Oval shell lace tablecloth

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 24½ in (62 cm) by 36 in (91 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

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

You will need

Yarn: pearl white, light (3) **about 490 yd (448 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and rust-proof pins for blocking.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**24½ in (62 cm), 36 in (91 cm)**	**about 490 yd (448 m)**
Medium	37 in (94 cm), 51 in (130 cm)	about 1,040 yd (951 m)
Large	50 in (127 cm), 67 in (170 cm)	about 1,800 yd (1,646 m)

Abbreviations

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

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)
sp space

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st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
rnd	round

Special stitches

shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the place named. Anything worked in a shell goes in its ch-2 sp. It leaves 1 shell for the next round.

beg-shell (Beginning shell): Ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the same place. It counts as a shell.

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

Gauge

17 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

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

- 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.
- A round goes along one side, round one end, along the other side and round the other end. Rnd 1 begins in the middle of an end; its last 3 dc go in the ch that holds its first 2 dc. From rnd 2 on a round begins at the start of a side.
- Sts that hold a sl st are worked into like the others, so the last sts to be skipped or worked in a round may be those at its start.
- In rnds 4 and 10 (mesh) and rnds 7, 8 and 14 (shells) the chain at the two ends of the oval is longer than the chain along the two sides; so it is in rnds 23 and 30 of the medium and large sizes and rnds 37 and 44 of the large size, all of them mesh. This keeps the cloth flat. The words give each length in its place. In every other round, and in the middle of every shell, the chains are the same all the way round.
- On an oval table about 18 by 29½ in (46 by 75 cm) the small size hangs about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) over the edge; on one 27 by 41 in (69 by 104 cm) the medium size hangs about 5 in (12.5 cm); on one 34 by 51 in (86 by 130 cm) the large size hangs about 8 in (20 cm).

Instructions

Chosen: Small. 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, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 53.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	2 dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped 3 chs count as dc), dc in each of next 48 chs, 6 dc in last ch, working along opposite side of foundation ch, dc in each of next 48 chs, 3 dc in next ch, join with sl st in top of skipped chs	**(108 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**
Sl st in each of next 3 dc, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each of next 47 dc,
[2 dc in next dc**] 6 times**, dc in each of next 48 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc**] 6 times**,
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(120 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 3**
Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each of next 47 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc**] 6 times**,
dc in each of next 48 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc**] 6 times**,
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(132 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 4**
Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), sk next dc, **[**dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc**] 23 times**,
[dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next dc**] 9 times**,
[dc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc**] 24 times**,
[dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next dc**] 9 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4
(66 dc, 18 ch-2 sps, 48 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rnd 5**
Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**dc in next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 23 times**,
[dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 9 times**,
[dc in next dc, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 24 times**,
[dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 9 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(150 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 6**
Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each of next 47 dc,
[2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc**] 9 times**, dc in each of next 48 dc,
[2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc**] 9 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(168 dc)**

First band of shells

☐ **Rnd 7**
Sl st in each of next 2 dc, beg-shell in same st, ch 1, sk next 5 dc,
[shell in next dc, ch 1, sk next 5 dc**] 7 times**,
[shell in next dc, ch 2, sk next 5 dc**] 6 times**,
[shell in next dc, ch 1, sk next 5 dc**] 8 times**,
[shell in next dc, ch 2, sk next 5 dc**] 6 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3
(112 dc, 40 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rnd 8**
Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 1,
[shell in next shell, ch 1**] 7 times**, **[**shell in next shell, ch 3**] 6 times**,
[shell in next shell, ch 1**] 8 times**, **[**shell in next shell, ch 3**] 6 times**,
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(112 dc, 12 ch-3 sps, 28 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 9**
Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc,
sk next ch-1 sp,

> **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, sk next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**,
> **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc,
> 3 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 6 times**,
> **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, sk next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**,
> **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc,
> 3 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 6 times**,

join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(204 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 10**
Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), sk next 2 dc, **[**dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc**] 15 times**,
[dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc**] 18 times**,
[dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc**] 16 times**,
[dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc**] 18 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5
(68 dc, 36 ch-3 sps, 32 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 11** Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next ch-2 sp,
[dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**,
[dc in next dc, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 18 times**,
[dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 16 times**,
[dc in next dc, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 18 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(240 dc)**

Second band of shells

☐ **Rnd 12** Sl st in each of next 2 dc, beg-shell in same st, ch 1, sk next 5 dc,
[shell in next dc, ch 1, sk next 5 dc**] 39 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3
(160 dc, 40 ch-2 sps, 40 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rnd 13** Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 1,
[shell in next shell, ch 1**] 39 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3
(160 dc, 40 ch-2 sps, 40 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rnd 14** Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 1,
[shell in next shell, ch 1**] 7 times**, **[**shell in next shell, ch 2**] 12 times**,
[shell in next shell, ch 1**] 8 times**, **[**shell in next shell, ch 2**] 12 times**,
join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(160 dc, 64 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 15** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc,
sk next ch-1 sp,
> **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, sk next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**,
> **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc,
> 2 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 12 times**,
> **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, sk next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**,
> **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc,
> 2 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 12 times**,

join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(288 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 16** Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), sk next 2 dc, **[**dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc**] 95 times**,
join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5 **(96 dc, 96 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 17** Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next ch-2 sp,
[dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 95 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(288 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 18** Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each of next 47 dc,
[2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 7 dc**] 12 times**, dc in each of next 48 dc,
[2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 7 dc**] 12 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(312 dc)**

Third band of shells

☐ **Rnd 19** Sl st in each of next 2 dc, beg-shell in same st, ch 1, sk next 5 dc,
[shell in next dc, ch 1, sk next 5 dc**] 51 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3
(208 dc, 52 ch-2 sps, 52 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rnds 20 to 21** Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 1,
[shell in next shell, ch 1**] 51 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3
(208 dc, 52 ch-2 sps, 52 ch-1 sps)

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

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☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, sk next ch-1 sp, **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, sk next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, sk next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, **[**dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 18 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(384 dc)**

Scalloped edge

☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 5, sk next 5 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc, ch 5, sk next 5 dc, **[**sc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 5 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc, ch 5, sk next 5 dc**] 31 times**, join with sl st in first sc **(64 dc, 32 sc, 64 ch-5 sps, 32 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, 9 tr in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, **[**sc in next sc, ch 3, 9 tr in next ch-3 sp, ch 3**] 31 times**, join with sl st in first sc **(288 tr, 32 sc, 64 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Ch 1, sc in same st, dc in next tr, **[**ch 1, dc in next tr**] 8 times**, **[**sc in next sc, dc in next tr, **[**ch 1, dc in next tr**] 8 times] 31 times**, join with sl st in first sc **(288 dc, 32 sc, 256 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**(sc, picot, sc) in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, **[**sc in next sc, **[**(sc, picot, sc) in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times] 31 times**, join with sl st in first sc **(544 sc, 256 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.
- To block: wet the piece, lay it right side up on a towel, pin it out to size with every scallop and picot drawn evenly, and let it dry.

In all: 26 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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