Lace ruffle edging for socks

Woman · US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20.5 cm) round and about 1½ in (4 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
Chain loops, fans, picots, blanket stitch

Yarn
Super fine (1), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
20 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: white cotton, blanket stitch and frill **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac cotton, lip **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 15 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 400 yd (366 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a pair of socks and a sharp-pointed yarn needle.

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. For another cuff, the yarn of the frill is in proportion to its loops; the yarn for the blanket stitch is as the part about another size says.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Woman (this file)	**8 in (20.5 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) deep**	**about 50 yd (46 m)**
Child	6½ in (16.5 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) deep	about 40 yd (37 m)
Baby	4¾ in (12 cm) round, 1½ in (4 cm) deep	about 35 yd (32 m)

Gauge

20 stitches and 11 rounds 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 round 3 the tops of the 5 dc of one fan, measured along them, are about 1 in (2.5 cm). If yours are shorter, use a larger hook; if they are longer, use a smaller one.

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The loops of a cuff are a multiple of 4. For another cuff, measure its top edge, not stretched, and count 5 loops to every 1 in (2.5 cm); take the nearest multiple of 4. With N for the loops: round 1 makes N sc and N ch-2 sps; in round 2 the brackets are worked N ÷ 2 - 1 times; in rounds 3, 4 and 5 N ÷ 4 - 1 times. Every 4 loops more are one fan more and about 0.8 in (2 cm) more of cuff. In size 10 crochet thread with a 2.25 mm (US B-1) hook everything comes out smaller: space the loops 7 to every 1 in (2.5 cm), so that a cuff of 8 in (20.3 cm) takes 56. Cut the yarn for the blanket stitch of one cuff about 0.7 in (1.8 cm) long for each loop and 12 in (30.5 cm) more for its two tails (the size 10 thread too).

Notes

- Blanket stitch: thread a yarn needle that has a sharp point with yarn A, a piece as long as your size says, turn the sock inside out, and hold it with its top edge toward you. Fasten the yarn on the inside of the cuff, which is now the outside, at the center back, close to the edge. The first stitch stands right there, and each stitch after it about 0.2 in (0.5 cm) farther to the right (to the left if you are left handed). For every stitch put the needle in, from the side that faces you, about 0.2 in (0.5 cm) inside the edge, bring its point out beyond the edge and over the yarn that lies there, and draw up until the yarn lies along the edge without pulling it in. Go all round: sew as many stitches as your size has loops. From the last stitch bring the yarn along the edge to the first stitch, pass the needle under that one where it turns at the edge, and fasten off. The yarn that lies along the edge from one stitch to the next is one loop, and so is the yarn from the last stitch to the first. Stretch the cuff with your fingers after every few stitches so that the loops can give as the cuff does.
- Leave the sock inside out for the frill, so that the inside of the sock faces you: when the sock is turned back and the frill falls outward over the cuff, the right side of the frill shows. Round 1 is worked into the loops of the blanket stitch, one after another, with the top edge away from you; its first st is a loop at the center back.
- In round 3 a fan is 5 dc in one space; in round 4 there is a ch 1 on each side of its middle dc. In round 5 the slip stitch between two fans goes into the sc there; it is not counted.
- When a round begins with "Join", fasten off the yarn you have at the end of the round before (cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and draw the tail through the last loop). Then join the yarn named with a slip stitch in the place named.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "5 dc in next ch-4 sp", they are all worked into that one place.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- For a sock whose cuff is about 8 in (20.3 cm) round at its top edge, not stretched. The frill has 10 fans and is about 1.6 in (4.1 cm) deep.
- Before you begin, sew blanket stitch round the top edge of each cuff: 40 loops, spaced about 0.2 in (0.5 cm) apart. Each cuff takes a piece of yarn A about 40 in (101.6 cm) long. Its yarn is in the amount of yarn A below, and the 2 ends of each cuff are among the ends to weave in.
- After round 1 the cuff is still about 8 in (20.3 cm) round at its edge when it is not stretched. The ch-2 loops stand up loosely: they are longer than the edge on purpose, so that the cuff can stretch and the frill falls in folds.
- Work the frill twice, once on each sock.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sk skip.
ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 39 times: work what is inside 39 times in all.
(40 sc, 40 ch-2 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook. Nothing is worked into the picot, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

Frill: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, white cotton; B, lilac cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	A knitted sock edge with a blanket stitch edge of 40 loops along one edge, with the inside of the sock facing you.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, ch 2, **[**sc in next st, ch 2**] 39 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc, 40 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 4, **[**sk next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4**] 19 times**, sk next ch-2 sp, sl st in first sc to join	(20 sc, 20 ch-4 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in same sp, sc in next ch-4 sp, **[**5 dc in next ch-4 sp, sc in next ch-4 sp**] 9 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(50 dc, 10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, ch 1, dc in next st, ch 1, dc in next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(50 dc, 20 ch-1 sps, 10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, picot, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, picot, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in next st**] 9 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(70 sc, 10 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the frill on the wrong side of the frill, the side that lies against the cuff. Weave in the two ends of each blanket stitch on the inside of the sock, under the edge of the cuff, where they were fastened.
- Turn the sock right side out, pull the cuff gently to its full width once, so that the chains settle, and turn the frill down over the cuff.

In all: 2 pieces; 500 stitches.

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