# Pearl cluster rings

US terms



Finished size
**Each about 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) round the inside, with a band just under ¼ in (0.6 cm) wide**

Skill
**Intermediate**
Worked in rounds, with 5 pieces.

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: any one color (dusty blue in the picture), lace (0) **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, 15 round pearl beads of about 4 mm (5/32 in (81.5 cm)), white sewing thread, a thin needle that goes through the beads 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.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.


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- Band sizes: for a band about 1 7/8, 2, 2 1/8, 2¼ or 2 3/8 in (4.8, 5.1, 5.4, 5.7 or 6 cm) round the inside, chain 17, 18, 19, 20 or 21; a round then has 16, 17, 18, 19 or 20 sc, and the lines stay the same. The counts printed are for the middle size, 19 chains. Measure round the finger, over the knuckle as well, and choose the length by that.
- In another yarn choose beads larger in the same proportion as the size: about 6 to 7 mm for fine yarn, 8 mm for light yarn and 10 mm for medium yarn.
- Band: Rnd 1 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. At the end close the small gap between the first and the last chain with the tail of the foundation.
- Large flower base, Rnd 3: a petal (sc, 3 hdc, sc) stands in every second sc of Rnd 2, and the sl st between two petals goes in the sc between them. The last sl st of the bracket goes in the last sc of Rnd 2.
- Small flower base, Rnd 2: a petal (sc, 3 hdc, sc) stands in every second sc of Rnd 1, the first in the st Rnd 1 was joined in, and the sl st between two petals goes in the sc between them. The last sl st of the bracket goes in the last sc of Rnd 1.
- 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 round the inside of a band: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 5¼ in (13 cm).

## Instructions

US terms.

**ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **rem** remaining, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
**RS** right side, the one that shows.
**2 sc in each st**: both in one stitch.
**[ ] 5 times**: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
**(18 sc)**: the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

### Band: make 3

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Ch 19. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, sl st in first sc to join | (18 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join | (18 sc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. | |

### Large flower base

| | | |
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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join | (6 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join | (12 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 1, (sc, 3 hdc, sc) in same st, sl st in next st,<br>**[**(sc, 3 hdc, sc) in next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join | (12 sc, 18 hdc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. | |


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### Small flower base

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| ☐ **Foundation** | Make a magic ring. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** | Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join | (10 sc) |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 1, (sc, 3 hdc, sc) in same st, sl st in next st,<br>**[**(sc, 3 hdc, sc) in next st, sl st in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join | (10 sc, 15 hdc) |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. | |

## Finishing

- Block: pin both flower bases right side up with their petals spread; spray them with water and let them dry. The bands need no blocking.
- Pearls: sew each bead on with the sewing thread, going twice through the bead and down into the stitches beside it, and fasten the thread off at the back after the last bead of a ring. The middles of two beads that touch are as far apart as a bead is wide, about 5/32 in (0.4 cm).
- Ring with seven pearls: sew a bead on the right side of the large flower base over the hole of the magic ring, and six more round it, each in line with the sl st between two petals, so that each touches the middle bead and the bead on either side of it.
- Ring with three pearls: sew three beads on the right side of the small flower base in a triangle round the hole of the magic ring, so that each touches the other two.
- Band and top: the joinings of the rounds make a line across each band. A top covers that line, on the right side, its middle in the middle of the width of the band. Lay the large flower base on a band, turned so that two opposite petals point straight across the band, one over each edge; lay the small one on another band, one petal pointing straight across. With the tail of each base, sew the sc under its pearls to the band where they touch it; leave the petals free.
- Ring with five pearls: on the right side of the third band, between its two rounds, sew a bead on the line and two more on each side of it along the band, so that each bead touches the next.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 pieces; 191 stitches (36 in each band, 48 in the large flower base, 35 in the small flower base).

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