Round bead thread rosary

Size 5 thread · US terms



Finished size
About 23 in (58 cm) long from the top of the loop to the foot of the cross, with a loop 31 in (79 cm) round

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Super fine (1), 2 colors

Hook
1.8 mm (US steel 6)

Gauge
33 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: marian blue, main color **about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: old gold, the large bead, the upright of the cross and more **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 400 yd (366 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 1.8 mm (US steel 6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, 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
Size 10 thread	20 in (51 cm) long, 26½ in (67 cm) round	about 100 yd (91 m)
Size 5 thread (this file)	**23 in (58 cm) long, 31 in (79 cm) round**	**about 105 yd (96 m)**

Gauge

33 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

About 35 rows of single crochet to 4 in (10 cm). A small bead is about 1¼ in (3 cm) round at its widest, over round 3, and a large bead about 1¾ in (4.5 cm), over round 4. Ten small beads drawn on with the chains between them measure about 5 in (12.5 cm). If your beads are larger, use a smaller hook; if they are smaller, use a larger hook. The stitches must stand so close that a bead keeps its form.

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Notes

- 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 ch 1 at the start of a row or round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- There are 53 small beads in blue, for the Hail Mary, and 6 large beads in gold, for the Our Father: 59 in all. The loop has five groups of 10 small beads with a large bead between one group and the next. The pendant has a large bead, 3 small beads and a large bead.
- The beads are worked in a spiral: put the marker in the first sc of every round and move it up. Begin round 1 with ch 1 to hold the ring; it does not count. Draw the magic ring in only so far that the hook still goes through it with a thread beside it.
- In the edging of the upright and of the crosspiece a row end is the side of the first or the last sc of a row: work each sc round it. One st is skipped on each side of a fan, so that the fan stands in the middle one of the 3.
- The side that faces you when you work row 1 of the upright and of the crosspiece is the right side.

Instructions

Size 5 thread. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook.
2 sc in next sc: both in one stitch. **sc in each of next 3 sc**: one in each.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(5 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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

Small bead: make 53

Yarn A, marian blue.

Leave about 3 in (7.5 cm) of thread at the beginning.

When you fasten off, cut the thread about 5 in (12.5 cm) from the last stitch.

Keep both ends: step 1 of the Assembly closes the bead and fills it with them.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
	Work in one spiral: do not join the rounds.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	5 sc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next sc**] 5 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in each of next 10 sc	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc2tog over next 2 sc**] 5 times**	(5 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Large bead: make 6

Yarn B, old gold.

Leave about 3 in (7.5 cm) of thread at the beginning.

When you fasten off, cut the thread about 5 in (12.5 cm) from the last stitch.

Keep both ends: step 1 of the Assembly closes the bead and fills it with them.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring. Work in one spiral: do not join the rounds.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With B, 5 sc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next sc**] 5 times**	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc**] 5 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnds 4 to 5** 4 5	Sc in each of next 15 sc	(15 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next sc, sc2tog over next 2 sc**] 5 times**	(5 sc, 5 sc2tog)
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc2tog over next 2 sts**] 5 times**	(5 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Medal

Yarns in order of use: A, marian blue; B, old gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, join with sl st in first sc	(6 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, **[**2 sc in next sc**] 5 times**, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next sc, picot, **[**2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, picot**] 5 times**, join with sl st in first sc	(18 sc, 6 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Upright of the cross

Yarn B, old gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	With B, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 chs	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each of next 3 sc 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

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Edging

Yarns in order of use: A, marian blue; B, old gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Do not turn; with the right side facing, work down the side first, then along the foundation chain, up the other side and along the last row. A fan with a ch-3 point stands in the middle of each end.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1, sc in each of next 21 row ends, sk next ch, (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next ch, sk next ch, sc in each of next 21 row ends, sk next sc, (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next sc, sk next sc, join with sl st in first sc	(42 sc, 16 dc, 2 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Crosspiece of the cross

Yarn B, old gold.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	With B, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 chs	(3 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each of next 3 sc	(3 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Edging

Yarns in order of use: A, marian blue; B, old gold.

