Irish wild rose spray

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ in (11.5 cm) wide and 4¾ in (12 cm) long

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with the stitches named

Yarn
Lace (0)

Hook
1.3 mm (US steel 10)

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

You will need

Yarn: ivory, lace (0) **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.3 mm (US steel 10), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a sewing needle that takes the thread, 2½ yd (2.3 m) of smooth ivory cotton cord about 1/16 in (1.5 mm) thick, for packing, a pencil ¼ in (7 mm) thick, rust-proof pins, a towel, 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.

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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
dc2tog	double crochet the next 2 stitches together: work each up to its last pull through, then yo and draw through all loops on hook (UK tr2tog, treble 2 stitches together)
sc2tog	single crochet the next 2 stitches together: work each up to its last pull through, then yo and draw through all loops on hook (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 stitches together)
sc3tog	single crochet the next 3 stitches together: work each up to its last pull through, then yo and draw through all loops on hook (UK dc3tog, double crochet 3 stitches together)
sp	space
st	stitch

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sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

44 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

After rnd 4 the rose measures about 1¼ in (3 cm) across its petals; after rnd 8, about 2 in (5 cm). If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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. For the bud, ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well. The calyx must have the magic ring, because its tail is pulled after row 1 to shape it.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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 edges of the rose and the leaves and the stems stand up because they are worked over a packing cord. Each leaf is about 2 in (5 cm) long and 1 in (2.5 cm) wide.
- To work over the cord: lay it along the tops of the stitches you are about to work into. Put the hook into each stitch as always and under the cord too, so that every new stitch closes round the cord. Leave 2 in (5 cm) of cord hanging at each end. When the round or row is done, pull both ends until the edge lies flat and even, trim them to ½ in (13 mm) and sew them down at the back.
- Rose: the sc between two petals of rnds 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 goes in the sc between two petals of the rnd below. In rnd 5 it goes in that sc too, and the ch-7 loops lie at the back of the small petals.
- Leaf: rnd 1 begins at the base of the leaf, goes up one side of the chain, makes the tip in the last ch and comes down the other side. Its last sc goes in the same ch as its first. In rnd 2 the first sc goes in the first sc, where rnd 1 was joined.
- Bud and calyx: after a turn, a ch 3 stands on the last stitch of the row below and counts as the first dc; after a ch 1 the first stitch goes in that last stitch itself. The last 2 dc of row 2 go in the top of the beginning ch 3. The last leg of rows 3 and 5 and the last dc of row 4 go in the top of the turning ch 3 of the row below.
- The right side of row 1 is the right side of a bud, a calyx and a stem.

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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

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Rose

☐ **Foundation**	Wind the cord 4 times round the pencil, slip it off and cut the cord, the ends lying along the ring. Make a slip knot in the thread, put it on the hook, put the hook through the middle of the wound cord, draw up a loop and draw it through the loop on the hook. The wound cord is worked into as if it were a chain joined to make a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 15 sc in ring, join with sl st in first sc	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 4, sk next 2 sc, **[**sc in next sc, ch 4, sk next 2 sc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(5 sc, 5 ch-4 sps)**

Small petals

☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp, **[**sc in next sc, (sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(25 dc, 15 sc, 10 hdc)**

Hold a new end of cord along the edge and work round 4 over it.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts, **[**sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**

Fold the small petals forward and keep the ch-7 loops behind them.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, ch 7, sk next 11 sc, **[**sc in next sc, ch 7, sk next 11 sc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(5 sc, 5 ch-7 sps)**

Large petals

☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, 5 tr, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-7 sp, **[**sc in next sc, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, 5 tr, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-7 sp**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(25 tr, 20 dc, 15 sc, 10 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next sc, hdc in next hdc, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in each of next 5 tr, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, hdc in next hdc, sc in next sc, **[**sc in next sc, sc in next sc, hdc in next hdc, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, dc in each of next 5 tr, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc, hdc in next hdc, sc in next sc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(65 dc, 15 sc, 10 hdc)**

Hold the cord along the edge and work round 8 over it.

