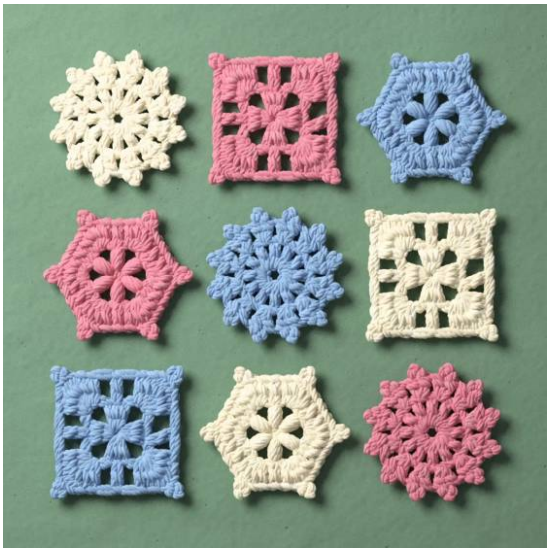
Tiny lace motifs

US terms



Finished size
Each about 1½ in (4 cm) across, the hexagon between two opposite sides

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 9 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Super fine (1), 3 colors

Hook
2.5 mm

Gauge
26 stitches and 27 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: ecru, the rounds, the squares and the hexagons	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, some of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: wedgwood blue, some of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 2.5 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop to the height of a double crochet] 3 times (7 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 7 loops, ch 1 to close; the closing chain is part of the puff and is not counted. It leaves 1 puff for the next round.

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picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Gauge

26 stitches and 27 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- In Rnd 2 of the hexagon the first dc in a puff is worked in the second puff of Rnd 1, and the last in the first puff, the one Rnd 1 was joined in.
- In Rnd 2 of the square the dc between two corners stands on the middle dc of a group of 3, and the dc on its two sides are not worked into.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 1¼ in (3 cm); fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2 in (5 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 2¼ in (6 cm).

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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Round: make 3

Make 1 in each of A, B and C. The lines say A; use the other colors the same way.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), **[**dc in ring, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-4 to join	**(12 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (hdc, picot, hdc) in same sp, **[**(hdc, picot, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc, 12 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Square: make 3

Make 1 in each of A, B and C. The lines say A; use the other colors the same way.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 4, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 4**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(12 dc, 4 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next st, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), **[**(3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, ch 1**] 3 times**, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-4 to join **(28 dc, 8 ch-1 sps, 4 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Hexagon: make 3

Make 1 in each of A, B and C. The lines say A; use the other colors the same way.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), **[**puff in ring, ch 3**] 6 times**, sl st in first puff to join **(6 puffs, 6 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, picot, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next puff, **[**(2 dc, picot, 2 dc) in next ch-3 sp, dc in next puff**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(30 dc, 6 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- The rounds, the squares and the hexagons may be used singly, as tiny appliques, or joined. To join two motifs, lay them side by side, right sides up, with the tip of a picot of one touching the tip of a picot of the other. With a length of either color and the yarn needle, take two small stitches through both tips, one on top of the other, and tie the two ends in a knot at the back. A round has twelve picots, a square has one at each corner and a hexagon has one at each corner.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 9 pieces.

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