

Spring Crescent

This pattern uses US terminology. For UK terms sc=double crochet, hdc=half treble crochet, dc=treble crochet.



The size of the shawl depends on the number of rows you do. Suggestions are given for sizes from young child to adult size large, with approximate yarn requirements and recommended hook size given in brackets. Dimensions of completed shawl are approximates.

4-6yo: 84 rows (170 metres of yarn, hook 3 mm); 66 cm across from tip to tip, 18 cm deep.

8-12yo: 92 rows (210 metres of yarn, hook 3 mm); 72 cm across from tip to tip, 21 cm deep

Adult size small: 96 rows (233 metres of yarn, hook 4 mm); 80 cm across from tip to tip, 22 cm deep.

Adult size medium: 104 rows (255 metres of yarn, hook 4 mm); width 88 cm across from tip to tip, 26 cm deep.

Adult size large: 112 rows (300 metres of yarn, hook 4 mm); width 96 cm across from tip to tip, 30 cm deep.



What you need

Yarn, fingering weight. I recommend mercerised cotton, silk blend yarns (with alpaca, merino, cotton or linen), pure silk, or cotton-merino.

Hook size 3-4mm, depending on how tightly you crochet and how soft a drape you want. I recommend doing the child shawls in a tighter gauge, to make them more robust.

Optional: a stitch marker, to mark the shift from hdc to dc in the body part of the shawl.

Provisional gauge

I will give gauge examples for the two yarns I used for my shawls:

Child shawl made in Hjertegarn Diamond cotton 8/4 using a 3mm hook, 30 stitches and 13 rows in hdc back loop only, measured flat = 10 X 10 cm

Adult shawl made in Garnstudio DROPS Baby Alpaca Silk using a 4mm hook, 24 stitches and 10 rows hdc in back loop only, measured flat = 10 X 10 cm

Abbreviations

The pattern uses the following abbreviations: chain (ch), single crochet (sc), half double crochet (hdc), double crochet (dc), picots (pic), together (tog), space (sp).

How to

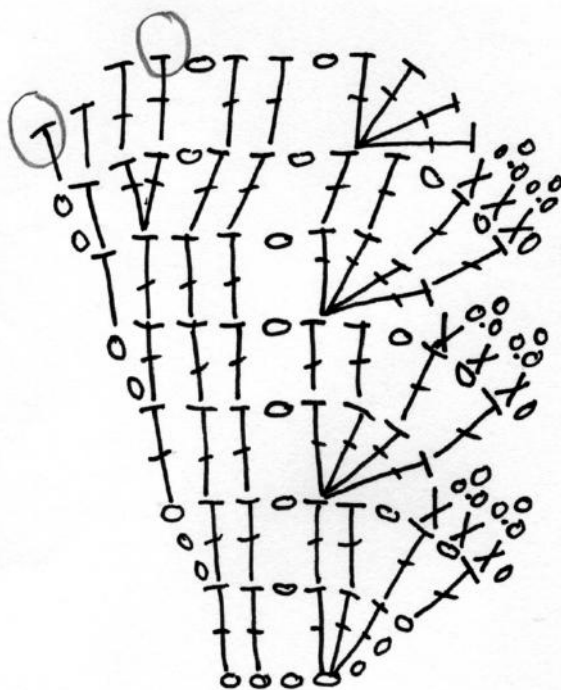
Picot: the picot is done just after a sc: ch3, slip stitch into back of first ch, sc in next stitch.

Hdc2tog: yarn round hook, insert hook into back loop of next stitch, yarn over and draw through (3 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through 2 loops (2 loops on hook); yarn round hook and insert hook into back loop of next stitch, yarn over and draw through (4 loops on hook), yarn over and draw through all loops on hook.

Please note: all hdc are crocheted in back loop only!

Instructions

You can follow the chart for the first 7 rows or use the written instructions.



Foundation and row 1:

Ch7, dc3 in fourth ch from hook, ch1 skip 1 foundation chain and dc in last two. *This is the wrong side.*

Row 2:

Turn, ch3, dc in first and second stitch, ch1 skip 1 ch sp, dc in next two, ch1, dc, ch1, dc in last stitch. *This is the right side.*

Row 3:

Turn, ch1, sc in first stitch, pic, pic, skip 2 and dc 4 in next stitch, ch1 skip 1 ch sp, dc in next two, dc in top ch of initial ch3 on previous row.

