Victorian lace basket

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 2¾ in (7 cm) wide at the rim and 3¼ in (8.5 cm) tall to the top of the handle

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Lace (0), 2 colors

Hook
1.5 mm (US steel 8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: ivory, main color — **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: old rose, color B — **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.5 mm (US steel 8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: old rose satin ribbon: ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 24 in (60 cm) long for Small, ¼ in (6 mm) and 30 in (75 cm) for Medium, 3/8 in (1 cm) and 40 in (100 cm) for Large, liquid fabric stiffener, plastic wrap, a sewing needle and ivory sewing thread, a glass or a jar to shape the wall on: for Small about 1 5/8 in (4 cm) wide at the bottom and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) wide at a height of 1¾ in (4.5 cm), for Medium 2 1/8 in (5.5 cm), 3¼ in (8.5 cm) and 2¼ in (5.5 cm), for Large 3 in (7.5 cm), 4½ in (11.5 cm) and 3¼ in (8.5 cm), a can or jar to bend the handle over: about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide for Small, 3 in (7.5 cm) for Medium, 4¼ in (11 cm) for Large, 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)	**2¾ in (7 cm) wide, 3¼ in (8.5 cm) tall**	**about 35 yd (32 m)**
Medium	3½ in (9 cm) wide, 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall	about 50 yd (46 m)
Large	5 in (12.5 cm) wide, 6¼ in (16 cm) tall	about 65 yd (59 m)

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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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
fpdc	front post double crochet: yo, insert hook from front to back to front round the post of the stitch named, then finish as a dc (UK fptr, front post treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
rnd	round
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

shell: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the place named. Anything worked in a shell goes in its ch-2 sp. It leaves 1 shell for the next row or round.

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

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 piece 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. The right side of the wall is the outside; the right side of the base is the side under the basket. The handle is 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 basket is worked from the middle of the base outward and then up the wall. Rnd 5 goes into the back loops and makes the fold between base and wall.

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- In rnd 6 the shells, and the dc between them that begin the ribs, stand on single sc of rnd 5. In rnds 7 to 12 every shell goes in the shell below it and every fpdc round the post of the rib below it: in rnd 7 that is the dc of rnd 6, from rnd 8 on it is the fpdc of the round below. In rnd 7, sk next 2 dc means the last 2 dc of the shell just worked into, so that the fpdc goes round the dc of the rib; the next shell follows at once.
- Handle: after a turn, the ch 3 stands on the last stitch of the row below and counts as the first dc. The last dc of a row goes in the top of the turning chain below it.

Instructions

Chosen: Small. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Basket

Yarns in order of use: A, ivory; B, old rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
Base		
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(12 dc)**
☐ **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)**
Wall		
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in back loop of same st, sc in back loop of each of next 47 dc, join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	beg-shell in same st, sk next 2 sc, dc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, **[**shell in next sc, sk next 2 sc, dc in next sc, sk next 2 sc**] 7 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(40 dc, 8 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-shell in same sp, sk next 2 dc, fpdc around next dc, **[**shell in next shell, sk next 2 dc, fpdc around next dc**] 7 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(32 dc, 8 fpdcs, 8 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-shell in same sp, fpdc around next fpdc, **[**shell in next shell, fpdc around next fpdc**] 7 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(32 dc, 8 fpdcs, 8 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 12**	Sl st in next dc, sl st in next ch-2 sp, beg-shell in same sp, ch 1, fpdc around next fpdc, ch 1, **[**shell in next shell, ch 1, fpdc around next fpdc, ch 1**] 7 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(32 dc, 8 fpdcs, 8 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each round, 9 to 12: tick them off as you go.

9 10 11 12

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Rim

☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in each of next 2 dc, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next fpdc, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in each of next 2 dc, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in each of next 2 dc, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next fpdc, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 5 (counts as tr, ch 1), sk next sc, **[**tr in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc**] 35 times**, join with sl st in 4th ch of beg ch-5	**(36 tr, 36 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next tr, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 35 times**, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off A	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, sk next 2 sc, (4 dc, picot, 4 dc) in next sc, sk next 2 sc, **[**sc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, (4 dc, picot, 4 dc) in next sc, sk next 2 sc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(96 dc, 12 sc, 12 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Handle

Yarn A, ivory.

The handle is a band 7 stitches wide.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped 3 chs count as dc), dc in each of next 5 chs	**(7 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in next dc, ch 3, sk next 3 dc, dc in each of next 2 dc	**(4 dc, 1 ch-3 sp)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in next dc, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in each of next 2 dc	**(7 dc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 23**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **End**	Fasten off. Leave a 14 in (35 cm) tail.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all ends at the wrong side with the needle, all but the long tail of the handle.

2. Stiffening. Wet the basket and the handle with stiffener and press them out; keep the long tail of the handle dry. Turn the glass upside down, cover it with plastic wrap and pull the basket over it, right side out, the base flat on the bottom of the glass. Smooth the wall down so that shells and ribs stand straight, and shape the fans of the rim so that they stand up straight from the wall, away from the base, the picots a little outward. Let it dry. Cover the can with plastic wrap, lay it on its side and lay the handle over it, right side out, in an even arch, the two ends hanging straight down at both sides. Wind sewing thread twice round the can and the handle near each end of the handle, tie it and leave it until the handle is dry. Cut that thread and take both pieces off.

3. Ribbon. It is threaded before the handle is sewn in. Stand the basket upright. Count the tr of rnd 14, the beg ch-5 as the 1st and then in the order they were worked; the 10th is the center front. Over a tr means the ribbon lies outside the

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wall, under a tr means it lies inside. Leave 8 in (20 cm) of ribbon (12 in, 30 cm, for Large) hanging outside in front of the 10th tr. Go in through the next ch-1 sp, under the 11th tr, out, over the 12th tr, and so on, under one and over the next, all the way round to under the 9th tr, and come out in front of the 10th tr again. Draw the ribbon even and flat, tie the two ends in a bow in front of the 10th tr and cut them to the length you like.

4. Handle. Each end of it goes inside the basket, flat against the wall, over the inside of rnds 13 to 15 and of the ribbon that lies there. The first end: its edge against the lower edge of rnd 13, its middle dc behind the first sc of rnd 15, where rnds 15 and 16 were joined, the right side of the handle toward the wall. The other end in the same way behind the 37th sc of rnd 15, straight across. Sew the first end with 14 in (35 cm) of ivory sewing thread and the other with the tail: 7 small stitches along its edge, one for each st, to rnd 13, then up inside the handle and 7 stitches straight across it to the sc of rnd 15, through handle and wall. Sew nothing in rnd 14, so that the ribbon lies free between the wall and the handle. End with two small stitches in one place.

Finishing

- Trim the ends of the sewing thread. The basket is for pins, sachets or wrapped sweets.

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