Small vintage thread tablecloth

US terms



Finished size
About 32½ in (83 cm) square, with every wheel about 3 7/8 in (9.8 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 141 pieces and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Lace (0)

Hook
1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge
34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (antique ivory in the picture), lace (0) **about 1,575 yd (1,440 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), 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

34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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 2 the wheel measures about 1¼ in (3 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- The half star is a part of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- 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 that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.

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- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The lines below give each piece by itself. In the tablecloth the wheels are joined to one another in Rnd 7, and the stars and half stars are joined to the wheels in Rnd 2 or Row 2: read FINISHING before you begin the second wheel.
- The ch 3 at the start of Rnd 1 of a star only lifts the thread to the height of the first cluster; the round is joined in the top of that cluster.
- Two ends are left by every piece. Work over them as you go, or weave them in at once, so that none are left at the end.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 15 times: work what is inside 15 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(16 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

cluster: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Wheel: make 64

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(16 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 5 (counts as tr and ch-1), **[**tr in next st, ch 1**] 15 times**, sl st in 4th ch of ch-5 to join	(16 tr, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 15 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(48 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in next st, ch 2, sk next st, **[**tr in next 2 sts, ch 2, sk next st**] 15 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	(32 tr, 16 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(64 dc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 6, sk next 3 sts, **[**sc in next st, ch 6, sk next 3 sts**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc, 16 ch-6 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, tr, picot, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in same sp, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, tr, picot, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 sp**] 15 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc, 32 hdc, 32 dc, 32 tr, 16 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Star: make 49

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (does not count as a st), **[**cluster in ring, ch 3**] 8 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first cluster to join	(8 clusters, 8 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 8, 2 sc) in same sp, **[**(2 sc, ch 8, 2 sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc, 8 ch-8 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Half star: make 28

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), **[**cluster in ring, ch 3**] 3 times**, dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(2 dc, 4 ch-3 sps, 3 clusters)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**(2 sc, ch 8, 2 sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 4 times**	(16 sc, 4 ch-8 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Nothing is blocked until the tablecloth is joined and edged.
- Weave in the ends of a wheel before you begin the next one.
- The picots of a wheel: every wheel has 16, numbered here in the order they are worked; picot 1 belongs to the first group of Rnd 7. Lay a wheel down with its right side up, picots 1 and 2 at the top and 1 to the right of 2. Then 3 and 4 point to the upper left, 5 and 6 to the left (5 above 6), 7 and 8 to the lower left, 9 and 10 down (9 to the left of 10), 11 and 12 to the lower right, 13 and 14 to the right (13 below 14), and 15 and 16 to the upper right.
- Joining picot: in place of the picot work ch 1, slip stitch in the loop of the picot named on the other wheel, ch 1, slip stitch in the top of the tr just made.
- Join the wheels as you go, in 8 rows of 8, each row from left to right and the rows from the top down, all with their right sides up and their picots 1 and 2 at the top. The first wheel is worked just as it is written. Rnds 1 to 6 of every other wheel are worked as they are written, and in its Rnd 7 the picots that touch a wheel already there are joining picots: in every wheel of rows 2 to 8, picot 1 is joined to picot 10 and picot 2 to picot 9 of the wheel above; in every wheel but the first of its row, picot 5 is joined to picot 14 and picot 6 to picot 13 of the wheel to its left. When all 64 are there, each wheel is joined to each of its neighbors at two picots, and 49 gaps stand open between every four wheels.
- Stars: there are eight free picots round a gap, two of each wheel. Work Rnd 1 of a star as it is written. In Rnd 2 join it to the gap: in place of each ch 8 work ch 4, slip stitch in the loop of a free picot, ch 4. Lay the star in the gap with both right sides up and go round it counterclockwise, as the round goes: begin with picot 8 of the wheel at the upper right and go on with picot 7 of the same wheel, picots 12 and 11 of the wheel at the upper left, picots 16 and 15 of the wheel at the lower left and picots 4 and 3 of the wheel at the lower right. Fill all 49 gaps.

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- Half stars: along each of the four edges, where two wheels meet, there is half a gap with four free picots, the two of each wheel that stand next to the join. Work Row 1 of a half star as it is written. For Row 2 turn the half star and also the cloth, so that the wrong sides of both face you, and hold the cloth with that edge away from you; the ring of the half star lies on the line of the edge and its stitches point into the gap, toward you. Work Row 2, and in place of each ch 8 work ch 4, slip stitch in the loop of a free picot, ch 4, taking the four picots in order from your left to your right: the outer and the inner one of the wheel on your left, the inner and the outer one of the wheel on your right. Work 7 half stars along each edge, 28 in all.
- Border, round 1: along an edge the border is worked in 4 picots of every wheel between the corners: the two that point straight out and the one on each side of them, which the half stars hold too. A corner wheel has 8 such picots, 4 for each of its two edges. With the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in picot 16 of the second wheel from the right in the top row, ch 1, sc in the same picot, [ch 8, sc in the next picot] 3 times; * ch 9, sc in the ring of the half star, ch 9, sc in the first picot of the next wheel, [ch 8, sc in the next picot] 3 times on a wheel between the corners or 7 times on a corner wheel; repeat from * to the last half star, ch 9, sc in its ring, ch 9, slip stitch in the first sc to join (156 sc, 100 ch-8 spaces, 56 ch-9 spaces).
- Border, round 2: slip stitch in the next 4 chains, ch 1, sc in the same space, [ch 8, sc in the next space] 155 times, ch 8, slip stitch in the first sc to join (156 sc, 156 ch-8 spaces).
- Border, round 3: slip stitch in the next ch-8 space, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, tr, picot, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in the same space and in each of the other 155 spaces, slip stitch in the first sc to join (156 scallops, each with its picot). Fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.
- To block: wet the tablecloth, pin it out right side up on a padded surface, every wheel round, every star pulled open and every picot of the border drawn out, and let it dry.

In all: 141 pieces.

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