

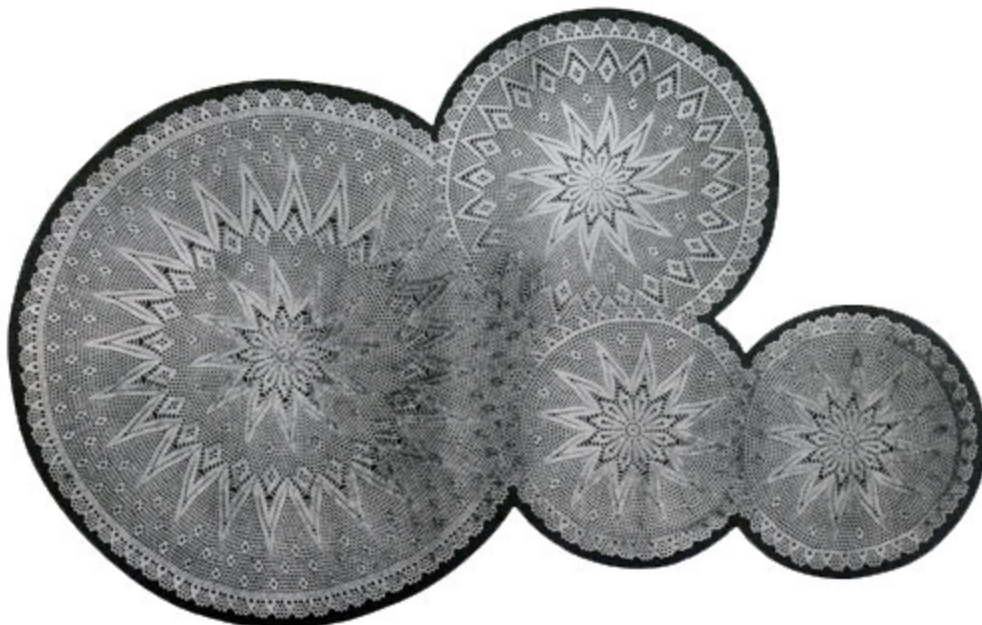
## Exquisite Laces in Crochet

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If you are ambitious, and most crocheters are — it's that kind of an art — you'll enjoy developing a whole luncheon set in the lovely lacy design of the centerpiece and three-piece set shown. With all their effectiveness, such pieces are really very easy of accomplishment and grow rapidly in busy fingers. Individual doilies in white or ivory would be effective on occasional tables; or the set of three for buffet or vanity.

For the centerpiece seven balls of No. 30 mercerized crochet-cotton were used, with a No. 11 hook; and for the three-piece set five balls of No. 50 with a No. 12 hook. Finer cotton and hook will, of course, result in smaller pieces.

Work all trebles into the back loop of stitch in previous row or under two threads of a chain stitch. Each round is joined with a slip stitch made in the last of the three chain stitches which represent the first treble of a round.



### The Centerpiece

Make a chain of 7 stitches and join with a slip stitch to form a ring in center.

