Skull doily

Size 3 thread · US terms



Finished size
About 10¼ in (26 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Super fine (1), 2 colors

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

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

You will need

Yarn A: black, main color — **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: bone white, color B — **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Size 10 thread	8 in (20.5 cm) across	about 130 yd (119 m)
Size 3 thread (this file)	**10¼ in (26 cm) across**	**about 160 yd (146 m)**
Sport cotton	15 in (38 cm) across	about 225 yd (206 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)
tr treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)

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sc2tog	single crochet the next 2 stitches together: work each up to its last pull through, then yo and draw through all loops on hook (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
sc3tog	single crochet the next 3 stitches together: work each up to its last pull through, then yo and draw through all loops on hook (UK dc3tog, double crochet 3 stitches together)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
rnd	round
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

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

About 14¾ rows of double crochet to 4 in (10 cm).

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 6 the piece should measure about 3½ in (9 cm) across, laid flat.

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.
- The skull is worked in rows. Row 1 and every odd row is a right side row.
- At the start of a row or round "same st" is the stitch at the foot of the chain you have just worked.
- The last sc of row 3 of the skull goes in the 3rd ch of the ch 4 that began row 2.

Instructions

Chosen: Size 3 thread. 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, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

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Doily

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	

The web

☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 5 (counts as dc, ch 2), **[**dc in next dc, ch 2**] 11 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-5	**(12 dc, 12 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 6 (counts as dc, ch 3), **[**dc in next dc, ch 3**] 11 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-6	**(12 dc, 12 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 7 (counts as dc, ch 4), **[**dc in next dc, ch 4**] 11 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-7	**(12 dc, 12 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 8 (counts as dc, ch 5), **[**dc in next dc, ch 5**] 11 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-8	**(12 dc, 12 ch-5 sps)**

The solid ring

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 5 dc in next ch-5 sp, **[**dc in next dc, 5 dc in next ch-5 sp**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 5 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 5 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(84 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 6 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 6 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 7 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 7 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(108 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 8 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 8 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(120 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 9 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 9 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(132 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 10 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 10 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(144 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 11 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 11 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(156 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 12 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 12 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(168 dc)**

The net and the pointed edge

☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 5, sk next 3 dc, **[**sc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 3 dc**] 41 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc, 42 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 41 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc, 42 ch-5 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 17**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 6, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 6**] 41 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc, 42 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, (5 tr, picot, 5 tr) in next ch-6 sp, **[**sc in next ch-6 sp, (5 tr, picot, 5 tr) in next ch-6 sp**] 20 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(210 tr, 21 sc, 21 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Skull: make 6

Yarn B, bone white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1**	With B, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 8 chs	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), turn, sk next sc, **[**dc in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc**] 3 times**, dc in last sc	**(5 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next dc**] 4 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, 3 sc in same st, sc in each of next 7 sc, 3 sc in next sc	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc in each of next 12 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 11 sc, 2 sc in next sc	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in same st, sc in each of next 13 sc, 2 sc in next sc	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc in each of next 16 sts	**(17 sc)**

A box for each row, 8 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 13 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(13 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc in each of next 14 sts	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 11 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(11 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in each of next 9 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(9 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog over next 3 sts, sc in each of next 5 sts, sc3tog over next 3 sts	**(5 sc, 2 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Eye: make 12

Yarn A, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), 9 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(10 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the doily, the skulls and the eyes. Hold each skull with its right side up and its foundation chain, which is the chin, toward you. Row 9 of the skull has 17 sc.

2. Eyes: lay an eye, right side up, with the middle of its ring on the top of the 5th sc from the right edge in row 9, and a second eye in the same way on the 5th sc from the left edge. For each eye cut a length of A three times as long as the way round it and 8 in (20 cm) more and sew it down with one small stitch in each of its 10 dc (the beg ch-3 is one of them), through the skull. Fasten off at the back.

3. Nose: cut 18 in (45 cm) of A for each skull. Work five straight stitches, the needle up at one end of a stitch and down at the other. All five begin at the top of the middle sc of row 7 (the 9th of 17). They end at the tops of the 6th, 7th and 8th of the 13 sc of row 4 and at the two places between these, so that they spread like a fan. Fasten off at the back.

4. Places: the web in rnds 2 to 5 has 12 spokes. Count the one of the beginning chains as the first; the skulls stand on the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th. Lay a skull right side up on the right side of the doily, its chin toward the middle: the middle of its foundation chain (the 5th of the 9 worked chs) on the top of the dc of rnd 5 that ends the spoke, the top of its head pointing straight outward. The chin covers the feet of rnd 6, the head ends just inside the tops of rnd 14. Pin all six before you sew.

5. Sewing: for each skull cut a length of B three times as long as the way round it and 8 in (20 cm) more. Sew it down all round, one small stitch in each stitch of its foundation chain and of row 17 and one in the end of each row. Leave the holes of row 2, which are the gaps between the teeth, open. Fasten off at the back.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left 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: 13 pieces.

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