Paired stitch prayer shawl

Shawl · US terms



Finished size
About 61 × 18¼ in (155 × 46 cm)

Skill
Easy
Half double crochet, two in one stitch, color changes, fringe

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 10½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In the paired stitch pattern of this shawl.

You will need

Yarn A: heathered lilac, main	**about 775 yd (709 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ivory, first stripe	**about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage, second stripe	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Shawl (this file)	**61 × 18¼ in (155 × 46 cm)**	**about 1,325 yd (1,212 m)**
Wide shawl	64½ × 23 in (164 × 58 cm)	about 1,675 yd (1,532 m)

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
sk	skip
st	stitch

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Gauge

13 stitches and 10½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in the paired stitch pattern of this shawl.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 8 the piece, laid flat, is about 3 in (8 cm) tall. If yours is shorter, use a larger hook; if it is taller, use a smaller one.

The chain sets the length of the long edges: start with any even number of chains. The rows set the depth across: choose an even number of rows, and place the stripes by counting in from both long edges to the middle (rows 7 to 11, 19 to 23, 31 to 35 and so on are B, C, B, C, B, and all the others A). Twelve rows more are six more for each half; with 48 or 60 rows each half has two groups of stripes and with 72 rows it has three.

Before you start

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first half double crochet goes into the first stitch.
- In row 1 the 2 chains skipped before the first hdc do not count as a stitch.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "2 hdc in next ch", they are all worked into that one place.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn.
- To change color, work the last stitch of the old color until three loops are left on the hook and draw the new color through them. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and fasten in a fresh piece each time: the yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.
- About 60.9 in (154.7 cm) by 18.3 in (46.5 cm) without the fringe.
- 48 rows. Counted from either long edge, rows 7 to 11 and rows 19 to 23 are the stripes B, C, B, C, B, and all the other rows are yarn A, so that the two long edges mirror each other.

Instructions

Chosen: Shawl. 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 row is done. In UK terms hdc is half treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, heathered lilac; B, ivory; C, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 200.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	1 hdc in 3rd ch from hook, **[**sk next ch, 2 hdc in next ch**] 98 times**, hdc in next ch	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 8 (WS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 10 (WS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**

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☐ **Rows 12 to 18**	**Yarn A.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 18: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14 15 16 17 18

☐ **Row 19 (RS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 20 (WS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 22 (WS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 23 (RS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 24 to 25**	**Yarn A.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**

A box for each row, 24 to 25: tick them off as you go.

24 25

☐ **Row 26 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 27 (RS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 28 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 29 (RS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 30 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 31 to 37**	**Yarn A.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**

A box for each row, 31 to 37: tick them off as you go.

31 32 33 34 35 36 37

☐ **Row 38 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 39 (RS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 40 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 41 (RS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Row 42 (WS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 43 to 48**	**Yarn A.** Ch 2, turn; hdc in first st, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 98 times**, hdc in last st	**(198 hdc)**

A box for each row, 43 to 48: tick them off as you go.

43 44 45 46 47 48

☐ **End** Fasten off.

Finishing

- Fringe: cut 144 pieces of yarn A, each 10 in (25.4 cm) long. For each knot hold 3 pieces together and fold them in half, draw the fold through the edge of the piece at the end of rows 1, 3, 5 and so on along each short side (24 knots a side) from back to front, pass the ends through the fold and pull snug. Trim the fringe level at about 4 in (10.2 cm).
- Weave in the ends.

In all: 48 rows; 9,504 stitches; 50 ends to weave in.

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