Row 4:

Turn, ch2, dc in first stich, dc in next two, ch1 skip 1 ch sp, dc in next two, ch1, dc, ch1, dc in last stitch.

Row 5:

Turn, ch1, sc in first stitch, pic, pic, skip 2 and dc4 in next stitch, ch1 skip 1 ch sp, dc in next three, end with hdc in top chain of initial ch2 on last row.

Row 6:

Turn, ch2, hdc in first stitch, dc twice in next stitch, (end body, begin edging) ch1 skip 1 ch sp, dc in next 2, ch1 skip 1 ch sp, dc in next two, ch1, dc, ch1, dc.

Row 7:

Turn, ch1, sc in first stitch, pic, pic, skip 2 and dc4 in next stitch, ch1 skip 1 ch sp, dc in next two, ch1 skip 1 ch sp (end edging, begin body), dc in next two, hdc in last two.

Continue rows 6 and 7 for pattern.

Increase 2 on every right side row at the beginning (the “ch2, hdc in first stitch” adds 1), and at the end of the body part of shawl (dc twice in last stitch of body before edging begins).

Points of increase are marked with grey circles in the chart.

For the body of the shawl: hdc in hdc, dc in dc of previous row throughout.

(If you have trouble recognising and keeping track of where the shift from hdc to dc and back again happens, use a stitch marker and carry it up on each row)

Size 4-6yo: do 42 rows

Size 8-12yo: do 46 rows

Adult size small: do 48 rows

Adult size medium: do 52 rows

Adult size large: do 56 rows

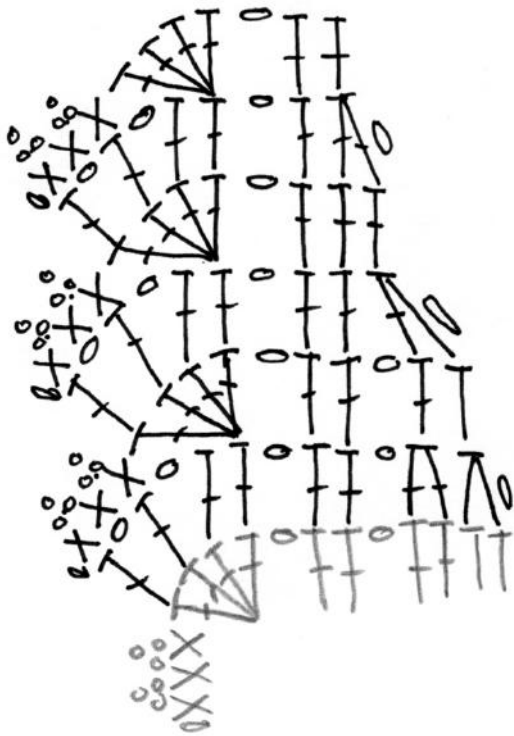
Next row:

Turn, ch1, hdc2tog, hdc in each hdc of previous row, dc in dc of previous row until 2 stitches remain in body, dc2tog, continue with edging.

Turn, crochet edging part, then dc in each dc of previous row, hdc in each hdc of previous row.

Repeat these two rows, decreasing the number of stitches on each right side row, until 15 stitches remain. End on a wrong side row.

You can follow the chart for the last 6 rows or use the written instructions.



Row -6:

Turn, ch1, hdc2tog, dc2tog, ch1 skip 1, dc in next 2, ch1 skip 1, dc in next 2, ch1, dc, ch1, dc.

Row -5:

Turn, ch1, sc in first stitch, pic, pic, skip 2 and dc4 in next stitch, ch1 skip 1 stitch and dc in next two, ch1 skip 1 stitch, dc, hdc in last.

Row -4:

Turn, ch1, hdc2tog, skip 1, dc in next 2, ch1, dc2, ch1, dc, ch1, dc.

Row -3:

Turn, ch1, sc in first stitch, pic, pic, skip 2 and dc4 in next stitch, ch1 skip 1 stitch and dc in last three.

Row -2:

Turn, ch1, dc2tog, dc, ch1 skip 1, dc2, ch1, dc, ch1, dc.

Row -1:

Turn, ch1, sc, pic, pic, skip 2 and dc4 in next stitch, ch1, dc2.

Cut yarn and weave in ends.



The completed shawl should be washed or rinsed. Press as much moisture as possible from the shawl, using a thick towel. Gently pull the shawl into shape, give the points on the edging a tug and smooth down. Dry flat.

If you prefer, you can pin and block the shawl.