Shell lace doily

Sport cotton · US terms



Finished size
About 7¼ in (18.5 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with shells and chain loops.

Yarn
Fine (2)

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: pale blue, fine (2) **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and rust-proof pins for blocking.

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

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Sport cotton (this file)	**7¼ in (18.5 cm) across**	**about 35 yd (32 m)**
Size 10 thread	3¾ in (9.5 cm) across	about 20 yd (18 m)
Worsted cotton	10¼ in (26 cm) across	about 50 yd (46 m)

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch chain
sl st slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp space
st stitch
sk skip

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beg	beginning
rnd	round

Special stitches

shell (Shell): (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the place named. Anything worked in a shell goes in its ch-2 sp. It leaves 4 dc and 1 ch-2 sp for the next row.

beg-shell (Beginning shell): Ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the same place. It counts as a shell. It leaves 4 dc and 1 ch-2 sp for the next row.

picot (Picot): Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. It leaves 1 picot for the next row.

Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the piece measures about 2½ in (6.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a 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.
- This size is worked in sport weight cotton.

Instructions

Chosen: Sport cotton. 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.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(16 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, **[**2 dc in next dc**] 15 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(32 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc**] 15 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 3, sk next 2 dc, **[**sc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 2 dc**] 15 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc, 16 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 4, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4**] 15 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc, 16 ch-4 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 6, **[**sc in next ch-4 sp, ch 6**] 15 times**, join with sl st in first sc **(16 sc, 16 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 3, **[**shell in next ch-6 sp, ch 3**] 15 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(64 dc, 16 ch-3 sps, 16 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 5, **[**shell in next shell, ch 5**] 15 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(64 dc, 16 ch-5 sps, 16 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, picot, 3 dc in same sp, ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2, **[**(3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next shell, ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 2**] 15 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 **(96 dc, 16 sc, 32 ch-2 sps, 16 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.
- To block: wet the piece, lay it right side up on a towel, pin it out to size with every scallop and picot drawn evenly, and let it dry.

In all: 9 rounds; 384 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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