Ring bearer pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 7¼ in (18 cm) square before it is stuffed, and about 8 in (20 cm) square with the frill

Skill
Intermediate
Fine thread, shells and picots

Yarn
Lace (0), 2 colors

Hook
1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge
34 stitches and 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In shell stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: cream, color A **about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: champagne, main color **about 230 yd (210 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a tapestry needle for thread, scissors, a tape measure and about 60 rustproof pins, 12 champagne pearl beads, 6 mm across, with a hole for a needle; cream sewing thread and a sewing needle and polyester fiberfill (stuffing): about 2 oz (60 g).

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, with 15 percent added.

Gauge

34 stitches and 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in shell stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Begin with a plain square and check it there, laid flat and not stretched, when 15 rows are done: its 61 stitches are about 7¼ in (18 cm) wide, and the 15 rows are about 2 1/8 in (5.3 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The ch 3 counts as a dc.
- Five double crochets in one stitch make one shell.
- Two plain squares in B make the pillow, right sides outside. The lace in A is a piece of its own, sewn over the front of it.

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- A picot stands on the stitch just worked and does not use up a stitch.
- In round 2 of the frill the ch 2 does not count as a stitch, and the "sk next st" after it passes over the stitch that holds the joining sl st.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle through the edge of one piece and through the edge that lies against it, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On an edge of stitches the needle goes under both loops of the stitch; on a foundation chain under the two strands of the chain that are left free; on a side edge, which has no loops, through the end stitch of the row. Where a piece is laid on the middle of another, the needle goes through the edge of the piece laid on, in one of these three ways, and then under two strands of the cloth right beside that edge. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- The pillow is for the ceremony and not for play: pearls and tie are kept from a child under three. Until the rings are needed, a grown-up can keep them.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sk skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
5 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 7 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 10 times: work what is inside 10 times in all.
(61 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Square: make 2

Yarn B, champagne.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 62.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(61 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 53**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(61 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Lace

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 62.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch**] 10 times** (11 sc, 50 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 9 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch (11 sc, 50 dc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 45**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45

☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Frill

Yarn A, cream.

Work it round the lace. In round 1 the 5 dc of a shell of the last row and the single crochets between the shells are all stitches of that row.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 61 sts of the last row, the ends of the 45 rows, the 61 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 45 rows.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 3 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, sc in end of each of next 3 rows**] 9 times**, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 7 chs, **[**2 sc in next ch, sc in next 14 chs**] 3 times**, 2 sc in next ch, sc in next 6 chs, 3 sc in next ch, **[**2 sc in end of each of next 2 rows, sc in end of each of next 3 rows**] 9 times**; join with sl st in first sc (264 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, sk next st, **[**7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 43 times**, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next st; join with sl st in first dc (308 dc, 44 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot, sc in next 3 sts, picot, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in next st**] 44 times**; join with sl st in first sc (308 sc, 88 picots, 44 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Tie

Yarn B, champagne.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 153.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(152 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(152 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends. Pin the lace out on a folded towel, right side up, 7¼ in (18 cm) square without the frill, with a pin in each of the 44 fans of the frill. Mist it with water and let it dry.

2. Pillow: lay the two squares together, wrong sides inside, the last rows at the same end. Cut a length of B about 88 in (224 cm) long. Whip stitch the last rows together, stitch to stitch, 61 stitches; then the row ends of the left edge, 53; then the foundation chains, chain to chain, 61; and the first 33 of the 53 row ends of the right edge. Stuff the pillow lightly, the corners first: about 2 in (5 cm) thick in the middle. Whip stitch the 20 row ends that are left and fasten off.

3. Lace: lay it on the front of the pillow, right side up, its last row along the last rows of the squares. Pin the four corners of round 1 of the frill, the middle one of 3 sc, to the four corners of the pillow. Cut a length of A about 88 in (224 cm) long. Sew round 1 of the frill to the seam of the pillow all round: one small running stitch through every second stitch of the round, under the foot of the fans, 132 stitches. The frill stands out free.

4. Pearls: three at each corner of the lace, in round 1 of the frill: one on the middle one of the 3 sc at the corner, one on the 3rd stitch before it and one on the 3rd stitch after it. With cream sewing thread, double in the needle, sew each on with 4 stitches through the bead and the lace, pull them tight so that the bead sits down in the lace, and fasten off under it.

5. Tie: it is sewn down by its middle and its two ends stay free, each about 9 in (23 cm) long. The middle of the lace is the 31st stitch of its 23rd row, a single crochet between two shells. Lay the tie over it along that row, with the middle of its length, between its 76th and 77th stitches, on that single crochet. Cut a strand of B about 12 in (30 cm) long. Whip stitch the 75th to the 78th stitch of the last row of the tie to the lace, 4 stitches, and the 4 chains on the opposite edge in the same way: every stitch takes the lace and the top of the pillow under it. Fasten off under the tie.

6. For the day, slip both rings on one end of the tie, up to the middle, and tie the two ends in a bow over them.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths: take each end once into the pillow and out again a few inches away, pull it a little and cut it, so that it slips back inside.

In all: 4 pieces.

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