Spool pin doily

US terms



Finished size
About 7¼ in (18.5 cm) across, with a cushion 2½ in (6.5 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Lace (0), 3 colors

Hook
1.5 mm (US steel 8)

Gauge
38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, main color	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sage, color B	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rose, color C	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.5 mm (US steel 8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, wool or polyester filling, eight small wood spools of sewing thread, each about 1 in (2.5 cm) long and ¾ in (2 cm) wide, eight pins 2 in (5 cm) long with round heads, each head wider than the hole of a spool (if yours are smaller, eight beads wider than the hole, one put on each pin under its head), spray starch, rust-proof pins for blocking, a yarn needle and scissors.

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.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
yo	yarn over
rnd	round

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Special stitches

cl (Cluster): [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place, yo and draw through all 4 loops on hook. It leaves 1 cl for the next round.

beg-cl (Beginning cluster): Ch 3, [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops] twice, all in the same place, yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook. It counts as a cl.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double 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 rnd 4 the doily measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- The sl sts at the start of a round carry the yarn to where the round begins; they are not counted.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next round.
- The pincushion is worked in a spiral: put the marker in the first sc of every round and move it up.
- Where a color is joined in the first dc of a round, that is the top of its beginning ch 3.
- The doily lies flat to the end of round 13. Only the ruffle, rounds 14 to 16, is too full to lie flat, and is meant to be.
- Weave in all ends of the doily on the wrong side before it is starched.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.

Instructions

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 and dc is treble.

Doily

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(12 dc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, **[**2 dc in next dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 2 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 3 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 3 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 4 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 4 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 8 (counts as dc, ch 5), sk next 2 dc, **[**dc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 2 dc**] 23 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-8	**(24 dc, 24 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same sp, **[**4 dc in next ch-5 sp**] 23 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(96 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 5, sk next 2 dc, **[**sc in next dc, ch 5, sk next 2 dc**] 31 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(32 sc, 32 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 31 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(32 sc, 32 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 6, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 6**] 31 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(32 sc, 32 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, beg-cl in same sp, ch 3, cl in same sp, ch 3, **[**(cl, ch 3, cl) in next ch-6 sp, ch 3**] 31 times**, join with sl st in top of beg-cl	**(64 cl, 64 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 63 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off A	**(192 dc)**

Ruffle. The next three rounds have twice as many stitches as lie flat: they stand in waves.

☐ **Rnd 14**	Join B with sl st in first dc, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, **[**2 dc in next dc**] 191 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(384 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each of next 383 dc, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off B	**(384 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Join A with sl st in first dc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next dc, picot, sc in next dc, **[**sc in each of next 2 dc, picot, sc in next dc**] 127 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(384 sc, 128 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Pincushion

Yarn C, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	

Work in one spiral: do not join the rounds.

☐ **Rnd 1**	With C, 6 sc in ring	**(6 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in each of next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in each of next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in each of next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 6 times**	**(72 sc)**

Side

☐ **Rnds 13 to 17**	Sc in each of next 72 sc	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 13 to 17: tick them off as you go.

☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17

☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each of next 72 sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Wet the doily and lay it right side up on a towel. Pin it out so that round 13, the last cream round inside the ruffle, makes an even circle about 6¼ in (16 cm) across. Push the ruffle into even waves with the fingers, 32 of them, 12 sts of round 15 to a wave, with their edges standing up. Spray them with starch and let the doily dry before you take out the pins.

2. Put the pincushion, right side out, on the middle of the right side of the doily, the edge of its last round on round 6 of the doily: 72 sc over 72 dc. With the needle and 36 in (90 cm) of C, whipstitch the two together: take the needle down through the front loop of a dc of round 6 and up under both loops of the sc above it, one stitch for each. When 18 sts are left, fill the cushion very firmly, so that it makes a full dome and a pin stands fast in it. Sew the last 18 sts, fasten off and draw the end inside.

3. Spools: push a pin through the hole of a spool, with its head at the outer end. Stick the 1 in (2.5 cm) of it that comes out at the other end into the side of the pincushion between rounds 15 and 16, straight toward the middle, and push until the spool stands against the cushion and the head against the spool. The spool lies on the doily and points to the middle; the pin stops short of the middle of the cushion, so that the eight do not meet. Set the eight spools round in the same way, 9 sc of round 15 from one pin to the next.

Finishing

- To use a thread, draw it off over the end of its spool. To change a spool, draw out its pin. The top of the cushion is for your sewing pins.

In all: 2 pieces.

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