1. Ch 1, 12 d c in ring, join.
2. Ch 4, tr in back loop of next d c, (ch 1, tr in next) 10 times, ch 1, sl st in 3d ch st, (12 spaces).
3. Ch 6, tr in back loop of 1st tr, (ch 3, tr in next tr) 10 times, ch 3, sl st in 3d ch st.
4. Ch 1, d c in each of 48 st, join.
5. Ch 3, tr in each of 2 d c, (ch 3, skip 1, tr in each of 3 d c) 11 times, ch 3, sl st.
6. Ch 3, tr in same st where sl st was made, tr in each of 2 tr, tr in next ch, (ch 3, skip 1 ch, 5 tr) 11 times, ch 3, sl st.
7. Ch 3, tr in same st where sl st was made, tr in next tr, ch 1, skip 1, tr in each of 2 tr, tr in next ch, (ch 2, skip 1 ch, 3 tr, ch 1, skip 1 tr, 3 tr) 11 times, ch 2, join.
8. Ch 3, tr in each of 2 tr, ch 2, skip ch below, tr in each of 3 tr, (ch 3, skip 2 ch, 3 tr. ch 2, skip 1 ch, 3 tr) 11 times, ch 3, join.
9. Ch 3, tr in each of 2 tr, (ch 3, skip ch below, tr in each of 3 tr) 23 times, ch 3, join.
10. Ch 3, tr in each of 2 tr, ch 4, skip ch below, tr in each of 3 tr, (ch 3, 3 tr on 3 tr, ch 4, 3 tr) 11 times, ch 3, join.
11. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, tr in next tr, tr in each of 4 ch, tr in each of 2 tr, \* ch 3, skip tr, skip next ch, tr in 2d of 3 ch, ch 3, skip next ch and 1st tr, tr in each of 8 st, repeat from \* around, ending with 2 meshes, sl st.
12. Sl st in each of 2 tr, ch 3, tr in each of 3 tr, \* ch 5, skip 3, tr in each of 2 ch, ch 1, skip tr, tr in each of 2 ch, ch 5, 4 tr on 8 tr (skipping 1st 2 and last 2), repeat from \* around, join.
13. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, tr in next, \* ch 5, skip 4, tr in each of 2 ch, tr in each of 2 tr, ch 1, skip ch below, tr in each of 4 st, ch 5, skip 4, 2 tr on 4 tr, repeat from \* around, ending with 5 ch, sl st.
14. Sl st in each of 12 st (to 1st tr of 2d group of 4), ch 3, tr in each of 3 tr, tr in each of 2 ch, \* ch 9, skip 8, tr in each of 6 st, ch 1, skip ch below, tr in each of 6 st, repeat from \*, ending with 6 tr, ch 1, sl st in 3d ch.
15. Ch 3, tr in each of 2 tr, ch 1, tr in each of 4 st, \* ch 7, skip 7, tr in each of 4 st, ch 1, tr in each of 3 tr, ch 2, skip ch below, tr in each of 3 tr, ch 1, 4 tr, repeat from \*, ending with 3 tr, ch 2, sl st.
16. Ch 3, tr in each of 2 tr, tr in ch, \* ch 2, skip 1st of 4 tr, tr in each of 4 st, ch 5, skip 5, 4 tr, ch 2, skip last of 4 tr, 4 tr, ch 2, skip 2 ch below, 4 tr, repeat from \*, ending with 4 tr, ch 2, sl st.
17. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, tr in each of 2 tr, tr in ch, \* ch 2, skip 2d ch and 1st tr, 4 tr, ch 3, skip 3, 4 tr, ch 2, skip 4th tr and 1st ch, tr in each of 4 st, ch 3, tr under 2 ch, ch 3, skip 1st of 4 tr, tr in each of 4 st, repeat from \* ending with 2 meshes and sl st.

