

Crochet Pattern: Classic Lace

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Supplies:

Linen or cotton handkerchief (11" square)
Size 80 tatting thread: 3 spools
Size 10 steel crochet hook

Stitches used and abbreviations:

Slip stitch—sl st
Single crochet—sc
Double crochet—dc
Treble crochet—trc
Picot—pc (to form picot: ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook)
Space—sp
Chain—ch
Treble cluster—tr cl (in this pattern, crochet 4 trebles, holding last loop on hook, thread over and pull hook through all 5 loops on hook)



Row 1: Attach thread to any corner of hanky. Sc, ch 4, sc in same space 3 times; this will make 3 loops in corner. Continue to ch 4, sc along side of hanky 1/8 inch apart to next corner. Make sc, ch 4 three times in same space, making 3 loops in corner. Repeat this pattern around hanky and join with sc in beginning sc.

Row 2: Sl st in 1st loop, ch 4 and make shell in middle loop of corner as follows: 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in same loop. Ch 4, sc in next loop and continue ch 4, sc in loops along side of hanky to next corner. Repeat shell in corner loop and resume ch 4, sc along next 3 sides, making a shell in each corner loop. Join with sc in beginning loop.

Rows 3 & 4: Repeat row 2.

Row 5: Ch 4, shell in corner shell. Ch 4, sc in next 18 loops.* Ch 4; in next loop work 4-treble cluster as follows: (work 4 trebles, holding back last loop on hook, thread over hook and draw through all 5 loops on hook). In top of treble cluster work 3 picots as follows: (ch 3, sl st in 3rd chain from hook 3 times. Sl st in top of cluster). Then resume ch 4, sc in next 18 loops. In next loop repeat 4-treble cluster stitch with 3 picots in top of cluster. Resume ch 4, sc in remaining loops to corner. In corner loop work shell stitch. Repeat this pattern on 3 remaining sides of hanky. Join with sc in last loop before beginning shell.

***Note:** Distance between clusters should be evenly spaced, so number of loops may vary between clusters, depending on size of hanky.

Row 6: Ch 4, shell in corner shell, Ch 4, sc in next 9 loops. In next loop work 4-treble cluster stitch with 3 picots in top of cluster as in previous row. Resume ch 4, sc in loops to next cluster/picot stitch of previous row. Ch 4, sc in top of 1st pc, ch 3, sc in top of 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in top of 3rd pc. Resume ch 4, sc in next 9 loops. Work 4-treble cluster/picot stitch in next ch 4 loop. Resume ch 4, sc in loops to next tr cl of previous row. Ch 4, sc in top of 1st pc, ch 3, sc in top of 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in top of 3rd pc. Resume ch 4, sc in next 9 loops. Work 4-tr cl /pc stitch in next ch 4 loop. Resume ch 4, sc in remaining loops to corner. Ch 4, sc in ch 4 space leading to shell. Work

shell in corner shell. Ch 4 and resume pattern, working 3 remaining sides as first side. Join with sc in chain leading to beginning shell.

Row 7: Ch 4, shell in corner shell. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 space. Ch 4, sc in loops to 1st tr cl of previous row. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 sp. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc of cluster, ch 3, sc in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 sp. Ch 4, sc in loops to next tr cl. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 space leading to top of cluster. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc, ch 3, work 4-tr cl/pc stitch in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 space. Ch 4, sc in loops leading to next tr cl stitch. Ch 4, sc in space leading to top of cluster. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc, ch 3, sc in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 space. Ch 4, sc in loops leading to next cluster. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 sp leading to cluster. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc; ch 3, work 4-tr cl/pc stitch in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc; ch 4, sc in ch-4 sp. Ch 4, sc in loops leading to next cluster. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 sp. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc, ch 3, sc in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 sp. Ch 4, sc in loops to corner. Ch 4, shell in corner shell. Repeat pattern on next 3 sides and join with sc in last loop before beginning shell.

Row 8: Ch 4, shell in corner shell. Ch 4, sc in each ch-4 loop leading to 1st tr cl. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 space leading up to cluster. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc, ch 3, work 4-tr cl/pc stitch in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc. Ch 4, sc in ch-4 sp leading down from cluster. Ch 4, sc in loops to next cluster. Ch 4, sc in sp leading up to cluster. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc, ch 3, sc in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc. Ch 4, sc in loops leading to next cluster. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc, ch 3, work 4-tr cl/pc stitch in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc. Ch 4, sc in loops leading to next tr cl. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc of cluster, ch 3, sc in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc. Ch 4, sc in loops leading to next tr cl. Ch 4, sc in 1st pc, ch 3, work 4-tr cl/pc stitch in 2nd pc, ch 3, sc in 3rd pc. Ch 4, sc in loops leading to corner. Ch 4, shell in corner shell. Ch 4, continue working pattern on next 3 sides as 1st side. Join with sc in ch-4 sp before beginning shell.

Row 9: Repeat row 7.

Row 10: Repeat row 8.

Row 11: Ch 3; in corner shell work 3dc, ch4, sl st in 3rd ch from hook (picot made), ch1, 3dc. Ch3, in next ch 4 space work 2sc, picot, 2sc. Continue working in each ch4 sp with 2sc, pc, 2sc to 1st tr cl. *In 1st pc of cluster sc, pc, sc. In 2nd pc work sc, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, pc, ch 1, 2 dc, ch 3, sc, (shell with pc made) ch 1. In 3rd pc, work sc, pc, sc. Continue working in each ch 4 sp with 2 sc, pc, 2 sc up to next 4-tr cl stitch. In 1st pc: sc, pc, sc, ch 1. In 2nd pc: sc, pc, sc, ch 1. In 3rd pc: sc, pc, sc, ch 1. Continue working the pattern in ch 4 spaces up to next tr cl. Work from * to next corner shell and work shell as 1st one. Continue working this pattern on next 3 sides and join in sc prior to first corner shell. Break off. Spray starch and press.

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