Vintage lace centerpiece

US terms



Finished size
About 19 in (48 cm) long and 12 in (30 cm) wide

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Lace (0)

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: any one color (ecru in the picture), lace (0) **about 255 yd (233 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 spray bottle and spray starch, only if you want the centerpiece crisp.

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.

After Rnd 3 the piece measures about 8½ in (21.5 cm) long and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) wide.

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.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- 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.

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- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st 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 are not counted.
- The oval has two straight sides and two round ends. In Rnd 1 the first 6 dc, in the 4th ch from the hook, make one round end, and the 3 chains that are skipped do not count as a stitch. Then come one side, the 6 dc of the other round end in the last chain, and the other side. Every later round begins at the same place, where the first round end begins, and goes first round that end, then along a side, round the other end and along the other side.
- When a line names the next ch-2 sp, ch-3 sp, ch-4 sp, ch-5 sp, ch-6 sp or the next tr, go on to the next one of that kind and pass over all other stitches and spaces that come before it. A space is worked round its chain, not into it.
- At the start of Rnds 4 and 8 the slip stitch goes into the second stitch of the round before; the chain that follows, and the dc in the same st, are the first pair of the round. Where a round begins with a slip stitch in a space and the join lies before other stitches, slip stitch across them to that space.
- A group (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) is a shell. From Rnd 15 on every shell is worked in the ch-2 sp in the middle of the shell below it; in Rnd 20 each shell becomes a group of three pairs of dc with two ch-2 sps, and in Rnd 21 a shell is worked in each of these two.
- The pineapples: in Rnd 15 the 8 tr are worked in the ch-4 sp of Rnd 14. In Rnd 16 a sc is worked in each of the 8 tr, with ch 3 between, which makes 7 ch-3 sps. In each of the next rounds there is one ch-3 sp less, until one is left in Rnd 22. Each of these rounds begins in the first tr or the first ch-3 sp of a pineapple.
- Rnd 26: in each fan work a sc in each of the 6 dc and in each of the 5 ch-1 sps between them, with a picot on each sc that stands in a space. The one sc between two fans is worked in the sc of Rnd 25.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(132 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

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

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 65.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	6 dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 60 chs, 6 dc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 60 chs, sl st in first dc to join	(132 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 5 times**, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 30 times**, **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 6 times**, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 30 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-4 to join	(72 dc, 72 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 30 times**, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 30 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(156 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next st, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next st**] 6 times**, **[**sk next 3 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next st**] 15 times**, **[**sk next 2 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next st**] 6 times**, **[**sk next 3 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next st**] 14 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join	(84 dc, 42 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), dc in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 5 times**, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 6 times**, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-6 to join	(84 dc, 12 ch-3 sps, 30 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 5 dc in same sp, **[**6 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, **[**4 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**, **[**6 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 6 times**, **[**4 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(192 dc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, dc in next 60 sts, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in next 60 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(216 dc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next st, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), dc in same st, **[**sk next 3 sts, (dc, ch 2, dc) in next st**] 53 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-5 to join	(108 dc, 54 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 6 (counts as dc and ch-3), dc in same sp, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 11 times**, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**, **[**(dc, ch 3, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 12 times**, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-6 to join	(108 dc, 24 ch-3 sps, 30 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in same sp, **[**5 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 11 times**, **[**4 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**, **[**5 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 12 times**, **[**4 dc in next ch-2 sp**] 15 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(240 dc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each st around, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(240 dc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 5, sk next 4 sts, **[**sc in next st, ch 5, sk next 4 sts**] 47 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc, 48 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 6, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 6**] 11 times**, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 12 times**, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 6**] 12 times**, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc, 24 ch-6 sps, 24 ch-5 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 14**

Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 7 (counts as dc and ch-4), dc in same sp, ch 1,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-6 sp,
> **[**ch 1, (dc, ch 4, dc) in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-6 sp**] 5 times**,
> **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 4, dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 3,
> sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-5 sp**] 3 times**,
> **[**ch 1, (dc, ch 4, dc) in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-6 sp**] 6 times**,
> **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 4, dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 3,
> sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-5 sp**] 3 times**,

ch 1, sl st in 3rd ch of ch-7 to join

(108 dc, 18 ch-4 sps, 24 ch-1 sps, 18 ch-2 sps, 24 ch-3 sps, 12 sc)

☐ **Rnd 15**

Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 4 (counts as tr), 7 tr in same sp, ch 1,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
[ch 1, 8 tr in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 5 times**,
[ch 3, 8 tr in next ch-4 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**,
[ch 1, 8 tr in next ch-4 sp, ch 1, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 6 times**,
[ch 3, 8 tr in next ch-4 sp, ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1,
sl st in top of ch-4 to join (144 tr, 24 ch-1 sps, 72 dc, 18 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-3 sps)

☐ **Rnd 16**

Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**ch 3, sc in next tr**] 7 times**, ch 1,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
> **[**ch 1, sc in next tr, **[**ch 3, sc in next tr**] 7 times**, ch 1,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 17 times**,

ch 1, sl st in first sc to join (144 sc, 126 ch-3 sps, 36 ch-1 sps, 72 dc, 18 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 17**

Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 6 times**, ch 1,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
> **[**ch 1, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 6 times**, ch 1,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 17 times**,

ch 1, sl st in first sc to join (126 sc, 108 ch-3 sps, 36 ch-1 sps, 72 dc, 18 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 18**

Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, ch 4,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
> **[**ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 5 times**, ch 4,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 17 times**,

ch 4, sl st in first sc to join (108 sc, 90 ch-3 sps, 36 ch-4 sps, 72 dc, 18 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 19**

Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 4 times**, ch 4,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
> **[**ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 4 times**, ch 4,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 17 times**,

ch 4, sl st in first sc to join (90 sc, 72 ch-3 sps, 36 ch-4 sps, 72 dc, 18 ch-2 sps)

☐ **Rnd 20**

Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 4,
(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp,
> **[**ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, **[**ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**, ch 4,
> (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 17 times**,

ch 4, sl st in first sc to join (72 sc, 54 ch-3 sps, 36 ch-4 sps, 108 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 21**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 4, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, [ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp] twice, ch 4, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 17 times**, ch 4, sl st in first sc to join (54 sc, 36 ch-3 sps, 36 ch-4 sps, 144 dc, 36 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 22**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 5, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 4, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 4, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 5, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 17 times**, ch 4, sl st in first sc to join (36 sc, 18 ch-3 sps, 36 ch-4 sps, 144 dc, 36 ch-2 sps, 18 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 5, **[**sc in next ch-3 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 5**] 17 times**, sl st in first sc to join (72 sc, 72 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 24**	Sl st in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 6, **[**sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 6**] 71 times**, sl st in first sc to join (72 sc, 72 ch-6 sps)
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-6 sp, **[**sc in next ch-6 sp, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-6 sp**] 35 times**, sl st in first sc to join (36 sc, 216 dc, 180 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 26**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 5 times**, sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 5 times**, sc in next st**] 35 times**, sl st in first sc to join (432 sc, 180 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: starch the centerpiece or wet it, lay it right side up on a board covered with a towel and pin it out to an oval about 19 in (48 cm) long and 12 in (30 cm) wide: the straight sides of its middle straight and level, its two ends as half circles. Draw out the point of every pineapple, every fan and every picot, and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 26 rounds; 4,206 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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