Victorian lace square

US terms



Finished size
About 7½ in (19 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Fine (2)

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn: old white, fine (2) **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), 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)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

cluster: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 cluster for the next round.

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

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Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the piece measures about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- 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.
- The blades of the pinwheel turn because Rnds 3, 4 and 5 skip the first dc of every blade and add 2 dc in the space after it. Each of these rounds begins with the 2 dc of the first space and ends with the last blade: skip its first dc, and work 1 dc in each of the others. The last blade of Rnd 3 is the ch-3 and the dc that began Rnd 2. The last blade of Rnd 4 is the last dc of Rnd 3 with the ch-3 and the dc that began it, and the last blade of Rnd 5 is the last 2 dc of Rnd 4 with the ch-3 and the dc that began it.
- In Rnd 7 the sc lie by turns in the ch-3 sp inside a pair of clusters and in the ch-5 sp between two pairs; the second kind carry the picots. The 3 chains of a picot are not a space.
- In Rnd 8 the corners and the shells of 7 dc go by turns into the sc without picots; the sc with picots are left unworked. In Rnd 9 leave the sc of Rnd 8 unworked; the 3 sc over a shell go into its 2nd, 4th and 6th dc. In Rnd 10, of the 5 sc of a side only the middle one is worked into.
- The last 3 sts of Rnds 9, 10 and 11 go into the top of the chain the round before was joined in and into the 2 sts after it, which you slip stitched across at the start of the round.
- A picot is worked on top of the sc just made. The 2 sc, picot, sc of a corner are 3 sc with the picot on the middle one.
- A side of Rnd 11 has 35 sc between the corner picots, with 3 picots on them. To join squares for a cloth, hold them with right sides together and slip stitch the sc of one to the sc of the other along a side, with the picots pushed out of the way to the right side.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 8¾ in (22 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 11¼ in (29 cm).

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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, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and dtr is triple treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(16 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, ch 2**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(16 dc, 8 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 2, **[**sk next dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 7 times**, sk next dc, dc in next dc, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(24 dc, 8 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 3, **[**sk next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, ch 3**] 7 times**, sk next dc, dc in next 2 dc, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(32 dc, 8 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same sp, ch 3, **[**sk next dc, dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3**] 7 times**, sk next dc, dc in next 3 dc, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(40 dc, 8 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 2 (does not count as a st), (cluster, ch 3, cluster) in same sp, ch 5, **[**(cluster, ch 3, cluster) in next ch-3 sp, ch 5**] 7 times**, sl st in first cluster to join **(16 clusters, 8 ch-3 sps, 8 ch-5 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, picot, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, picot, ch 5**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(16 sc, 16 ch-5 sps, 8 picots)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 5 (counts as dtr), (2 dtr, ch 5, 3 dtr) in same st, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp, 7 dc in next sc, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp, **[**(3 dtr, ch 5, 3 dtr) in next sc, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp, 7 dc in next sc, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-5 to join **(24 dtr, 4 ch-5 sps, 16 sc, 8 ch-3 sps, 28 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, sk next dc, sc in next dc, [ch 3, sk next dc, sc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, sk next sc, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-5 sp, dc in next 3 sts, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, sk next dc, sc in next dc, [ch 3, sk next dc, sc in next dc] twice, ch 2, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 2, sk next sc, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(48 dc, 12 ch-3 sps, 16 ch-2 sps, 20 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same sp, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in each of next 2 ch-2 sps, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next sc, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, 2 dc in each of next 2 ch-2 sps, dc in next 6 dc, **[**(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, dc in next 6 dc, 2 dc in each of next 2 ch-2 sps, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, dc in next sc, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, 2 dc in each of next 2 ch-2 sps, dc in next 6 dc**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(132 dc, 4 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, picot, sc) in same sp, sc in next 9 dc, picot, [sc in next 8 dc, picot] twice, sc in next 8 dc, **[**(2 sc, picot, sc) in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 9 dc, picot, [sc in next 8 dc, picot] twice, sc in next 8 dc**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(144 sc, 16 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the lace square to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 11 rounds; 2 ends to weave in.

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