Lace thread angel

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ in (11 cm) tall to the top of the wings

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Lace (0), 4 colors

Hook
1.5 mm (US steel 8)

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

What you need

Yarn A: white, main color	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, color B	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: chestnut, color C	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: light tan, color D	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.5 mm (US steel 8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a small handful of polyester filling, a stitch marker, gold satin ribbon: 1/8 in (3 mm) wide and 18 in (45 cm) long for Small, 1/8 in (3 mm) and 22 in (55 cm) for Medium, ¼ in (6 mm) and 32 in (80 cm) for Tree topper, liquid fabric stiffener, thin card, plastic wrap, adhesive tape, rust-proof pins, a board to pin into, a sewing needle and sewing thread in brown and rose, 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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**4¼ in (11 cm) tall**	**about 75 yd (69 m)**
Medium	5¾ in (14.5 cm) tall	about 90 yd (82 m)
Tree topper	8¼ in (21 cm) tall	about 135 yd (123 m)

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Gauge

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

After rnd 8 the dress is about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) long from the foundation chain to its edge. If yours is longer, use a smaller hook; if it is shorter, use a larger hook.

Notes

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Pull it until no hole is left. For the wings, 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. The right side is the outside. The wings are worked in rows and turned.
- 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 dress is worked from the neck down, in joined rounds. The head and the arms are worked in a spiral: do not join their rounds; put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Dress and sleeves, rnd 1: the ch 3 stands on the first ch of the foundation ring, where it was joined, and the dc go into the next chs, one in each, not round the ring. Sleeve, rnd 3: the first dc of rnd 2 is its beg ch-3; join B in the top of it. Rnd 8 makes 4 groups of 4 dc among the groups of 2.
- After a shell, sk next 2 dc means the last 2 dc of the shell just worked into.
- Wings: after a turn, the ch stands on the last stitch of the row below and counts as the stitch named; in row 7, after the ch 1, the first sc goes in that stitch. The last stitch of a row goes in the top of the turning chain below it: after a ch 5 or a ch 6 that is its 4th ch. In row 7, sk next tr passes over the tr just before or just after a ch-2 sp, and the sc stands on the single tr between two pairs, the last one on the top of the ch 4.
- Leave the tails told below; they sew the angel together. Put only a battery light under the skirt.
- 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

Small. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **beg** beginning, **rnd** round.

sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook.

2 dc in next dc: both in one stitch. **tr in each of next 23 dc**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(16 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

shell: (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the place named. Anything worked in a shell goes in its ch-1 sp.

beg-shell (Beginning shell): Ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the same place. It counts as a shell.

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

Dress

Yarn A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 16, join with sl st in first ch to make a ring, without twisting.	

Bodice

☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each of next 15 chs, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(16 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc**] 7 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in each of next 23 dc, join with sl st in top of beg ch-4	(24 tr)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), sk next tr, **[**dc in next tr, ch 1, sk next tr**] 11 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	(12 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)

Skirt

☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(30 dc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in same st, tr in each of next 2 dc, **[**2 tr in next dc, tr in each of next 2 dc**] 9 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-4	(40 tr)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 4 (counts as dc, ch 1), sk next tr, **[**dc in next tr, ch 1, sk next tr**] 19 times**, join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch-4	(20 dc, 20 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in same sp, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, **[**4 dc in next ch-1 sp, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times] 3 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(48 dc)

Pineapples

☐ **Rnd 9**	beg-shell in same st, ch 2, sk next 5 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc, ch 2, sk next 5 dc, **[**shell in next dc, ch 2, sk next 5 dc, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next dc, ch 2, sk next 5 dc**] 3 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(24 dc, 4 ch-3 sps, 8 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 1, 7 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, **[**shell in next shell, ch 1, 7 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(44 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, **[**ch 3, sc in next dc**] 6 times**, ch 2, **[**shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, **[**ch 3, sc in next dc**] 6 times**, ch 2**] 3 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(28 sc, 16 dc, 24 ch-3 sps, 8 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 1, 2 dc in same sp, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, ch 2, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next shell, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, ch 2**] 3 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(24 dc, 24 sc, 20 ch-3 sps, 8 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 13**

Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, shell in next ch-1 sp, ch 2,
sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 4 times**, ch 2,
> **[**shell in each of next 2 ch-1 sps, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp,
> **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 4 times**, ch 2**] 3 times**,

join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 (32 dc, 20 sc, 16 ch-3 sps, 8 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rnd 14**

Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 3, shell in next shell,
ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 2,
> **[**shell in next shell, ch 3, shell in next shell, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp,
> **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 2**] 3 times**,

join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 (32 dc, 16 sc, 16 ch-3 sps, 8 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rnd 15**

Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 2,
(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp,
[ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 2,
> **[**shell in next shell, ch 2, (dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, shell in next shell,
> ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 2**] 3 times**,

join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 (40 dc, 12 sc, 12 ch-3 sps, 16 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rnd 16**

Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 2, 7 dc in next ch-3 sp,
ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2,
> **[**shell in next shell, ch 2, 7 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2,
> sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2**] 3 times**,

join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 (60 dc, 8 sc, 4 ch-3 sps, 16 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)

☐ **Rnd 17**

Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 2, sk next 2 dc,
dc in next dc, **[**ch 1, dc in next dc**] 6 times**, ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2,
sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2,
> **[**shell in next shell, ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc,
> **[**ch 1, dc in next dc**] 6 times**, ch 2, shell in next shell, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp,
> ch 2**] 3 times**,

join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 (60 dc, 4 sc, 16 ch-2 sps, 32 ch-1 sps)

Edge

☐ **Rnd 18**

Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc),
(2 dc, picot, 3 dc) in same sp, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp,
[sc in next dc, picot, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, sc in next dc, picot,
2 sc in next ch-2 sp, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next shell, sc in next sc,
> **[**(3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next shell, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp,
> **[**sc in next dc, picot, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, sc in next dc, picot,
> 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next shell, sc in next sc**] 3 times**,

join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 (72 sc, 48 dc, 36 picots)

☐ **End**

Fasten off.

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Head

Yarn D, light tan.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With D, 6 sc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **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)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 9**	Sc in each of next 24 sc	(24 sc)
	5 6 7 8 9	
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in each of next 2 sc, sc2tog over next 2 sc**] 6 times**	(12 sc, 6 sc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 11**	[sc in each of next 7 sts, sc2tog over next 2 sts] twice	(14 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Leave a 14 in (35 cm) tail. Draw the first end inside and fill the head firmly and round.	

Arm: make 2

Yarn D, light tan.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With D, 6 sc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	[sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] twice	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnds 3 to 9**	Sc in each of next 8 sc	(8 sc)
	3 4 5 6 7 8 9	
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each of next 8 sc	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Draw both ends inside and fill the arm lightly.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, white; B, gold.

Leave the first end 16 in (40 cm) long; it sews arm and sleeve on.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8, join with sl st in first ch to make a ring, without twisting.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each of next 7 chs, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	(8 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc**] 3 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3. Fasten off A	(12 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first dc, ch 1, sc in same st, sk next dc, (2 dc, picot, 2 dc) in next dc, sk next dc, [sc in next dc, sk next dc, (2 dc, picot, 2 dc) in next dc, sk next dc] twice, join with sl st in first sc	(12 dc, 3 sc, 3 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Weave in the other ends.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn A, white.

Leave the first end 12 in (30 cm) long; it closes the ring and later sews the wing on.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 5 (counts as tr, ch 1), turn, **[**tr in next dc, ch 1**] 3 times**, tr in last dc	(5 tr, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next tr**] 4 times**	(13 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 6 (counts as tr, ch 2), turn, sk next dc, **[**tr in next dc, ch 2, sk next dc**] 5 times**, tr in last dc	(7 tr, 6 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**3 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next tr**] 6 times**	(25 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), turn, **[**sk next dc, (tr, ch 2, tr) in next dc, sk next dc, tr in next dc**] 6 times**	(19 tr, 6 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next tr, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next tr, sc in next tr**] 6 times**	(36 dc, 7 sc, 6 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Weave in the last end.	

Halo

Yarn B, gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 24, join with sl st in first ch to make a ring, without twisting.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With B, ch 1, sc in same ch, picot, **[**sc in each of next 3 chs, picot**] 7 times**, sc in each of next 2 chs, join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc, 8 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Leave a 10 in (25 cm) tail.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all ends at the wrong side with the needle, all but the long ends of the head, sleeves, wings and halo.

