Shell lace bookmark

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 1½ in (4 cm) wide and 7¼ in (18 cm) long, without the tassel

Skill
Easy
Groups in one place and skipped stitches

Yarn
Lace (0)

Hook
1.75 mm

Gauge
34 stitches and 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In shell stitch.

You will need

Yarn: rose, lace (0) **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

Hook: 1.75 mm. Also: a fine tapestry needle for the ends, scissors and a tape measure, an iron, and starch if you like it stiff and a piece of card 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall for the tassel.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**1½ in (4 cm) wide, 7¼ in (18 cm) long**	**about 30 yd (27 m)**
Long	1½ in (4 cm) wide, 8¾ in (22 cm) long	about 35 yd (32 m)

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)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS right side
sk skip (UK miss)
st stitch

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Gauge

34 stitches and 25 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in shell stitch.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The ch 3 counts as a dc.
- Five double crochets in one stitch make one shell.
- Size 10 crochet cotton is the thread the amounts are for.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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, dc is treble and sk is miss.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch**] 2 times**	**(3 sc, 10 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	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, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	**(11 dc, 2 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	**(3 sc, 10 dc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 46**	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 46: 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 43 44 45 46

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends now. Dampen the bookmark, or starch it, lay it straight and flat and press it under a cloth. Let it dry before the tassel goes on.

2. Tassel: cut a piece of card 2½ in (6.5 cm) tall and wind A 24 times round it, about 120 in (305 cm). Slip a 10 in (25 cm) length of A under the loops at the top and tie them together tightly with it; leave its ends long. Slide the loops off the card. Wind another 10 in (25 cm) length 5 times round all the strands ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the tie, knot it, and let its two ends hang down with the strands. Cut the loops at the bottom and trim everything level. With the long ends of the tie, sew the tassel to the middle of the foundation edge, and weave them in.

Finishing

- All the ends are woven in as you put it together.

In all: 46 rows; 598 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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