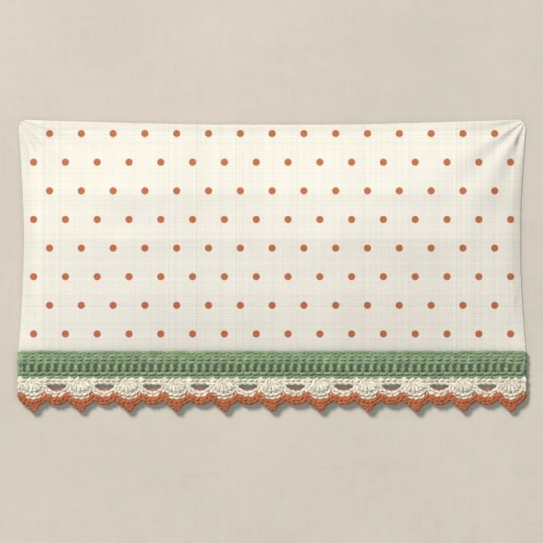
Shell and loop pillowcase edging

Small pillowcase, one side · US terms



Finished size
About 12¼ × 1½ in (31 × 4 cm)

Skill
Easy
Shells, chain loops, picots

Yarn
Fine (2), 3 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
21 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: sage cotton, band	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream cotton, shells	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: terracotta cotton, last row	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a pillowcase with a hem, sewing needle, sewing thread to match yarn A and pins.

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

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small pillowcase, one side (this file)	**12¼ × 1½ in (31 × 4 cm)**	**about 35 yd (32 m)**
Pillowcase, one side	20¼ × 1½ in (51 × 4 cm)	about 55 yd (50 m)
Pillowcase, all round	39½ × 1½ in (100 × 4 cm)	about 95 yd (87 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 (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook. It leaves It leaves a small loop standing on the stitch before it. for the next row.

Gauge

21 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 1 the strip is about 12.2 in (31 cm) long. If yours is shorter, use a larger hook; if it is longer, use a smaller one.

Start with a chain as long as the hem, in a multiple of 6 chains plus 5; 10 repeats are in the size printed here. The other sizes follow the same rows with these numbers. Pillowcase, one side: ch 107; row 1, all the way across (106 sc); row 2, all the way across (106 dc); row 3, the brackets 34 times (36 sc, 35 ch-3 sps); row 4, the brackets 17 times (36 sc, 108 dc, 17 ch-3 sps); row 5, the brackets 17 times (195 sc, 18 picots). Yarn A about 20 yd (18 m), B about 20 yd (18 m), C about 15 yd (14 m). Pillowcase, all round: ch 209; row 1, all the way across (208 sc); row 2, all the way across (208 dc); row 3, the brackets 68 times (70 sc, 69 ch-3 sps); row 4, the brackets 34 times (70 sc, 210 dc, 34 ch-3 sps); row 5, the brackets 34 times (382 sc, 35 picots). Yarn A about 35 yd (32 m), B about 35 yd (32 m), C about 25 yd (23 m).

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc; the last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. The chain stands on the first stitch of the row, so "next st" right after it is the second stitch.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "6 dc in next ch-3 sp", 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 two 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.
- The edging is about 12.2 in (31 cm) long and 1.4 in (3.6 cm) deep. It is worked lengthwise, from the hem of the pillowcase outward.

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Instructions

Chosen: Small pillowcase, one side. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, sage cotton; B, cream cotton; C, terracotta cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 65.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next 63 sts	**(64 dc)**
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 20 times**, ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(22 sc, 21 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**6 dc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st, ch 3, sk next ch-3 sp, sc in next st**] 10 times**, 6 dc in next ch-3 sp, sc in last st	**(22 sc, 66 dc, 10 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	**Yarn C.** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 4 sts, picot, sc in next 4 sts, **[**3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 4 sts, picot, sc in next 4 sts**] 10 times**	**(118 sc, 11 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Sew it on: lay the foundation edge over the hem of the pillowcase with both right sides up and pin it in place, easing it to fit. With the sewing needle and the sewing thread, sew the foundation chains down with small stitches, one in every second chain.
- For the all round length, first sew the two short ends of the strip together edge to edge with the sewing thread, then pin the ring to the hem with its seam at the seam of the pillowcase and sew it on in the same way.

In all: 5 rows; 356 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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