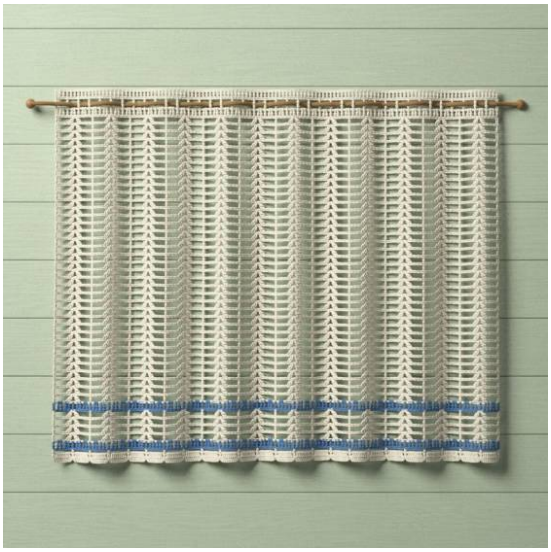
Shell lace cafe curtain

28 in (71 cm) wide · US terms



Finished size
About 28½ in (72 cm) wide and 22 in (56 cm) long

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with the stitches named

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: natural linen **about 320 yd (293 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: delft blue, rows 41 and 46 **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 140 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: rust-proof pins for blocking, a curtain rod up to ½ in (13 mm) thick, a yarn needle and scissors.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
21 in (53.5 cm) wide	21½ in (55 cm) wide, 22 in (56 cm) long	about 270 yd (247 m)
28 in (71 cm) wide (this file)	**28½ in (72 cm) wide, 22 in (56 cm) long**	**about 345 yd (315 m)**
35 in (89 cm) wide	35½ in (90 cm) wide, 22 in (56 cm) long	about 430 yd (393 m)

Gauge

17 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

About 8¾ rows of double crochet to 4 in (10 cm). Check both on a piece of double crochet about 5 in (12.5 cm) square. If yours has too many stitches, use a larger hook; if it has too few, use a smaller hook.

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Instructions

28 in (71 cm) wide. US terms.

dc double crochet (UK tr), **ch** chain, **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sk** skip, **st** stitch.

ch-2 sp: the hole under two chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

The ch 6 is the first tr: skip the first stitch; the last tr goes in the **top of the 6 chains**.

[ ] 39 times: 39 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (41 tr, 40 ch-2 sps): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: sp space.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the place named. Anything worked in a shell goes in its ch-2 sp.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

☐ **Start** — With A, make a slip knot and ch 123.

The panel is worked from the top down. Row 2 makes the spaces for the rod.

☐ **Row 1** — Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped 3 chs count as dc), dc in each of next 119 chs (121 dc)

☐ **Row 2** — Ch 6 (counts as tr, ch 2), turn, sk next 2 dc,
[tr in next dc, ch 2, sk next 2 dc**] 39 times**, tr in last dc (41 tr, 40 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Row 3** — Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next tr**] 40 times** (121 dc)

Lace

☐ **Row 4** — Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), turn, sk next 4 dc, shell in next dc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc,
[dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, shell in next dc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc**] 11 times**,
dc in last dc (61 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rows 5 to 39** — Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), turn, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc,
[dc in next dc, ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc**] 11 times**, dc in last dc
(61 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)

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

☐ **Row 40** — Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), turn, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc,
[dc in next dc, ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc**] 11 times**,
dc in last dc. Fasten off A (61 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)

Hem bands and fans

☐ **Row 41** — Turn, join B with sl st in first dc, ch 3 (counts as dc),
[2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc] 12 times. Fasten off B (121 dc)

☐ **Row 42** — Turn, join A with sl st in first dc, ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), sk next 4 dc,
shell in next dc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc,
[dc in next dc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc, shell in next dc, ch 2, sk next 4 dc**] 11 times**,
dc in last dc (61 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rows 43 to 44** 43 44	Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), turn, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, **[**dc in next dc, ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc**] 11 times**, dc in last dc (61 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), turn, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, **[**dc in next dc, ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc**] 11 times**, dc in last dc. Fasten off A (61 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 46**	Turn, join B with sl st in first dc, ch 3 (counts as dc), [2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc] 12 times. Fasten off B (121 dc)
☐ **Row 47**	Turn, join A with sl st in first dc, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 5, sk next 4 dc, sc in next dc**] 24 times** (25 sc, 24 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**(4 dc, picot, 4 dc) in next ch-5 sp, sc in next sc**] 24 times** (192 dc, 25 sc, 24 picots)
☐	Fasten off, leaving 6 in (15 cm).

Finishing

- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.
- To block: wet the panel, lay it right side up on a towel, pin it out to size with every fan and picot drawn evenly, and let it dry.
- Thread the rod through the spaces of row 2, over two tr and under two tr all the way across, beginning over the first two; the one tr left at the end goes the other way from the two before it.

In all: 48 rows.

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.

Notes

- A ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the row says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next row.
- The right side of row 1 is the right side of the curtain.
- A beginning ch 5 counts as a dc and a ch-2 sp, a beginning ch 6 as a tr and a ch-2 sp.
- The last stitch of a row goes in the beginning chain of the row below: in the 3rd ch of its ch 5; in rows 4, 42 and 47 in the 3rd ch of its ch 3; in row 3 in the 4th ch of its ch 6. Row 2 ends in the top of the 3 skipped chs of row 1, row 48 in the first sc of row 47.
- Where a row begins with ch 1, "same st" is the stitch at the foot of that ch 1.
- Shells stand in columns: over a shell, work the shell in its ch-2 sp; the dc between two shells goes in the dc below it.
- For a longer curtain work row 5 an even number of times more before row 40; each 2 rows add about 7/8 in (2.5 cm) and take more of yarn A. The row numbers after them go up by as many.
- Two panels side by side, each as wide as the window, hang in full folds; one panel a little wider than the window hangs nearly flat.

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