Scalloped shell lampshade cover

Small · US terms



Finished size

About 17¼ × 9½ in (44 × 24 cm)

About 16 in (40.5 cm) round the top edge, 34¾ in (88.5 cm) round the last round of shells and 9½ in (24 cm) long down its side, not stretched. To fit an empire shade 16¾ in (42.5 cm) to 17½ in (44.5 cm) round the top rim, 31½ in (80 cm) to 32½ in (82.5 cm) round the lower rim and about 7½ in (19 cm) long down its side

Skill

Intermediate

The bands between the shells grow from round to round, and the colors change every two rounds.

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

3.75 mm (US F-5)

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: ivory, the top band and stripes **about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: dusty pink, stripes and the hem **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.75 mm (US F-5), 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	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**an empire shade 16¾ in (42.5 cm) to 17½ in (44.5 cm) round the top rim, 31½ in (80 cm) to 32½ in (82.5 cm) round the lower rim and about 7½ in (19 cm) long down its side**	**17¼ × 9½ in (44 × 24 cm)**	**about 230 yd (210 m)**

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Large	an empire shade 22½ in (57 cm) to 23¼ in (59 cm) round the top rim, 41 in (104 cm) to 42½ in (108 cm) round the lower rim and about 9½ in (24 cm) long down its side	23 × 11¼ in (58 × 29 cm)	about 350 yd (320 m)

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)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

18 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. The shell rounds are counted as rounds of double crochet. A shell of 4 double crochet and its chain of 2 is as wide as 6 stitches, and each double crochet between two shells, or the single chain there in round 4, is as wide as one stitch.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 1 the tube should measure about 16 in (40.5 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Join the foundation chain into a ring with a slip stitch, and take care that it is not twisted. Work the first single crochet (UK double crochet) of round 1 into the first chain, the one that has the slip stitch in it, and one into each of the other chains; the slip stitch itself is not worked into.
- The right side, the outside, faces you in every round. In rounds 1 to 3 and in the last round the chain of 1 or 2 at the start does not count as a stitch; the round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch, and the first stitch of the next round goes into that same stitch. The last round begins in the top of the chain of 3 that the round before was joined in.
- A shell is (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc), all in one place. In round 4 the first shell goes into the stitch that round 3 was joined in; its first double crochet is the chain of 3. From then on every shell is worked into the chain-2 space in the middle of the shell below, and the 2 double crochet on each side of that space are passed over; that is what sk next 2 sts says before and after a shell.
- Between two shells there is a band of double crochet. It begins in round 5 with one, worked into the chain-1 space, and from then on each is worked into the top of a double crochet of the band below. In the rounds where the cover widens, one stitch of every band gets 2.

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- The chain of 3 at the start of a shell round counts as the first double crochet of its first shell, and the round is joined with a slip stitch in the top chain of those 3. Where the next round is in the same color, slip stitch from the join into the double crochet beside it and into the chain-2 space, to be in the middle of the shell; the round begins there. The slip stitches are not counted and are not worked into. At the end of such a round the 2 stitches before the join have nothing worked into them either: they are the chain of 3 of the round below, which you had joined in, and the double crochet beside it. Where the round begins with a new color, the line says sk next 2 sts for them.
- Where a new color begins, fasten off the old one, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and join the new one with a slip stitch in the chain-2 space of any shell; leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm) there too. Begin it at another shell each time, so that the joins do not stand above one another.
- The hem. There are two scallops of 7 double crochet to each shell of the round above: one in the chain-2 space of the shell, and one in the middle stitch, the 4th, of the 7 of the band. A single crochet in the first and in the last stitch of the band lies between them. Picot: (sc, ch 3, sc) in one place makes a small loop, the picot, between its two single crochet; there is one in the middle stitch of every scallop.
- An empire shade is narrow above and wide below. Measure yours round the top rim, round the lower rim, and down its side. The small cover is for a shade 16¾ in (42.5 cm) to 17½ in (44.5 cm) round the top rim, 31½ in (80 cm) to 32½ in (82.5 cm) round the lower rim and about 7½ in (19 cm) long down its side; the large one for a shade 22½ in (57 cm) to 23¼ in (59 cm), 41 in (104 cm) to 42½ in (108 cm) and about 9½ in (24 cm).
- How it sits: round 3 lies along the top rim of the shade. Rounds 1 and 2 stand above the rim, and the cord draws them in over it. From round 3 down the cover follows the shade. Not stretched, some of its rounds are a little wider than the shade at their place and lie loosely on it, and the others are a little narrower and stretch sideways to go round it; no round has to stretch by more than a sixth of its width. Below the lower rim the cover hangs free for about 1¼ in (3 cm) in the small size and 1 in (2.5 cm) in the large one.
- Use this cover on a shade over an LED bulb, which stays cool. It is not for a bulb that gets hot, and the cover touches the shade only, never the bulb. Leave the top of the shade open.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 5: A. Rounds 6 to 7: B. Rounds 8 to 9: A. Rounds 10 to 11: B. Rounds 12 to 13: A. Rounds 14 to 15: B. Rounds 16 to 17: A. Rounds 18 to 19: B. Rounds 20 to 21: A. Rounds 22 to 23: B.

Instructions

Chosen: Small. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, dc is treble and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, ivory; B, dusty pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 72, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** The tube should measure about 16 in (40.5 cm) around: lay it flat without stretching it, measure across it and double that.

☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 24 times**, sl st in first dc to join	**(48 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 24 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(72 sc)**

Shells

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same st, **[**ch 1, sk next 5 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st**] 11 times**, ch 1, sk next 5 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(48 dc, 12 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(60 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(60 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(60 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(72 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(72 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(72 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(84 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(84 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(84 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(96 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(96 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, sk next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(96 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(108 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, sk next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(108 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 19**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 5 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(108 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(120 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, sk next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(132 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**

Scalloped hem

☐ **Rnd 22**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in same sp, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(168 dc, 24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, (sc, ch 3, sc) in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 24 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(216 sc, 24 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails on the wrong side, each along stitches of its own color. The right side is the outside.

2. The cord. With A leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm), ch 160, about 36 in (91.5 cm), and fasten off with a tail of the same length. Draw each tail back through the last few chains with the needle, and trim it. The cord goes through round 2. Begin at the first chain-1 space after the join of that round: from the outside, go in through that space, out through the next, and so on all the way round. There are 24 spaces, an even number, so the cord comes out on the outside through the last space, beside the place where it went in.

Finishing

- Turn the lamp off and take the shade off it. Slip the cover over the shade from above, and ease it down evenly all round, until round 3 lies along the top rim and rounds 1 and 2 stand above it. Draw the cord up until those two rounds lean in over the rim, tie it in a bow, and tuck the bow and its ends down between the cover and the shade. Put the shade back on the lamp.
- Spread the scallops with your fingers and pull each picot to a point.

In all: 23 rounds; 2,160 stitches.

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