Two color shell handkerchief edging

Small cloth · US terms



Finished size
About 6 in (15 cm) square, edging and all, round a hemmed cloth about 4½ in (11.5 cm) square

Skill
Easy
Chain arches, shells

Yarn
Lace (0), 2 colors

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge
28 stitches and 32 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: rose, blanket stitch, arches and outline **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: white, shells **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, sharp sewing needle for the blanket stitch and hemmed cloth, its size is given below.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. For another length of edge, the thread for a side is in proportion to its length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small cloth (this file)	**6 in (15 cm) square, 4½ in (11.5 cm) square**	**about 45 yd (41 m)**
Handkerchief	12¾ in (32.5 cm) square, 11½ in (29 cm) square	about 90 yd (83 m)
Dinner napkin	18 in (45.5 cm) square, 16½ in (42 cm) square	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 (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
rnd	round
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch

Gauge

28 stitches and 32 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 a side, measured between two corner stitches, is about 4.7 in (11.9 cm). If the edge ruffles, use a smaller hook; if it pulls the cloth in, use a larger one.

To fit another cloth, sew a blanket stitch edge whose loops along each side are a multiple of 6 plus 1 (31 here), with one loop at each corner. Take 1 from the loops of a side and divide by 6: that is n (here 5). In round 1 "31 sts" is the loops of a side; then, for every side, in round 2 the repeat along each side, here worked 10 times, is worked 2 × n times; in round 3 the repeat along each side, here worked 10 times, is worked 2 × n times; in round 4 the repeat along each side, here worked 10 times, is worked 2 × n times. The long repeat in outer brackets is worked 3 times, as printed, when all four sides have the same n. If the cloth is longer than it is wide, work out n for its long sides and for its short sides. The lines are written as one side and then, in the outer brackets, the corner and the side that follow it; where the brackets say 3 times, work what is in them once for each of the other three sides, with the n of that side.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked into the loops of the blanket stitch, one after another. Its first st is the loop that lies across any one of the corners.
- Blanket stitch: use a sharp needle and the crochet thread, and hold the cloth with the edge you are working on toward you. Fasten the thread at the edge. * Put the needle in from the front about 0.1 in (0.3 cm) inside the edge and 0.14 in (0.4 cm) farther along, bring its point out under the edge and over the thread that lies there, and draw up until the thread lies snugly along the edge. Repeat from * all round. The thread that lies along the edge between two stitches is one loop. At a corner, make one slanting stitch on either side of the point, so that one loop lies across the corner. At the end, join the last loop to the first stitch and fasten off.
- Corner stitch: the middle one of the 3 single crochet in a corner. A round that begins with 2 sc and ends with 1 sc in the same first stitch makes its first corner of those 3 sc, and its corner stitch is the first sc of the round. In rounds after the first, "first st" means the first stitch of the round below.
- A corner of 7 dc: its corner stitch is the middle one. The first corner of that round is begun with the ch 3 and 3 dc and completed with the last 3 dc, worked into the same first stitch; its corner stitch is the top of the ch 3, which is the first st of the round.
- In round 3 a corner of 7 dc stands in the single crochet at each corner of round 2; the ch-1 space on either side of it is passed over.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round 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 a chain space is the next place named, pass over any stitches that stand before it and leave them unworked.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "3 sc in next st", they are all worked into that one place.

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- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- When the next round begins with "Join", fasten off the yarn you have at the end of the round (cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and draw the tail through the last loop). Then join the yarn named with a slip stitch in the place named.
- Begin with a hemmed cloth about 4.6 in (11.7 cm) square; with the edging it is about 5.9 in (15 cm) square.
- Before you begin, work blanket stitch round the hem in yarn A: one loop at each corner and 31 loops along each side, 128 loops in all, 7 to the inch (2.5 cm). Its thread is in the amount below and its 2 ends are among the ends to weave in.
- Round 1 leaves 33 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

Instructions

Chosen: Small cloth. 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 and dc is treble.

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

☐ **Foundation**	A hemmed cloth with a blanket stitch edge of 31 loops on each side and one at each corner, with the right side facing you.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 31 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(136 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 10 times**, ch 1, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**ch 3, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 10 times**, ch 1, sk next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(48 sc, 8 ch-1 sps, 40 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same st, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, **[**5 dc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st**] 10 times**, sk next ch-1 sp, **[**7 dc in next st, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, **[**5 dc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next st**] 10 times**, sk next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, 3 dc in first st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(228 dc, 44 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 10 times**, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sk next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 10 times**, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(236 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 rounds; 692 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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