Wisteria square

US terms



Finished size
About 12 in (30 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 66 pieces, color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: pale lilac, some of the flowers	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac, some of the flowers	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: violet, some of the flowers	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chestnut brown, the vine	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, the leaves	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: cream, the square	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: butter yellow, the sewn details	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), 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. Yarns A, B, C, D, E and F: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn G: the estimate is from the stitches 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
rem	remaining
st	stitch

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rnd round
RS right side

Special stitches

mini bobble: [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; push it to the right side. It leaves 1 mini bobble for the next row or round.

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

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

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.

Before you start

- 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.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and its picots; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The right side of the square is the side that faces you in Row 1 and in every odd-numbered row. The right side of the vine is the side that faces you in its Row 1.
- The round of a flower is not joined: it ends with the last sl st in the ring. Pull the ring closed afterward and push every bobble out to the right side, the side that faces you while you work.
- 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.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 8 in (20 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 9¼ in (23 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 15¼ in (39 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Square

Yarn F, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 41.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 43**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(40 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 43: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30
☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Flower: make 53

Make 20 in A, 15 in B and 18 in C, 53 in all. The line says A; for the others use B or C in its place.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	**[**(ch 2, mini bobble, ch 2, sl st) in ring**] 5 times**	**(5 mini bobble)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Vine

Yarn D, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 38.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(37 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 45 in (114 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf: make 11

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, tr, picot, tr, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 2 hdc, 4 dc, 2 tr, 1 picot)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the square 11 3/8 in (29 cm) wide and 11 3/8 in (29 cm) tall, and the leaves and the vine to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry. Leave the flowers unpinned, so that their bobbles stay round.
- Border: lay the square down, right side up, with Row 43 at the top. Join E with a slip stitch in the st at the right-hand end of Row 43 and chain 1, which does not count as a stitch. Work 3 sc in that same st, sc in each of the next 38 sts, 3 sc in the last st; along the side sc in the end of each of the 41 rows from Row 42 down to Row 2; along the foundation chain work 3 sc in the first ch, sc in each of the next 38 chs, 3 sc in the last ch; along the other side sc in the end of each of the 41 rows from Row 2 up to Row 42; slip stitch in the first sc to join (170 sc). Fasten off and weave in the ends.
- Lay all the pieces out and pin them before you sew, right sides up, the square with Row 43 at the top. Distances to the top and to the sides are measured from the edge of the cream sc, not from the border. Where a flower is placed, it is the middle of its magic ring that is measured.
- The clusters hang straight down: the long one on the line halfway between the two sides of the square and a shorter one to each side of it; from the middle line of the long cluster to the middle line of each shorter one it is 3½ in (8.9 cm). The flowers of a cluster lie in rows. In a row of 3 the middle flower is on the middle line of the cluster; a row of 2 has one flower on each side of the middle line; a row of 1 has its flower on the middle line. The flowers of one row are 1 in (2.5 cm) apart, and from one row to the next below it is 7/8 in (2.2 cm). The flowers touch; where petals meet, those of the row above lie on top.
- The long cluster has 9 rows. From the top down, and in each row from left to right, where each letter is one flower: A, A; A, A, A; A, A; B, A, B; B, B; C, B, C; C, C; C; C. Its first row is 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) below the top of Row 43. Each shorter cluster has 8 rows: A, A, A; A, A; B, A, B; B, B; C, B, C; C, C; C; C. Their first row is 2 3/8 in (6 cm) below the top of Row 43. Sew every flower down with its tail, round its middle and at the top of each petal.
- With G, work a French knot in the middle of every flower, through all layers, 53 in all. Work down one cluster after another, with three lengths of G for each cluster, every length about 26 in (66 cm) long and good for 7 knots at most; carry the yarn across the wrong side of the square from one flower to the next, without pulling it tight.
- Where a leaf is placed, it is its magic ring that is measured; the picot is its tip. Nine of the leaves go in three sprays of three: one spray on the line halfway between the two sides of the square, above the long cluster, and one 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) to each side of that line. In a spray the three magic rings lie on a level. One leaf leans to the left and one to the right, each about 50 degrees from upright, with their magic rings 3/8 in (1 cm) to each side of the middle of the spray; the third leaf stands upright on the middle of the spray and lies on top of the other two. The magic rings are 2 in (5.1 cm) below the top of Row 43 in the spray above the long cluster and 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) below it in the two sprays farther out. The last two leaves go one at each side, 1 in (2.5 cm) from the side of the square and 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) below the top of Row 43, the tip pointing up and leaning about 20 degrees toward the side. Sew each leaf down all round its edge with its tail.
- Lay the vine from side to side in a wave, with the side that faces you in its Row 1 up, along the tops of the first rows of flowers and over the lower ends of the leaves, so that it hides those ends. Its middle line is 2 3/8 in (6 cm) below the top of Row 43 above the long cluster, 1¾ in (4.4 cm) below it above the two shorter clusters and 2 in (5.1 cm) below it at both its ends; its ends lie ½ in (1.3 cm) in from the sides of the square. Sew it down with its tail along both its edges and across both ends.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 66 pieces.

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