Scalloped picture frame

4 × 6 in (15 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ × 8¾ in (16 × 22 cm) with the shells; opening about 3¼ × 5½ in (8.5 × 14 cm)
To fit a picture of 4 × 6 in (10 × 15 cm)

Skill
Easy
Rounds with square corners, and one round of shells

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: dusty rose, main — **about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe — **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a picture of the size given, a piece of stiff card: 4¼ × 6½ in (11 × 16.5 cm) for a 4 × 6 in (15 cm) picture, 5 × 7¼ in (12.5 × 18.5 cm) for a 5 × 7 in (18 cm) picture (double-sided tape) and a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 4 pins.

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.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
4 × 6 in (this file)	**a picture of 4 × 6 in (10 × 15 cm)**	**6¼ × 8¾ in (16 × 22 cm), 3¼ × 5½ in (8.5 × 14 cm)**	**about 105 yd (96 m)**
5 × 7 in	a picture of 5 × 7 in (13 × 18 cm)	7½ × 10 in (19 × 25 cm), 4 × 6½ in (10 × 17 cm)	about 130 yd (119 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
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22½ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Begin with the back and check it there, laid flat, when 12 rows are done: the 22 stitches of a row in 4 × 6 in (15 cm) are about 4 3/8 in (11 cm) wide, the 26 in (66 cm) 5 × 7 in (18 cm) about 5¼ in (13 cm), and the 12 rows are about 2 1/8 in (5.5 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side of the frame is the side that faces you as you work its rounds.
- Corners: each corner is 3 sc in one place. The second of these 3 sc is the corner stitch, and the next round works its 3 sc into it.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- 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 in the middle of a round, 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 under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other. 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 (in round 1, the same chain). The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- 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.

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Instructions

Chosen: 4 × 6 in (15 cm). 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Frame

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, dusty rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 88, join with sl st in first ch to make a loop, without twisting the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, sc in next 14 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 27 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 15 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 27 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With A, ch 1, sc in next 15 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(104 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in next 16 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(112 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in next 18 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(128 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 37 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 37 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(136 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 20 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 39 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 39 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(144 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, ch 1, sc in same st as join, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 4 times**, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc, 128 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Back

Yarn A, dusty rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 23.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 38: 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends. Lay the frame flat under a damp cloth until it is dry, with its corners square and its shells pulled out.

2. The shell round starts at one of the two short sides: this side is the top. Lay the frame with its wrong side up. Lay the back on it with its right side up, its last row toward the top of the frame and its foundation chain toward the bottom. Pin the four corners of the back to the four corner stitches of round 3 of the frame.

3. Cut a length of A about 56 in (142 cm). Begin at one end of the last row. Whip stitch one side edge of the back to the backs of the stitches of round 3, one stitch in each row end, 38 stitches, spaced so that you come out at the next pin. Go on with the foundation chain, 22 stitches, and then with the second side edge, like the first. Sew through one strand at the back of the frame only, so that nothing shows on the right side. The last row stays open: it is the mouth of the pocket.

4. Hanging loop: on the wrong side, join A with a sl st in the back of the middle stitch of the last round of single crochet at the top (the 15th of the 29 stitches between the two corner stitches), ch 14 and work a sl st in the same place. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

5. Fasten the picture to the middle of the card, 4¼ × 6½ in (11 × 16.5 cm), with double-sided tape, and slide the card into the pocket with the picture to the front.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 1,828 stitches (992 in the frame, 836 in the back).

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