2. The cone. Cut a half circle of card: 3½ in (9 cm) from the middle of its straight side to the round edge for Small, 4½ in (11.5 cm) for Medium, 6½ in (16.5 cm) for Tree topper. Roll it into a cone, the two halves of the straight side meeting, tape it and cover it with plastic wrap. Its base is as wide as it was from middle to edge.

3. Stiffening. Wet the dress, the two wings and the halo with stiffener and press them out; the head, the arms and the sleeves stay soft. Pull the dress down over the cone, right side out, until the last round lies at the base of the cone; draw every picot down and out and pin it, and shape the bodice with your fingers so that it stands up straight, the neck round and open. Pin each wing flat on plastic wrap over the board, right side up, every scallop drawn out. Pin the halo flat, right side up, in a true circle. Keep the tails out of the stiffener. Let all of it dry hard, then take it off.

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4. Face. The stitches of a spiral lean to one side, so do not follow them. The place where the last round of the head ends is its center back. Count 8 sts of that round from there: that is the center front, and the line from it straight up to the middle of the magic ring is the front line. Eyes: with doubled brown thread, each a wide V of two straight stitches on rnd 7. The V begins 1 st from the front line on the upper edge of rnd 7, its point is 1½ sts from the line at half the height of the rnd, and it ends 2 sts from the line on the upper edge again. Mouth: with doubled rose thread one straight stitch 1 st wide across the front line on rnd 9. Begin and end inside the head.

5. Hair. Use 3 yd (2.7 m) of C for Small, 4 yd (3.7 m) for Medium, 6 yd (5.5 m) for Tree topper, cut into two lengths. The hair is long straight stitches that lie side by side, flat and not tight. Work 24 of them all round, 1 st apart (rnds 4 to 9 of the head have 24 sts each): bring the needle up in the middle of the magic ring, go straight down to the round named below and put the needle in. The stitch on the front line and 1 to each side of it end on rnd 4, the next one on each side ends on rnd 5 and the next after that on rnd 6, so that the hair makes an arch over the face. The other 17 are longer and end on rnd 9. Then work 24 more, one between every two of the first ones: these begin on rnd 2, and each ends level with the shorter of the two stitches it lies between. Begin and end each length with two small stitches under the hair.

6. Head. The front of the dress is the middle of the second pineapple after the joins, the back is the middle of the fourth, the two sides are the middles of the first and the third. Hold the last round of the head to the foundation chain at the neck, the end of the head at the center back, and whipstitch the 16 sts to the 16 chs with the tail of the head: small stitches over both edges. Draw the end inside.

7. Arms. Push an arm into a sleeve from the top, the hand first, until the last round of the arm lies at the foundation chain of the sleeve; the hand shows below the picots. Whipstitch the 8 sts to the 8 chs with the long end of the sleeve. With the same end sew this edge, one stitch for each st, to the side of the dress, its middle on the line between rnd 1 and rnd 2, 1 dc nearer to the front than the middle of the side. The arm slants down, outward and a little forward. Do the other arm in the same way.

8. Wings. Hold the two wings at the center back, right sides to the front, their rings side by side on the line between rnd 2 and rnd 3 of the dress. Turn each wing so that one of its straight edges points up and leans a little outward, away from the other wing: the two upper edges make a narrow V behind the head, and the corners at their ends are about 1¼ in (3 cm) apart for Small, 1½ in (4 cm) for Medium, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) for Tree topper. The other straight edge of each wing slants down and outward. With its first end sew each wing to the bodice along its ring and row 1, 6 stitches; with what is left of one of the ends join the two wings at the back with 2 stitches from ring to ring. End with two small stitches in one place.

9. Halo. Stand it upright behind the head, in front of the wings, right side to the front, its lowest 3 sc against the center back of the head on rnd 7, so that it rises above the head like a small arch. With its tail sew these 3 sc to the head through the hair, two stitches in each. End inside the head.

10. Sash. Thread the ribbon through rnd 4 of the dress, over one dc and under the next, starting and ending at the front. Draw it smooth without pulling the waist in, tie a bow and cut the ends to the length you like.

Finishing

- Trim the ends of the sewing thread.
- Stand the angel over a battery light that is less than 2 in (5 cm) wide, or set the dress of the Tree topper over the tip of the tree.

In all: 9 pieces.

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