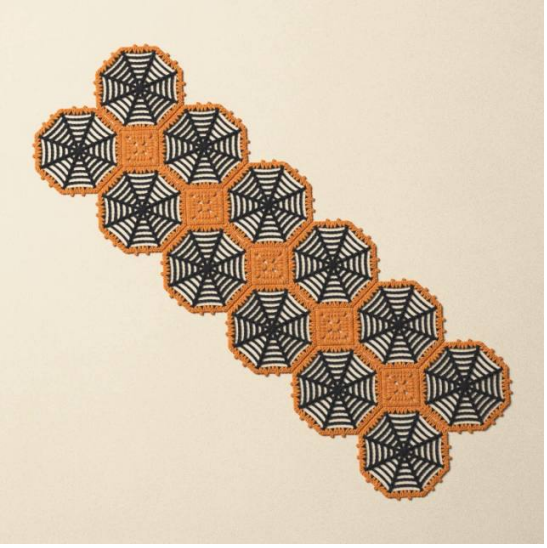
Spider web table runner

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 12½ in (32 cm) wide and 36¾ in (93 cm) long, with the picots

Skill
Easy
Chain spaces in rounds, and motifs sewn together

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: black, main	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pumpkin, corner web, round 8, side web, round 8 and the square	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and rustproof pins, to pin the runner out.

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, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**12½ in (32 cm) wide, 36¾ in (93 cm) long**	**about 235 yd (215 m)**
Long	12½ in (32 cm) wide, 54¾ in (139 cm) long	about 360 yd (329 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
Rnd	round
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

16 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check it on the first web, pulled flat: when 4 rounds are done it is about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) across, from one dc to the dc opposite, and the finished web is about 6 in (15 cm) from one flat side to the side opposite, without picots. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side is the side that faces you as you work the rounds. Do not turn between rounds.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "7 sc in next ch-8 sp" puts all 7 stitches in that one place.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The eight dc of a round stand on the eight dc of the round below: they are the spokes of the web, and the chains between them are its threads. Do not work into the chains until round 8. A web looks loose while you work; round 8 and the pinning pull it tight.

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- In round 8 each (sc, ch 1, sc) is worked into the top of one spoke and is a corner of the web; the sc between two corners go around the ch-8, into the space under it. A picot stands on the sc before it and is not counted as a stitch of the side.
- Use cotton yarn: it shows the open webs clearly and it can be washed and pinned out flat.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 sk is miss.

Corner web: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, black; B, pumpkin.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 4, sk next ch-3 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 5, sk next ch-4 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 7, sk next ch-5 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-7 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 8, sk next ch-7 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-8 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, ch 1, **[**(sc, ch 1, sc) in next st, 7 sc in next ch-8 sp**] 3 times**, **[**(sc, ch 1, sc) in next st, (2 sc, picot, 3 sc, picot, 2 sc) in next ch-8 sp**] 5 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc, 8 ch-1 sps, 10 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Side web: make 8

Yarns in order of use: A, black; B, pumpkin.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 3, sk next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 4, sk next ch-3 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 5, sk next ch-4 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 7, sk next ch-5 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-7 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 8, sk next ch-7 sp**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(8 dc, 8 ch-8 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 8**	With B, ch 1, **[**(sc, ch 1, sc) in next st, 7 sc in next ch-8 sp**] 5 times**, **[**(sc, ch 1, sc) in next st, (2 sc, picot, 3 sc, picot, 2 sc) in next ch-8 sp**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc, 8 ch-1 sps, 6 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Square: make 5

Yarn B, pumpkin.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first dc	**(28 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 7 sts, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the webs and of the squares.

2. Lay the 12 webs flat with their right sides up in 6 pairs, one pair above the other: two webs across and 6 webs along. The four corner webs lie at the four corners. Turn every web so that its sides with picots lie on the outside: a side web has its middle picot side on the long edge of the runner, and a corner web has its five picot sides on the outside and its three plain sides, which follow one another, on the inside. Of these three the middle one lies slantwise along the square gap. Of the two beside it, one lies against the other web of the same pair and the other against the corner web's neighbor along the long edge of the runner, a side web; which of the two comes first in the round is not the same at all four corners. Plain sides then lie against plain sides everywhere, and between each four webs there is a square gap, standing on its point.

3. A seam joins one side of a web to one side of another: a side is the 9 sc between two corners, and the ch 1 at each end of it. Hold the two webs with their right sides together and whip stitch the two sides together, through both loops of each sc and around the ch 1 at both ends: 11 stitches a seam. First sew the two webs of each pair together: 6 seams. Then sew each pair to the next: 2 seams each time, one for the left webs and one for the right ones. There are 16 seams in all. For each seam cut a length of B about 20 in (51 cm) long, and weave in its two ends.

4. Squares: lay a square in each of the 5 gaps, right side up, with its four corners in the four points of the gap. Its sides then lie against the four plain sides of the webs that are still free there. Cut a length of B about 42 in (107 cm) long for each square. Begin at one corner of the square and sew all four sides in the same way, with the right sides together and one side after another: 11 stitches along every side, from the ch 1 of one corner, over the 9 sc, to the ch 1 of the next, so that the ch 1 of a corner is sewn through once for each of its two sides. That is 44 stitches a square. Weave in both ends.

Finishing

- Wet the runner, lay it flat on a folded towel, pull every web open until its threads are straight, pin the edge at each corner and picot and let it dry.

In all: 17 pieces.

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