Spider web collar

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 15½ in (39 cm) round and about 3 in (7.5 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
Mesh rows, treble crochet, picots

Yarn
Fine (2), 2 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
21 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: black cotton, web and spider **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: silver gray cotton, edge and thread **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, one button, ½ in (1.5 cm) across, sewing thread, rustproof pins and spray starch for the legs.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Medium (this file)	**15½ in (39 cm) round, 3 in (7.5 cm) deep**	**about 65 yd (59 m)**
Small	14 in (35.5 cm) round, 3 in (7.5 cm) deep	about 60 yd (55 m)
Large	17 in (43 cm) round, 3 in (7.5 cm) deep	about 70 yd (64 m)

Gauge

21 stitches and 11½ rows 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 row 2 the neck edge, which is the foundation edge, laid straight, is about 15 3/8 in (39 cm) long. If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

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Each size in the list is printed in full when it is chosen. For another neck ch a multiple of 4 plus 2: every 4 chs more are one wedge more and about ¾ in (2 cm) more of neck edge. With n wedges the square brackets of row 3 and of row 9 are worked n - 1 times and those of rows 4 to 8 n - 2 times. Keep n an even number, so that a post comes to the center front for the spider.

Instructions

Medium. US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sk** skip, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.

2 sc in first st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 80 sts: one in each. **ch-4 sp**: the hole under four chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.

[ ] 19 times: 19 times in all. (21 dc, 20 ch-4 sps): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: RS right side, WS wrong side, sp space, yo yarn over.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

point (web point): Ch 4, sl st in 4th ch from hook. Nothing is worked into the web point, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

Collar

Begin with yarn A, black cotton.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 82.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(81 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next 80 sts	(81 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 2.** The neck edge, which is the foundation edge, laid straight, is about 15 3/8 in (39 cm) long. If yours is smaller, use a larger hook; if it is larger, use a smaller one.

☐ **Row 3**	Ch 7 (counts as dc and ch-4 sp), turn; sk next 3 sts, dc in next st, **[**ch 4, sk next 3 sts, dc in next st**] 19 times**	(21 dc, 20 ch-4 sps)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 8 (counts as dc and ch-5 sp), turn; sk next ch-4 sp, dc in next st, **[**ch 5, sk next ch-4 sp, dc in next st**] 18 times**, ch 5, sk next ch-4 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(21 dc, 20 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 9 (counts as dc and ch-6 sp), turn; sk next ch-5 sp, dc in next st, **[**ch 6, sk next ch-5 sp, dc in next st**] 18 times**, ch 6, sk next ch-5 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(21 dc, 20 ch-6 sps)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 11 (counts as tr and ch-7 sp), turn; sk next ch-6 sp, tr in next st, **[**ch 7, sk next ch-6 sp, tr in next st**] 18 times**, ch 7, sk next ch-6 sp, tr in 3rd ch of turning ch	(21 tr, 20 ch-7 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 12 (counts as tr and ch-8 sp), turn; sk next ch-7 sp, tr in next st, **[**ch 8, sk next ch-7 sp, tr in next st**] 18 times**, ch 8, sk next ch-7 sp, tr in 4th ch of turning ch	(21 tr, 20 ch-8 sps)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 13 (counts as tr and ch-9 sp), turn; sk next ch-8 sp, tr in next st, **[**ch 9, sk next ch-8 sp, tr in next st**] 18 times**, ch 9, sk next ch-8 sp, tr in 4th ch of turning ch. Change to yarn B on the last pull through.	(21 tr, 20 ch-9 sps)

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☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, point, **[**10 sc in next ch-9 sp, sc in next st, point**] 19 times**, 10 sc in next ch-9 sp, sc in 4th ch of turning ch, point	(221 sc, 21 points)
☐	Fasten off.	

Spider body

Yarn A, black cotton.

☐ **Start**	Ch 3, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, 2 sc in each of next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rounds 3 to 6** 3 4 5 6	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 7**	Ch 1, 6 sc2tog, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Spider head

Yarn A, black cotton.

