the ball. If your cap is wider than the open ring, it cannot go down through it: push it on all the same, so that its lower edge rests on top of Rnd 1 and holds the collar down.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 rounds; 360 stitches.

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