Solomon's knot shawl

Shoulder size · US terms



Finished size
About 44 × 23 in (112 × 58 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Solomon's knots of one length, increases at both ends

Yarn
Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
3 stitches and 6 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In Solomon's knot mesh, where one stitch is one open diamond and one row is one row of knots.

You will need

Yarn A: misty rose, net **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dusky rose, rim and tassels **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and a piece of card 4 in (10.2 cm) long.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Shoulder size (this file)	**44 × 23 in (112 × 58 cm)**	**about 280 yd (256 m)**
Full size	57¼ × 29¾ in (145 × 76 cm)	about 435 yd (398 m)

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch chain stitch
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
RS right side
WS wrong side
sk skip (UK miss)
sp space
st stitch
yo yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

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Special stitches

SK (Solomon's knot): Draw the loop on the hook up until it is about 0.9 in (2.3 cm) tall, yo and draw a loop through it, insert the hook between the long loop and the single strand behind it, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through both loops on the hook. The single crochet (UK: double crochet) that this makes is the knot, and it closes the long loop. It is worked in the air and uses no stitch of the row below. To work into an SK is to work into its knot: put the hook under the two strands that lie on top of the knot. It leaves 1 SK and a place for the next row for the next row.

Gauge

3 stitches and 6 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in Solomon's knot mesh, where one stitch is one open diamond and one row is one row of knots.

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 row 10 the piece, laid flat, is about 6.7 in (17 cm) tall. The height of a row comes from how far you draw up the long loops, not from the hook. If your piece is shorter, draw every long loop up a little taller; if it is taller, draw every long loop up a little less.

Each size in the list is printed in full when it is chosen. The net may have any even number of rows: from row 3 on every row of knots has one sc and two SK more than the row below, so what is in the square brackets of row r, from row 4 on, is worked r - 2 times. In the two rows of the rim the brackets are worked one time fewer than the number of rows in the net. Two rows add about 2.7 in (6.9 cm) to the top edge and about 1.3 in (3.3 cm) to the depth.

Before you start

- Keep every long loop the same length: begin with about 0.9 in (2.3 cm), and if row 10 shows that your rows are too short or too tall, begin again with a longer or a shorter loop. A ruler beside the work helps until the hand knows the length.
- In row 2 and every later row of knots the stitches stand in this order: 2 SK and a sc for each diamond side by side, and 1 SK alone at the end. The first of each 2 SK, and the SK alone at the end, are the points of the row: the next row is worked into these knots. "Sk next 2 sts" passes over the sc and the second SK of the pair, so that "sc in next st" goes into the point that comes next.
- Row 2 and every later row of knots begins with the turn; only the two rows of the rim, in yarn B, begin with ch 1 and then the turn. The first st of a row of knots is the knot the hook is at, the SK that ended the row below: the 2 SK go up to the new outer point and back, and "sc in first st" closes them there. The SK at the end of the row stands free until the next row begins from it. So the two lower edges have a double strand and a single strand by turns.
- In row 1 the chain skipped before the sc does not count as a stitch.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row 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.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "5 sc in next ch-5 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.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn.
- 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 (15.2 cm), and fasten in a fresh piece each time: the yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.

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- About 44 in (111.8 cm) across the top edge and 23.1 in (58.7 cm) deep, without the tassels.
- 34 rows of Solomon's knots in yarn A and two rows of rim in yarn B along the top. Row 34 leaves 67 SK; 34 of them are the points the rim is worked into.

Instructions

Chosen: Shoulder size. 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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet and yo is yarn over hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, misty rose; B, dusky rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, SK	**(1 sc, 1 SK)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, SK, leave remaining st unworked	**(3 SK, 1 sc)**
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, 2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, SK	**(5 SK, 2 sc)**
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**, SK	**(7 SK, 3 sc)**
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, SK	**(9 SK, 4 sc)**
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 4 times**, SK	**(11 SK, 5 sc)**
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 5 times**, SK	**(13 SK, 6 sc)**
☐ **Row 8 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**, SK	**(15 SK, 7 sc)**
☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 7 times**, SK	**(17 SK, 8 sc)**
☐ **Row 10 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 8 times**, SK	**(19 SK, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 9 times**, SK	**(21 SK, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 12 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 10 times**, SK	**(23 SK, 11 sc)**
☐ **Row 13 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 11 times**, SK	**(25 SK, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 14 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 12 times**, SK	**(27 SK, 13 sc)**
☐ **Row 15 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 13 times**, SK	**(29 SK, 14 sc)**
☐ **Row 16 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 14 times**, SK	**(31 SK, 15 sc)**
☐ **Row 17 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 15 times**, SK	**(33 SK, 16 sc)**
☐ **Row 18 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 16 times**, SK	**(35 SK, 17 sc)**
☐ **Row 19 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 17 times**, SK	**(37 SK, 18 sc)**
☐ **Row 20 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 18 times**, SK	**(39 SK, 19 sc)**
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 19 times**, SK	**(41 SK, 20 sc)**
☐ **Row 22 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 20 times**, SK	**(43 SK, 21 sc)**
☐ **Row 23 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 21 times**, SK	**(45 SK, 22 sc)**
☐ **Row 24 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 22 times**, SK	**(47 SK, 23 sc)**

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☐ **Row 25 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 23 times**, SK	**(49 SK, 24 sc)**
☐ **Row 26 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 24 times**, SK	**(51 SK, 25 sc)**
☐ **Row 27 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 25 times**, SK	**(53 SK, 26 sc)**
☐ **Row 28 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 26 times**, SK	**(55 SK, 27 sc)**
☐ **Row 29 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 27 times**, SK	**(57 SK, 28 sc)**
☐ **Row 30 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 28 times**, SK	**(59 SK, 29 sc)**
☐ **Row 31 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 29 times**, SK	**(61 SK, 30 sc)**
☐ **Row 32 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 30 times**, SK	**(63 SK, 31 sc)**
☐ **Row 33 (RS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 31 times**, SK	**(65 SK, 32 sc)**
☐ **Row 34 (WS)**	Turn; 2 SK, sc in first st, **[**2 SK, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 32 times**, SK	**(67 SK, 33 sc)**
☐ **Row 35 (RS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 5, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 33 times**	**(34 sc, 33 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Row 36 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**5 sc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next st**] 33 times**	**(199 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Tassels: make 3 of yarn B, about 4 in (10.2 cm) long. For each, wind the yarn 36 times round a piece of card 4 in (10.2 cm) long, pass a 12 in (30.5 cm) piece of yarn B under the loops at one end of the card and tie it tightly, leaving its ends long. Cut the loops at the other end. Wind another 12 in (30.5 cm) piece of yarn B tightly round the tassel about 0.8 in (2 cm) below the tie, knot it and hide its ends inside. Sew one tassel by the ends of its tie to each end of the rim and one to the sc of row 1, at the point.
- Weave in the ends.

In all: 36 rows.

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