Lace edging for a sweater hem

Women M · US terms



Finished size
About 40½ in (103 cm) round and about 2½ in (6 cm) deep

Skill
Easy
Chain loops, shells, picots, joined rounds

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
15 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn: any one color (oatmeal heather in the picture), light (3) **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 30 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a finished sweater, pins and a sharp needle with a large eye, only for a woven or fleece edge.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Women M (this file)	**40½ in (103 cm) round, 2½ in (6 cm) deep**	**about 80 yd (73 m)**
Child, 4 to 6 years	25½ in (65 cm) round, 2½ in (6 cm) deep	about 55 yd (50 m)
Women 2X	53¼ in (135.5 cm) round, 2½ in (6 cm) deep	about 105 yd (96 m)

Gauge

15 stitches and 8 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 1 the hem, not stretched, is about 40½ in (103 cm) round. If the edge flares, use a smaller hook; if it draws in, use a larger one.

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The stitches of round 1 are a multiple of 8 on any edge: measure the edge, not stretched, and count 8 stitches to every 2 1/8 in (5.5 cm). Women S: hem 136 stitches, about 36¼ in (92 cm), 17 shells; cuff 32 stitches, about 8½ in (21.5 cm), 4 shells; Women M: hem 152 stitches, about 40½ in (103 cm), 19 shells; cuff 32 stitches, about 8½ in (21.5 cm), 4 shells; Women L: hem 168 stitches, about 44¾ in (114 cm), 21 shells; cuff 32 stitches, about 8½ in (21.5 cm), 4 shells; Women XL: hem 184 stitches, about 49 1/8 in (124.5 cm), 23 shells; cuff 32 stitches, about 8½ in (21.5 cm), 4 shells; Women 2X: hem 200 stitches, about 53¼ in (135.5 cm), 25 shells; cuff 40 stitches, about 10¾ in (27 cm), 5 shells; Women 3X: hem 216 stitches, about 57 5/8 in (146.5 cm), 27 shells; cuff 40 stitches, about 10¾ in (27 cm), 5 shells. With N for the stitches of an edge: round 1 is N sc; in rounds 2 and 3 the brackets are worked N ÷ 4 - 1 times; in rounds 4 and 5 they are worked N ÷ 8 - 1 times.

Instructions

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sl st slip stitch, **ch** chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
ch-5 sp: the hole under five chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**.
Working in the round
[ ] 37 times: 37 times in all. (38 sc, 38 ch-5 sps): the round now has that many; a check, not a step.
Also: sp space.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

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.

Hem

☐ **Start**	The lower edge of the sweater: 152 sts round, with the right side of the sweater facing you.	
☐ **Round 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 151 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(152 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 1.** The hem, not stretched, is about 40½ in (103 cm) round. If the edge flares, use a smaller hook; if it draws in, use a larger one.

☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 5, **[**sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, ch 5**] 37 times**, sk next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(38 sc, 38 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Round 3**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 37 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(38 sc, 38 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Round 4**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**7 dc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 18 times**, 7 dc in next ch-5 sp, sl st in first sc to join	(19 sc, 133 dc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, picot, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc in next 5 sts, picot, sc in next 3 sts**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(152 sc, 19 picots)
☐	Fasten off.	

Cuff: make 2

☐ **Start**	The cuff edge of the sleeve: 32 sts round, with the right side of the sweater facing you.	
☐ **Round 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 31 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, sc in first st, ch 5, **[**sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, ch 5**] 7 times**, sk next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc, 8 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Round 3**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc, 8 ch-5 sps)

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☐ **Round 4**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**7 dc in next ch-5 sp, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 3 times**, 7 dc in next ch-5 sp, sl st in first sc to join	(4 sc, 28 dc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, picot, sc in next 3 sts, **[**sc in next 5 sts, picot, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc, 4 picots)
☐	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends on the wrong side.
- Lay the lace out with each picot pulled down and dampen it lightly, and let it dry flat.

In all: 3 pieces; 756 stitches (532 in the hem, 112 in each cuff).

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 edge, the yarn is in proportion to its stitches.

Notes

- Hold the sweater upside down, with its right side facing you and the edge at the top. Begin the hem at a side seam and a cuff at the underarm seam: the first st is the one at the seam.
- Round 1 on a knitted edge: put the hook under both loops of the cast-on or bound-off edge. At 20 knitted stitches to 4 in (10 cm), work 3 sc over every 4 knitted stitches (sc in each of 3, skip 1); at 22, work 2 over every 3. At any gauge, 15 sc to 4 in (10 cm) is right. Mark the edge with pins in quarters and put a quarter of the stitches in each.
- Round 1 on a woven or fleece edge: first sew blanket stitch along it, 15 loops to every 4 in (10 cm), about ¼ in (0.5 cm) apart, one loop for each sc of round 1, and work round 1 into the loops. On a crocheted edge, work one sc in each stitch, and skip one or work 2 sc in one here and there to come to the count.
- Blanket stitch, only for a woven or fleece edge: thread the sharp needle with the yarn, a length of about 40 in (101.5 cm) at a time, and hold the sweater with its right side facing you and the edge toward you. Fasten the yarn on the wrong side, at the edge. * Put the needle in from the front about ¼ in (0.5 cm) inside the edge and about ¼ in (0.5 cm) farther to the right (to the left if you are left handed), 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 puckering it. Repeat from * all round, join the last loop to the first stitch and fasten off on the wrong side. When a length of yarn runs out, end it and begin the next on the wrong side, in the same hole. The yarn that lies along the edge between two stitches is one loop, and round 1 is worked into the loops.
- Where a round begins with a slip stitch in the next ch-5 sp, that is the first loop of the round below: pass over the sc that lies before it and begin in the loop. The sc of rounds 2 and 3 are left unworked; every stitch of rounds 3 and 4 goes into a loop.
- 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 "7 dc 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.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- For a hem about 40½ in (103 cm) round and cuffs about 8½ in (21.5 cm) round, not stretched. The lace is about 2 3/8 in (6 cm) deep and adds that much to the body and to each sleeve.
- The hem has 19 shells and each cuff 4; each of the three edges is 5 rounds.
- Only for a woven or fleece sweater: blanket stitch of 152 loops round the hem and 32 round each cuff. It takes 7 lengths of yarn of 40 in (101.5 cm), 5 for the hem and 1 for each cuff, which are not in the amount: buy about 8 yd (7.3 m) more. Their tails are 14 ends more to weave in.

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