☐ **Foundation**	Do not turn; with the right side facing, work down the side first, then along the foundation chain, up the other side and along the last row. A fan with a ch-3 point stands in the middle of each end.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1, sc in each of next 13 row ends, sk next ch, (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next ch, sk next ch, sc in each of next 13 row ends, sk next sc, (4 dc, ch 3, 4 dc) in next sc, sk next sc, join with sl st in first sc	(26 sc, 16 dc, 2 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Close the beads. Each bead has a 5 in (12.5 cm) end where it was fastened off and a 3 in (7.5 cm) end inside, at the magic ring. With the needle take the long end under both loops of each of the last 5 sts, going the way you worked, and draw it up only so far that the hook still goes through the opening with a thread beside it. Take one small stitch to hold. Push the long end and the end from the beginning inside the bead with the eye of the needle; they fill it, so cut nothing off. Do not stuff the beads: the hook must go through them. The end that was drawn together is called the closed end.

2. Cross. The chain end of the upright is its foot. Lay the upright right side up and the crosspiece right side up across it, at a right angle, so that the middle of the crosspiece, its row 7, lies over row 14 of the upright. With the needle and 18 in (45 cm) of B, sew the two long edges of the crosspiece down to the upright where they cross it, 5 small stitches along each edge, each through the edge of the crosspiece and through the upright. Fasten off at the back. Weave in all ends of the cross and of the medal at the back.

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3. Number the 6 picots of the medal 1 to 6, in the order you worked them, with its right side facing you.

4. String the beads of the loop before you begin it. Thread the needle with the free end of B, and leave B on its ball: do not cut it. Take the needle through the middle of each bead, in at the closed end and out at the magic ring, and push the bead along the thread toward the ball: 10 small beads, then [1 large bead, 10 small beads] 4 times. (50 small beads and 4 large beads) Take the needle off. The beads wait on the thread between your work and the ball; as you work, move them on toward the ball a few inches at a time. The first bead you come to is the last one you strung.

5. How a bead is drawn on: slide the next bead along the thread up to the hook, so that its magic ring touches the last chain. Take the hook out of the working loop. Push the hook through the bead beside the thread, in at the closed end and out at the magic ring. Catch the working loop, draw it through the bead and pull it up until the bead sits close on the last chain and the loop just shows at the closed end. The working loop and the thread that goes on to the ball now both lie inside the bead and come out together at its closed end, so no thread lies along the outside of the bead. The next chain, worked with that thread, holds the bead in its place. Work these chains tightly.

6. Loop: with the end of B on which the beads are strung, in front of the first bead, make a slip knot, leaving an end of 4 in (10 cm), and put it on the hook. Slip stitch in the ch-3 loop of picot 1 of the medal, ch 3. * Draw on a small bead, [ch 1, draw on a small bead] 9 times, ch 3, draw on a large bead, ch 3; repeat from * 3 more times. Draw on a small bead, [ch 1, draw on a small bead] 9 times, ch 3, slip stitch in the ch-3 loop of picot 3 of the medal. Fasten off. (50 small beads and 4 large beads)

7. Pendant: string a large bead, 3 small beads and a large bead on B as in step 4. Make a slip knot, leaving an end of 4 in (10 cm), and put it on the hook. Slip stitch in the ch-3 loop of picot 5 of the medal, ch 3, draw on a large bead, ch 3, draw on a small bead, [ch 1, draw on a small bead] twice, ch 3, draw on a large bead, ch 3, slip stitch in the ch-3 sp of the fan at the top of the upright. Fasten off. (3 small beads and 2 large beads, 59 with those of the loop)

8. Thread each of the 4 cord ends on the needle, take it through the chains and into the nearest bead, and cut it close.

Finishing

- Shape each bead round between the fingers and lay the loop out without a twist.

In all: 60 pieces.

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