☐ **Start**	Ch 3, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Round 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(9 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(9 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Blocking the web: damp the collar, lay it right side up and pin the neck edge in a round curve, along a circle about 6 3/8 in (16.5 cm) across, its two ends about 4¼ in (10.5 cm) apart in a straight line. Then pin every web point straight out from the neck edge, so that the posts are straight, evenly spread like the spokes of a wheel, and the collar is about 3 in (7.5 cm) deep all round without the points. Let it dry. Nudge each line of chains into a shallow curve toward the neck.

2. Button: with the right side facing you and the neck edge at the top, sew the button to the right hand end of the neck band with sewing thread, in the middle of rows 1 and 2, about ¼ in (1 cm) in from the edge.

3. Button loop: at the left hand end of the neck band join yarn A with a sl st in the corner of the foundation edge, ch 7, sl st in the end of row 2 at the same edge, fasten off. It is a loop of about 1 1/8 in (3 cm); try the button in it before you fasten off.

4. Spider: stuff the body and the head firmly through their open ends with short pieces of yarn A (about 2 yd (1.8 m) is in the amount). The last round of each has 6 sc. Lay the open end of the head on the open end of the body and whip stitch them together all round, st to st, with the tail of the body.

5. Legs: with yarn A ch 22 (about 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm)) and fasten off, leaving tails of about 6 in (15 cm) at both ends. Work four such chains. Put the hook right through the stuffed spider from its right side to its left, catch one end of a

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chain and draw it back through, until half of the chain is on each side: the first chain through the head between rounds 1 and 2, the second through the head between rounds 2 and 3, the third through the head between rounds 3 and 4 and the fourth through the body between rounds 6 and 7, close to the seam. Run each tail back into its leg, so that the tip is neat, and cut it. The legs are then about 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) long on each side. Bend each leg up at its root and down at its tip; a little spray starch holds the bend.

6. Thread: with the right side of the collar facing you join yarn B with a sl st in the web point at the center front, the 11th of the 21 points, ch 10, which is about 1½ in (4 cm), and fasten off, leaving a tail of about 8 in (20.5 cm). Sew the end of the chain with this tail to the closed end of the body, where round 1 is: the spider hangs head down.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 3 pieces; 611 stitches (509 in the collar, 72 in the spider body, 30 in the spider head).

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.

Notes

- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "2 sc in next st", 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 of the collar is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn. The body and the head are worked in rounds and are never turned.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- For row 9 work the last tr of row 8 until two loops are left on the hook and draw yarn B through them. Cut yarn A, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- The long chain at the start of rows 3 to 8 counts as the first post and the chain space after it: a dc is 3 of its chs in rows 3 to 5, a tr is 4 of its chs in rows 6 to 8, and the rest are the space. The last post of the next row closes over it, in the 3rd or the 4th ch as the row says, counted from the bottom; that ch is the top of the post. The chain stands on the first stitch of the row below. In row 3 you then skip 3 sc, so the next post stands on the 5th sc; in rows 4 to 8 the next post stands on the second post of the row below.
- In rows 4 to 8 nothing is worked into the spaces: skip each one and work every post into the top of the post below, through both loops. "Next st" is always the next post.
- In row 9 the 10 sc of a space go round its chain, into the open space. A web point is worked after the sc on every post, also on the first and the last one.
- Begin the body and the head with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), work round 1 over it and pull on it, so that the ring of 3 chs closes. Every round is joined; nothing is worked into the sl st of the join. Leave a tail of about 8 in (20.5 cm) when you fasten off.
- Whip stitch: thread the yarn needle with the tail, bring it through one st of each of the two edges, over both edges and through the next st of each, always from the same side.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- The neck edge is about 15 3/8 in (39 cm) long and the collar about 3 in (7.5 cm) deep, from the neck edge to the silver gray edge; the web points stand out about ¼ in (0.5 cm) farther. The collar meets edge to edge at the center back.
- 9 rows. Rows 1 and 2 are the neck band. Rows 3 to 8 are the web: 20 wedges between 21 posts. Row 9 is the edge. The 11th post, counted from either edge, is the center front.
- Make the collar first, then the body and the head of the spider.

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