

String of Pearls

A lovely little bookmark that works up quickly and easily. A perfect beginning lace project.

Materials:

- 1.6 mm steel crochet hook (US size 6)
- 1 skein DMC Pearl Cotton Size 5 embroidery floss

Gauge:

Gauge is not critical for this pattern. Be creative! Try out different hook and yarn sizes, increase the base chain length by any multiple of 11 for a lightweight scarf or delicate table runner.

Abbreviation and Stitch Key:

This pattern uses US terms and the following abbreviations and special stitches:

ch(s): chain(s)	make arch: chain 5
sc: single crochet	make picot: double crochet, chain 3,
st(s): stitches	then slip stitch in top of
dc: double crochet	double crochet just made
sl st: slip stitch	

Instructions:

Row 1: Ch 57 (or any other multiple of 11, + 2).

Row 2: Turn, sc in 2nd st from hook, **[make arch, skip 3 sts, sc in next st, make arch, skip 2 sts, sc in next st, make arch, skip 3 sts, sc in next st]** across.

Row 3: Turn, **[make arch, sc in center of next arch, 8 dc in next arch, sc in center of next arch]** across, ch 2, dc in top of next sc.

Row 4: Turn, sl st in top of first dc, **[(make picot in next dc) 7 times, dc in next dc, sc in center of next arch]** across until reaching final arch (*leave off last sc on final repeat*), sl st in center ch of final arch.

Second Half Setup: Do not turn, sl st in each of next 2 chs, sl st in side of next sc (*this is the last sc made at the end of row 2; you should now be at the beginning of the first ch made in Row 1.*)

Row 5: Ch 1, omitting turn, repeat Row 2, working in back of base chain made in Row 1.

Row 6: Repeat Row 3.

Row 7: Repeat Row 4.

Finishing: Fasten off, weave in ends, lightly starch and block as desired.