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18. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, tr in each of 2 tr, tr in ch, \* ch 2, skip 2, 4 tr, ch 1, skip 1, 4 tr, ch 2, skip 2, 4 tr, (ch 3, tr in 2d of 3 ch) twice, ch 3, skip 1st of 4 tr, 4 tr, repeat from \*, ending with 3 meshes, sl st.
19. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, tr in each of 2 tr, tr in next ch, \* ch 2, skip 2, 7 tr, ch 2, skip 2, 4 tr, 4 meshes, 4 tr (skipping 1st tr below), repeat from \*, join.
20. 21, 22. Like previous round, decreasing 2 tr in center of each point and adding 1 mesh.
23. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, tr in each of 2 tr, tr in ch, \* ch 5, skip 3, tr in 2d ch, tr in each of 3 tr, 8 meshes, skip 1 tr, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
24. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 3, skip 3, 4 tr, 9 meshes, skip 1st tr, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
25. Sl st in 1st tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 1, skip 1, 4 tr, 10 meshes, skip 1st tr, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
26. Sl st in 1st tr, ch 3, 6 tr, \* 5 meshes, tr in each of 2 ch, tr in tr, tr in each of 2 ch, 5 meshes, skip 1st tr, 7 tr, repeat from \*, join.
27. Sl st in 1st tr, ch 3, 4 tr, \* 5 meshes, 3 tr, ch 3, skip 3, 3 tr, 5 meshes, 5 tr, on 7 tr, repeat from \*, join.
28. Sl st in 1st tr, ch 3, 2 tr, \* 6 meshes, tr in 3d tr, tr in each of 3 ch, tr on 1st of 3 tr, 6 meshes, 3 tr on 5 tr, repeat from \*, join.
29. Sl st in 1st tr, ch 6, tr in 2d ch of mesh in previous round, 6 more meshes working tr in 3d of 5 tr, 7 meshes working tr in 2d of 3 tr, repeat, making 14 meshes between points.
- 30, 31. Sl st in 3d, 4th and 5th ch of 1st mesh, ch 6, tr in 2d ch of next mesh, ch 3, tr in 2d ch of next mesh. Repeat.
32. In this round the diamonds are commenced with the 1st block of 5 tr, directly above point and small figure. Sl st in next 2 ch of 1st mesh, 5 meshes (chaining 6 for the 1st), 5 tr, \* 6 meshes. 5 tr, repeat from \*, ending with 3 ch, sl st in 3 ch.
33. Sl st in next 2 ch, 4 meshes, 9 tr, \* 5 meshes, 9 tr, repeat from \*, joining as before.
34. Two sl st, 3 meshes, \* 5 tr, ch 3, skip 3, 5 tr, 4 meshes, repeat from \*, join.
35. Two sl st, ch 3, tr in next ch, \* ch 2, skip tr, tr in each of 2 ch, ch 5, skip 3, 5 tr, ch 3, tr in 2d of 3 ch, ch 3, skip 2 tr, 5 tr, ch 5, skip 3, tr in each of 2 ch, repeat from \*, join.
36. Sl st over tr, sl st in each of 2 ch, sl st in next tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 5, skip ch, skip 2 tr, 5 tr, ch 3, skip 3, 5 tr, ch 5, tr in 4th ch below, tr in next ch, tr in each of 2 tr, ch 2, skip 2 ch, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
37. Ch 3, 5 tr, \* ch' 5, 9 tr, skipping 1st 2 tr and last 2 tr of diamond, ch 5, tr in 4th ch, tr in next ch, 4 tr over 4 tr, ch 2, skip 2, 6 tr, repeat from \*, join.
38. Ch 3, 2 tr, \* ch 1, skip 1, 4 tr, ch 5, 5 tr on 9 tr, ch 5, tr in 4th ch, tr in next ch, 2 tr on 2 tr, ch 1, skip 1, 3 tr, ch 2, skip 2 ch, 3 tr, repeat from \*, join.
39. Ch 3, 2 tr on 2 tr, tr in ch, \* ch 1, skip 1, 4 tr, ch 5, 2 tr on 5 tr, ch 5, tr in 5th ch, 3 tr on 3 tr, ch 1, skip 1, 4 tr, ch 3, skip 2 ch, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
40. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 2, skip 1, 4 tr, ch 9, skip ch and 2 tr of previous round, tr in 5th ch, 3 tr on 3 tr, ch 2, skip 1, 4 tr, ch 5, skip ch and 1st tr, 4 tr, repeat from \*, ending with ch 5, sl st.
41. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 2, skip 2, 4 tr, ch 7, tr in 9th ch, 3 tr on 3 tr, ch 2, skip 2, 4 tr, ch 3, tr in 3d of 5 ch, ch 3, skip 1st tr, 4 tr, repeat from \*.
42. Like previous round chaining 5 instead of 7 and adding 1 mesh.
43. 44. Like previous round decreasing 2 ch in center of each point and adding 1 mesh.
45. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 2, skip 2, 7 tr, ch 2, skip 2, 4 tr, 6 meshes, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
- 46,47, 48. Decrease 2 tr in center of each point and add 1 mesh.
49. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, 3 tr, ch 5, skip 3, 4 tr, 10 meshes, 4 tr, repeat, join.
50. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 3, skip 3, 4 tr, 11 meshes, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
51. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, 3 tr, ch 1, skip 1, 4 tr, 12 meshes, 4 tr, repeat, join.
52. 53, 54. Repeat 26th, 27th and 28th rounds, adding 1 mesh on each side of point.
55. Like 29th round, making 16 meshes between points. In next 3 rounds repeat the small figures, working them between points and figures below. Work 1 round of meshes, then repeat small figures, working them directly above points and 1st figures. Work 1 round of meshes, then 2 rounds of small spaces (ch 1, skip 1, tr in next), chaining 4 for 1st space.

