Romanian lace cord

About 36 in (91.4 cm), a drawstring · US terms



Finished size
About ¼ × 36 in (0.5 × 91 cm)

Skill
Easy
One stitch, worked into the side and turned every time

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet for the stitches, and in the cord itself for the rows (one cord stitch is one row).

You will need

Yarn: crimson, light (3) **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and for point lace only: pins, a sewing needle and sewing thread in the color of the cord.

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. For another length, the yarn is in proportion to the length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
About 17.9 in (45.5 cm), a necklace or a hair tie	¼ × 18 in (0.5 × 46 cm)	about 10 yd (9 m)
About 36 in (91.4 cm), a drawstring (this file)	**¼ × 36 in (0.5 × 91 cm)**	**about 15 yd (14 m)**
About 60 in (152.4 cm), a belt or a long drawstring	¼ × 60 in (0.5 × 152 cm)	about 25 yd (23 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

Special stitches

cs (cord stitch): The side of the stitch below, not its top, is worked into. With the cord turned as the row says, look at its left-hand edge, beside the stitch just worked: two strands lie there side by side along the edge. Insert the hook under both of them, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through both loops on the hook. In row 2 only there is one strand to work under, not two. The ch skipped in row 1, the one that was nearest the hook (the 2nd of the 2 chs made), stands beside the sc and is at the left-hand edge once the cord is turned: insert the hook under its outer strand, the one at the very edge. It leaves 1 cs for the next row.

Gauge

18 stitches and 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet for the stitches, and in the cord itself for the rows (one cord stitch is one row).

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 25 the cord, laid flat and not stretched, is about 4 in (10.2 cm) long. If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

Work rows until the cord is as long as you need: 25 rows are about 4 in (10.2 cm) in DK. For a thicker or a thinner cord read the same rows: with worsted weight yarn (category 4) on a 5 mm (US H-8) hook about 5 rows to the inch (20 rows to 4 in, 10.2 cm) and a cord about 0.4 in (1 cm) wide; with lace weight cotton thread (category 0) on a 2.25 mm (US B-1) hook about 9.7 rows to the inch (39 rows to 4 in, 10.2 cm) and a cord about 0.2 in (0.5 cm) wide. The yarn on every one of them, with 30 percent added, is about 13 times the length of the cord.

Before you start

- In "Turn; cs in next st" the next st is the stitch you have just worked. Its top has the loop on the hook beside it; the hook goes into its side, as told at cord stitch.
- Turn the cord the same way every time: like the page of a book, the right-hand edge over to the left (the left-hand edge over to the right if you are left handed, and then the strands you look for are at the right-hand edge). The loop stays on the hook and the yarn ends up behind the work.
- Draw every loop up to the same height and pull the yarn snug after each stitch. From about row 5 on, the strands to work under stand out plainly along the edge; if you find only one strand, the cord was turned the other way round.
- Both sides of the cord look alike, so there is no right or wrong side.
- The cord is 225 rows long, one stitch to a row, and about 0.3 in (0.8 cm) wide and 36 in (91.4 cm) long.

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Instructions

Chosen: About 36 in (91.4 cm), a drawstring. 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 sc is double crochet and yo is yarn over hook.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 225**	Turn; cs in next st	**(1 cs)**

A box for each row, 2 to 225: tick them off as you go.

☐ 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	☐ 54	☐ 55	☐ 56	☐ 57	☐ 58	☐ 59
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☐ **End**	Lay the cord flat, measure it and work more or fewer rows if you need to. Fasten off and draw the tail through the last loop.

Finishing

- Draw the tail at the start through the first stitch to close it. For a drawstring or a belt tie a knot at each end over the tails, or hide the tails inside the cord with a yarn needle for about 2 in (5.1 cm).
- For point lace lay the cord along the lines of a drawing and hold it with pins; where two lengths touch, catch the strands at their two edges together with the sewing needle and sewing thread, two small stitches in the same place. The spaces between the cords may stay open, as this pattern is for the cord alone. In point lace they are often filled with needle lace, which is sewn with the same needle and thread and is not taught here.

In all: 225 rows.

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