Shell chair arm covers, pair

Standard arm · US terms



Finished size
About 15¼ × 15¾ in (39 × 40 cm)
About 15¼ in (38.5 cm) across the arm and 15¾ in (40 cm) from back to front, to the points of the scallops

Skill
Easy
It is shell stitch in rows, with two rows of taller and shorter stitches at the front.

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
19 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: sage, light (3) **about 575 yd (526 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle and scissors.

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 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Slim arm	12¾ × 15¾ in (32 × 40 cm)	about 475 yd (434 m)
Standard arm (this file)	**15¼ × 15¾ in (39 × 40 cm)**	**about 575 yd (526 m)**
Wide arm	18 × 17 in (46 × 43 cm)	about 725 yd (663 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
RS	right side

Gauge

19 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In the shells, ten rows are about 3½ in (9 cm) tall.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 19 stitches and 22 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 29.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(28 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 33	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(28 sc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The chain of 3 at the start of a row counts as its first double crochet, and the last single crochet of the next row goes into the top of that chain.
- In the shell rows, from row 3 to the row before the scalloped front, the single crochet between the shells goes into the middle stitch of a shell of five, and every shell goes into a single crochet. The two rows of the scalloped front are worked into the stitches as they come, as they are written. At the two side edges there is half a shell of three stitches in every other row, so the sides are straight.
- The foundation chain is the back edge of the cover and the scallops are the front. The second cover is the same as the first: either straight edge may be the inside one.
- For a longer arm work rows 3 and 4 again before the scalloped front, as often as you like; every two rows are ¾ in (2 cm). For a wider arm add 12 chains, which are two shells and one scallop: work the brackets of every shell row 2 times more, those of the first row of the scalloped front 1 time more, and those of its last row 4 times more.
- There are 12 shells across and 6 scallops at the front of each cover. It is for an arm that measures up to 12¼ in (31 cm) from the seat cushion on the inside, over the top, to 2 in (5 cm) below the top on the outside; 3 in (7.5 cm) of the cover tuck in.

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Instructions

Chosen: Standard arm. 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 sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble and sk is miss.

Cover: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 74.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(73 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 12 times**	**(13 sc, 60 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	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**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(61 dc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 42**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 42: tick them off as you go.

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

Scalloped front

☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 5 tr in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(19 sc, 24 hdc, 24 dc, 30 tr)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 24 times**	**(25 sc, 120 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the wrong side.
- Lay each cover over an arm with the scallops at the front and push about 3 in (7.5 cm) of one straight edge down between the arm and the seat cushion.

In all: 2 pieces; 6,616 stitches.

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