Simple cross

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) wide and about 5½ in (14 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: ivory, rounds 1 to 3 **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, round 4 **about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 10 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.

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- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The round begins at the middle of the tip of the first arm. Hold the cross with the long arm at the bottom: the first arm is then the one on the right, and the rounds go up, over the top and down the left side.
- In Rnd 1 the three loops of 9 chains are the right, upper and left arms, in that order; the loop of 17 chains is the lower arm. Pull each loop out straight as you work over it in Rnd 2.
- Rnd 1 is fastened off so that Rnd 2 can begin at the tip of an arm: join A round the chain at the middle of the first loop, the right arm. Rnd 2 is worked over the chains of the loops, right side facing. Its first 6 sc fill the half of the right loop that comes next, from the tip to the middle of the cross; its last 5 sc fill the other half, from the middle of the cross out to the first sc, which makes 11 sc in that loop. From the last st in a loop go straight on to the next loop: the 4 sc of Rnd 1 are left unworked.
- In Rnds 3 and 4 the 3 sc in one st are a corner, and the decrease lies in the corner between two arms. A sc2tog or sc3tog is one stitch when the next round is worked into it.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-9 sp**: the gap under nine chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(4 sc, 3 ch-9 sps, 1 ch-17 sp): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

sc3tog (UK dc3tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in ring, ch 9**] 3 times**, sc in ring, ch 17, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join (4 sc, 3 ch-9 sps, 1 ch-17 sp) Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join A with sl st in first ch-9 sp, ch 1, 6 sc in same sp, 11 sc in each of next 2 ch-9 sps, 17 sc in next ch-17 sp, 5 sc in first ch-9 sp, sl st in first sc to join (50 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, [3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join (58 sc, 4 sc2tog)
Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, [3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] twice, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, sc3tog in next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join (66 sc, 4 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the cross to shape on a flat surface, its arms straight and its corners square. Spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 rounds.

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