Victorian lace choker

US terms



Finished size

About 13¼ in (34 cm) long without the cord and 1¼ in (3 cm) deep from the neck edge to the edge of the fans

Skill

Intermediate

Worked in rows and rounds, with 4 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn

Lace (0), 3 colors

Hook

1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7)

Gauge

34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: ecru, the choker	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: old rose, the rose	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage green, the leaves	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10

Hook: 1.75 mm (US steel, between 6 and 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a round pearl bead of about 5 mm (3/16 in (40.5 cm)), sewing thread, a thin needle for the bead 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.

Gauge

34 stitches and 36 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.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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.

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- 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 or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Where a line names an earlier round, fold what has been worked since toward you and work into the stitches of that round behind it.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The side that faces you in the odd-numbered rows is the right side of the choker.
- Row 2: the ch 3 stands on the first st. Row 3: the last sc goes in the top of the ch 3 that began Row 2.
- Row 4: a fan is 9 tr in one st. A sc stands between one fan and the next, and 2 sc stand at each end of the row.
- Row 5: the second sl st goes in the second sc, the one next to the first fan you come to, and the first sc of the row goes in that same sc; the last sc goes in the sc next to the last fan, and one sc is left. In every fan there is a ch-1 space before each of the 9 tr and one after the last, 10 in all; the sc between two fans goes in the sc of Row 4.
- Row 6: the sl st at the start passes over the last sc of Row 5 and is worked in the ch-1 space at the edge of the first fan, and the row ends in the last ch-1 space of the last fan. Each sl st in a sc goes in the sc between two fans. A ch 3 runs from each ch-1 space of a fan to the next, 9 in every fan.
- Rose, Rnd 4: take the thread to the back, fold the petals toward you and work round the posts of the stitches named, so that the loops lie behind the petals.
- Leaf: the round begins and ends at the base of the leaf; the ch-2 space is its tip.
- Other lengths: a fan takes 10 chains, about 1.2 in (3 cm). Keep to an odd number of fans, so that one of them is the middle. For about 11 in (28 cm), chain 94 for Row 1, work the brackets 18 times in Rows 2 and 3, the outer brackets 9 times in Rows 4 and 5, and the outer bracket of Row 6 one time fewer (8). For about 15¾ in (40 cm), chain 134 for Row 1, work the brackets 26 times in Rows 2 and 3, the outer brackets 13 times in Rows 4 and 5, and the outer bracket of Row 6 one time fewer (12). The inner brackets, of 9, stay as they are. Make the cord that much shorter or longer.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along the band: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 21½ in (55 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 25 in (64 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 32¼ in (82 cm).

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **rem** remaining, **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-2 sp: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 22 times: work what is inside 22 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(113 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

BPsc (Back post single crochet; UK BPdc): Insert the hook from back to front to back round the post of the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops.

Choker

Yarn A, ecru.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 114.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(113 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 sts, **[**ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts**] 22 times**	(69 dc, 22 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts**] 22 times**	(113 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sk next 4 sts, 9 tr in next st, sk next 4 sts, sc in next st**] 11 times**, sc in next st	(14 sc, 99 tr)
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, sl st in next 2 sts, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 1, **[**dc in next tr, ch 1**] 9 times**, sc in next sc**] 11 times**, leave the rest unworked	(12 sc, 110 ch-1 sps, 99 dc)
☐ **Row 6**	Turn, sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, **[**sl st in next sc, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times] 10 times**	(110 sc, 99 ch-3 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Rose

Yarn B, old rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(10 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in first sc, **[**ch 3, sk next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**, ch 3, sk next st, sl st in first sc to join	(5 sc, 5 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(10 sc, 10 hdc, 15 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, working behind Rnd 3, BPsc around first sc of Rnd 2, ch 5, **[**BPsc around next sc of Rnd 2, ch 5**] 4 times**, sl st in first BPsc to join	(5 BPsc, 5 ch-5 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-5 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join (10 sc, 10 hdc, 25 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.

Leaf: make 2

Yarn C, sage green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 8.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join (4 sc, 4 hdc, 6 dc, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: pin the choker flat, right side up, the neck edge straight and level and the fans pointing toward you. Pin every fan out as a half round, with a pin in the fifth of its nine ch-3 loops, straight out from the middle of the fan and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) from the foundation edge. Pin the rose with the petals of its last round spread and the leaves with their tips drawn out. Spray them with water and let them dry.
- Cord: with B, ch 250 (about 24 1/8 in (61.5 cm) long) and fasten off. Knot each end and trim the thread close to the knot. With the choker right side up, thread the cord along Row 2: over the first 3 dc, down through the first eyelet (a ch-2 space), under the next 3 dc, up through the next eyelet, and so on, so that it ends over the last 3 dc. Draw it through until as much hangs from one end as from the other; the ends tie in a bow at the back. The leaves and the rose lie over the cord: do not sew through it.
- Find the middle fan of the choker, the 6th from either end, and the 9 tr of Row 4 in it. The rose covers the st that these 9 tr are worked in: its middle lies in line with the middle tr, 3/8 in (1 cm) from the foundation edge.
- Leaves: lay them on the right side of the band, right sides up, one to the left and one to the right of that place, along the band, their bases 1 in (2.5 cm) apart, each with its tip pointing away from the rose, base and tip as far from the foundation edge as the middle of the rose is. With its tail, sew each leaf to the choker under it along the middle of the leaf (its foundation chain): bring the needle up through the choker, take up a strand on the back of the leaf and go down through the choker again, so that no sewing shows on the top of the leaf. The edges of the leaf stay free.
- Rose: lay the rose right side up over the bases of the leaves, its middle on the place found. With its tail, sew the ring of Rnd 1 and the loops of Rnd 4 to the choker and to the leaves under them; leave the petals free. With sewing thread, sew the pearl bead over the ring in the middle of the rose.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 pieces.

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