Shell and V-stitch prayer shawl

Full size · US terms



Finished size
About 65½ in (166.5 cm) long and 19½ in (49.5 cm) wide

Skill
Easy
Shells, V-stitches, color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: cream, middle band	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pale lilac, second band	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lilac, third band	**about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lavender, end bands	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 460 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

Before you start

- To change color, work the last stitch of the old color until two loops are left on the hook and draw the new color through them. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and fasten in a fresh piece each time: the yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Lap size	47 in (119.5 cm) long, 17 in (43 cm) wide	about 540 yd (494 m)
Full size (this file)	**65½ in (166.5 cm) long, 19½ in (49.5 cm) wide**	**about 925 yd (846 m)**

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Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rows 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 row 6 the piece, laid flat, is about 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) from the first row to the last. If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

Each size in the list is printed in full when it is chosen. For another width begin with a multiple of 8 chains plus 1: each 8 chains more or fewer are one V-stitch and one shell, about 2½ in (6.5 cm), and the square brackets of every row are worked once more or once less, in both halves alike. The second half is worked into 2 chains fewer than you began with, because the first 2 of them stand up as the edge of row 1. For another length work 2 rows more or fewer in every color of each half; each 2 rows of one color in both halves are about 2¼ in (6 cm) of the whole length. Then work the scallops in yarn D. A larger shawl takes more of every color.

Instructions

Full size. US terms.

dc double crochet (UK tr), **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.

ch-2 sp: the hole under two chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

The ch 3 is the first dc: skip the first stitch; the last dc goes in the **top of the 3 chains**.

[ ] 7 times: 7 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (48 dc, 8 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: RS right side, sp space.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

First half

Begin with yarn A, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 65.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in 6th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 3 chs, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch, sk next 3 chs, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch**] 7 times**, sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch (48 dc, 8 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**, dc in top of turning ch (48 dc, 8 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 **6**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 6.** The piece, laid flat, is about 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) from the first row to the last. If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

☐ **Rows 7 to 14**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**, dc in top of turning ch. At the end of row 14 change to yarn B on the last pull through. (48 dc, 8 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps)

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

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☐ **Rows 15 to 28** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
[(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**,
dc in top of turning ch. At the end of row 28 change to yarn C on the last pull through.
(48 dc, 8 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps)

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

☐ **Rows 29 to 42** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
[(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**,
dc in top of turning ch. At the end of row 42 change to yarn D on the last pull through.
(48 dc, 8 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps)

29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42

☐ **Rows 43 to 56** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
[(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**,
dc in top of turning ch (48 dc, 8 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps)

43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56

☐ **Row 57** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, 9 tr in next ch-2 sp,
[sc in next ch-1 sp, 9 tr in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**, sc in top of turning ch (9 sc, 72 tr)

☐ Fasten off.

Second half

☐ **Start** The lower edge of the first half: 63 chains across, the free side of its foundation chain. This is the edge the first half was begun at and the middle of the shawl; hold it at the top, with the right side facing you and row 1 of the first half just below it.

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** Join A with sl st in first ch of foundation edge, ch 3 (counts as dc), sk next 2 chs,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch,
[sk next 3 chs, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch, sk next 3 chs, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch**] 7 times**,
sk next 2 chs, dc in next ch (48 dc, 8 ch-2 sps, 7 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rows 2 to 14** Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
[(dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**,
dc in top of turning ch. At the end of row 14 change to yarn B on the last pull through.
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☐	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 2 pieces; 5,538 stitches (2,769 in the first half, 2,769 in the second half).

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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- A shell is (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in one place and a V-stitch is (dc, ch 1, dc) in one place. After row 1 every shell goes into the ch-2 sp in the middle of a shell below, and every V-stitch into the ch-1 sp in the middle of a V-stitch below; their dc are passed over.
- In row 1 of the first half the first shell is in the 6th ch from the hook. Of the 5 chs skipped before it the first 3 count as a dc, which is the edge of the piece; the other 2 are passed over. In row 2 the last dc goes into the top of this dc, the ch that was next to the hook.
- Where the second half begins: turn the first half so that its foundation chain is at the top and the right side is toward you. The first chain is the one at the right hand end (at the left hand end if you are left handed): the last dc of row 1 stands in it. Each chain with a shell or a V-stitch of the first half below takes a shell or a V-stitch again, and the last dc goes into the last chain, the 3rd ch from the hook of the foundation. Pick up whichever strands of a chain lie there; go on in the same way all along.
- In the last row of each half the 9 tr of a scallop all go into the ch-2 sp of a shell and each sc between two scallops into the ch-1 sp of a V-stitch. The ch 1 at the start of this row does not count as a stitch, and the first sc goes into the first dc.
- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc; the last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch. Stitches that lie before the space are passed over and left unworked.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- About 65 3/8 in (166 cm) long with both scalloped ends and about 19 3/8 in (49.5 cm) wide. Each half is about 32 in (81.5 cm) from the chain in the middle to the start of the scallops.
- Both halves are worked alike: 56 rows of shells and V-stitches and a row of scallops, row 57. In each half yarn A (cream) is rows 1 to 14, yarn B (pale lilac) rows 15 to 28, yarn C (lilac) rows 29 to 42 and yarn D (lavender) rows 43 to 57. The two cream bands lie together in the middle of the shawl.

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