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 7 sts, **[**sc in next sc, sc in each of next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 7 sts**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(100 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Leaf: make 3

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 22.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, ch 1, sk next ch, hdc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, dc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, tr in next ch, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, dtr in next ch**] 3 times**, ch 1, sk next ch, tr in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, dc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, hdc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, (sc, ch 2, sc) in last ch, working along opposite side of foundation ch, ch 1, sk next ch, hdc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, dc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, tr in next ch, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, dtr in next ch**] 3 times**, ch 1, sk next ch, tr in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, dc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, hdc in next ch, ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch, join with sl st in first sc	**(6 dtr, 4 sc, 4 hdc, 4 dc, 4 tr, 1 ch-2 sp, 20 ch-1 sps)**

Hold the cord along the edge and work round 2 over it.

☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**2 sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 3 times**, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 4 times**, **[**2 sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 3 times**, sc in next sc, (sc, picot, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, **[**2 sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 3 times**, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 4 times**, **[**2 sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 3 times**, sc in next sc, join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc, 21 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Bud: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in ring	**(7 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, dc in same st, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc] twice, 2 dc in each of next 2 dc	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**dc2tog over next 2 dc, dc in next dc**] 3 times**, dc2tog over next 2 dc	**(4 dc, 4 dc2tog)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, **[**dc2tog over next 2 sts**] 3 times**, dc in last dc	**(3 dc2tog, 2 dc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog over next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog over next 2 sts	**(2 sc2tog, 1 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc3tog over next 3 sts	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Calyx: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring. After row 1 pull the tail only until the 7 sc stand in half a circle, the first and the last sc on one straight line; do not close the ring further.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 1, 7 sc in ring	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**sc in next sc, (hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc) in next sc**] 3 times**, sc in last sc	**(6 hdc, 6 dc, 4 sc, 3 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Long stem

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 39.	
	Lay the packing cord along the top of the chain and work every sc of the row into the chain and round the cord.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 37 chs	**(38 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Short stem: make 2

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 25.	
	Lay the packing cord along the top of the chain and work every sc of the row into the chain and round the cord.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 23 chs	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Buds. Lay a calyx on each bud, right sides up, its half circle of sc on the half circle of row 1 of the bud, the straight lines of both level at the bottom, its three picots toward the tip of the bud (the sc3tog of row 6). With 14 in (35 cm) of A sew it to the bud with small stitches through both, one at each stitch of its row 2 and one at each picot. Fasten off at the back.

2. Long stem. The top of a stem is the end with its last sc. Pin the long stem right side up on the towel, top at the top, its sc edge at your right, the lower third bent a little to the right. Count its 38 sc from the top.

3. Rose. Lay it right side up over the top of the long stem, so that the stem comes out from under it between two large petals. Slide the stem up until its top end lies at the back of the sc of rnd 5 that stands between these two petals, about 3/8 in (1 cm) from the middle of the rose.

4. Short stems. The end with the last sc goes behind the long stem, overlapping it by one sc. The first lies at sc 19 and runs to your left, its sc edge below, curving up. The second lies at sc 29 and runs to your right, its sc edge above, curving up.

5. Leaves. Each lies right side up with its base (the first sc of rnd 1) on the edge of the long stem, overlapping it by one sc. The first at sc 11, pointing right and a little up; the second at sc 21, pointing left and a little down; the third at sc 33, pointing right and a little up.

6. Buds. Lay the base of a bud on the free end of each short stem, overlapping it by one sc, with the tip pointing the way the stem runs.

7. Pin the pieces to one another, lift the spray off the towel and turn it over. Sew each place where two pieces meet with 12 in (30 cm) of A, small stitches through the backs of both pieces so that nothing shows in front: the rose to the stem with 6 stitches on each side of the stem, every other place with 5 stitches. Fasten off and draw the end inside.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends at the back with the needle.
- To block: pin the spray right side up on the towel with every petal and picot drawn out, spray it with water until it is damp and let it dry.
- To set it on a collar, a bag, a net ground or a card for a frame: pin it in place and sew it down with a fine needle and sewing thread of the same color, a small stitch every ¼ in (6 mm) along the inside of each corded edge.

In all: 11 pieces.

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