- THE EDGE. 1. Ch 3, for 1st tr, tr in each of 2 st, ch 4, skip 4, tr in each of 3 st, \* ch 4, skip 4, tr in next, (ch 4, skip 4, 3 tr) twice, repeat from \* around, ending with 4 ch, single tr, 4 ch.
2. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, 7 tr, \* (ch 3, tr under next 4 ch) twice, ch 3, 8 tr, repeat from \* around.
  3. Sl st in each of 2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* (ch 3, tr in 2d ch of next mesh) 3 times, ch 3, 4 tr, skipping 2 on each side, repeat from \* around.
  4. Sl st in 2d tr, \* d c between 2d and 3d tr, ch 4, tr in 2d ch of 1st mesh, (ch 5, d c in 4th ch from hook to form picot, ch 1, tr in 2d ch of next mesh) 3 times, ch 4, repeat from \* around, sl stand fasten off.

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### The Three-Piece Set

For larger doily work from 1st to 36th rounds inclusive.

37. Sl st in each of 2 tr, ch 3, tr in next tr, tr in each of 2 ch, \* ch 5, 9 tr, skipping 1st 2 tr and last 2 tr of diamond, ch 5, tr in 4th ch, tr in next ch, tr in each of 2 tr, ch 3, tr under ch, ch 3, skip 2 tr, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
38. Sl st in each of 2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 5, 5 tr on 9 tr, ch 5, skip 5, 4 tr, 3 meshes, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
39. Sl st in each of 2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 5, tr in 3d of 5 tr, ch 5, skip 5, 4 tr, 4 meshes, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
40. Sl st in each of 2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 7, skip 7, 4 tr, 5 meshes, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
41. Sl st in each of 2 tr, ch 3, 3 tr, \* ch 3, skip 3, 4 tr, 6 meshes, 4 tr, repeat from \*, join.
42. Two sl st, ch 3, 6 tr, \* 7 meshes, 7 tr, repeat from \*, join.
43. Two sl st, ch 3, 2 tr, \* 8 meshes, 3 tr, repeat from \*, join.
44. Sl st in next tr, make meshes, chaining 6 for the 1st, and working tr in 2d tr of point.
45. Ch 3, tr in each st.

THE EDGE. In 1st round ch 3, tr in each of 2 st, \* ch 4, skip 3, 3 tr, ch 3, skip 3, tr in next, ch 3, skip 3, 3 tr, repeat from \* ending with 3 ch, tr, 3 ch, sl st.

2. Sl st in next tr, ch 3, 7 tr, \* 3 meshes, 8 tr (skipping 1st of 3 tr and last tr of next group), repeat from \* around. Work 3d and 4th rounds as for centerpiece.

For the smaller doilies work from 1st to 31st rounds inclusive, then work the round of trebles skipping 9 st by making 55 tr on each of 3 sections and 56 tr for 4th section. In the 1st round of the edging ch 3, 2 tr, \* ch 4, skip 4, 3 tr, ch 3, skip 3, tr, ch 3, skip 3, 3 tr, repeat from \*, and work the remaining 3 rounds as directed above.