Easy shell headrest cover

Chair · US terms



Finished size
About 16 in (41 cm) wide and 21½ in (55 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: ecru, main color **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dusty rose, the cover, rows 52 to 57 and the edge and scallops **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 130 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 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Chair (this file)	**16 in (41 cm) wide, 21½ in (55 cm) long**	**about 325 yd (297 m)**
Wide chair	20 in (51 cm) wide, 21½ in (55 cm) long	about 410 yd (375 m)

Gauge

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

About 8¾ rows of double crochet, or about 12 rows of shells, to 4 in (10 cm). Check the double crochet on the band: 4 in (10 cm) of it has 17 dc. If yours has more, use a larger hook; if it has fewer, use a smaller hook.

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Notes

- A ch 1 at the start of a row or round 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.
- The sl sts at the start of a round carry the yarn to where the round begins; they are not counted.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where a row or round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next row or round.
- The cover is worked from the band, which hangs behind, to the front edge. The right side of row 1 is the right side of the cover.
- A shell of this cover is 5 dc in one st; its middle dc is the 3rd. Same st means the first st of the row below, the one at the foot of the beginning chain; in row 52 the new color is joined in that st.
- Where a row ends: the last dc of row 2 goes in the top of the 3 skipped chs of row 1; the last dc of each of rows 3 to 8, and the last sc of row 9, goes in the top of the beginning ch 3 of the row below.
- Rows of shells from row 10 on: an even row begins with half a shell, ch 3 and 2 dc in the first sc, and ends with half a shell, 3 dc in the last sc; between them every sc goes in the middle dc of a shell and every shell in a sc. An odd row begins with a sc in the first dc, the last one of a half shell, and ends with a sc in the top of the beginning ch 3 of the row below.
- The edge is worked in B with the right side facing, straight on from the end of row 57: do not fasten off and do not turn the work over, but work down the left side first. A row end is the edge of a row, worked round the st or the chain that stands there, and the first one is that of row 57 itself. Then the round goes along the foundation ch, where the ch under the last dc of row 1 is skipped and the last sc is in the ch under the 2nd dc of that row; up the other side, where the first row end is that of row 1, worked round the 3 skipped chs; and across the front.
- Rnd 2 of the edge begins in the 3rd sc of rnd 1, so that its last 2 sc to be skipped are the first 2 of rnd 1.
- The size: the band is about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) deep and the 49 rows of shells about 16¼ in (41.5 cm); the edge adds about ¾ in (2 cm) at each of the four sides.
- For a deeper cover add one or more sets of 12 rows of shells after row 49 (rows 10 and 11 six more times for each set); every set makes the numbers of the rows after it 12 higher. Each set adds about 4 in (10 cm) and takes, as an estimate, about 60 yd (55 m) more of A for the Chair size or 75 yd (69 m) for the Wide chair size, and about 6 yd (5 m) more of B for either. For each set add 6 to each "24 times" of rnd 1 of the edge (30 times for one set, 36 for two) and 3 to each "14 times" of rnd 2 (17 times for one set, 20 for two). Each set adds 36 sc to the count of rnd 1, and 36 dc, 6 sc and 6 picots to that of rnd 2.

Instructions

Chair. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

sk skip.

5 dc in next dc: all in one stitch. **dc in each of next 60 dc**: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 10 times: work what is inside 10 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(61 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Special stitches

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

Cover

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

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 63.	

Band

☐ **Row 1**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped 3 chs count as dc), dc in each of next 59 chs	(61 dc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in each of next 60 dc	(61 dc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Shells

☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 10 times**	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)

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☐ **Row 18**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc	(50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc	(51 dc, 10 sc)

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☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)

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☐ **Row 44**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 51**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc. Fasten off A (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 52**	Turn, join B with sl st in first sc, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 53**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in last dc (50 dc, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 54**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, **[**5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc**] 9 times**, 3 dc in last sc (51 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Rows 55 to 57** 55 56 57	Repeat rows 53 and 54 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 54, every odd-numbered row as row 53.
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.

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Edge and scallops

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

☐ **Foundation**	Go on along the edge of the piece just worked.
☐ **Rnd 1**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1, sc in next row end, **[**2 sc in next row end, sc in next row end**] 24 times**, 2 sc in each of next 8 row ends, ch 2, sk next ch, sc in each of next 59 chs, ch 2, 2 sc in each of next 8 row ends, **[**sc in next row end, 2 sc in next row end**] 24 times**, sc in next row end, ch 2, sk next sc, **[**sc in each of next 5 dc, sc in next sc**] 9 times**, sc in each of next 5 dc, sk next sc, ch 2, join with sl st in first sc (296 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in each of next 2 sc, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sc, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc**] 14 times**, sk next 2 sc, (4 dc, picot, 4 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc, **[**sk next 2 sc, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 sc, (4 dc, picot, 4 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc, **[**sk next 2 sc, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc**] 14 times**, sk next 2 sc, (4 dc, picot, 4 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc, **[**sk next 2 sc, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc**] 9 times**, sk next 2 sc, (4 dc, picot, 4 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 sc, join with sl st in first sc (308 dc, 50 sc, 50 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.
- To block: wet the cover, lay it right side up on a towel, pin it out to size with every scallop and picot drawn evenly, and let it dry.
- To use: lay the cover over the chair back with the band behind. When about 11 in (28 cm) hang in front of a chair back 4 in (10 cm) thick with a round top, about 6¼ in (16 cm) go over the top and about 4¼ in (11 cm) hang behind.

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