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Picot Stitch Crochet

How to crochet a picot, plus a small 8-round doily with a picot edge · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	VERSIONS
Easy	**8-round doily**	**Thread 10 / fingering**
FINISHED	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
3.4 / 5.1 in (8.7 / 12.9 cm)	**ch, sl st, sc, dc, picot**	**About 1 / 1.5 hours**

Materials

- Thread version: 15 yd (about 14 m) size 10 crochet thread, 1.75 mm (US steel 4) hook
- Fingering version: 22 yd (about 20 m) fingering-weight (#1) cotton, 2.75 mm (US C-2) hook
- Tapestry needle, rust-proof pins and a foam board for blocking

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**sp**	space
sl st	slip stitch	**V-st**	(dc, ch 2, dc) in one sp
sc	single crochet	**shell**	(2 dc, ch 1 or 2, 2 dc) in one sp
dc	double crochet	**picot**	ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from the hook

Gauge (assumed, typical): rounds 1–4 = 1.68 in (4.3 cm) across in thread 10, 2.48 in (6.3 cm) in fingering cotton. Swatch first.

Work in joined rounds, right side facing; do not turn.

The doily (both versions)

Ring	Make a magic ring (or ch 4 and join with a sl st into a ring).	
Round 1	Ch 3 (counts as a dc here and at the start of every dc round), 11 dc in the ring. Pull the ring closed. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3.	**(12 dc)**
Round 2	Ch 3, dc in the same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join.	**(24 dc)**
Round 3	Ch 3, dc in the next st, ch 1, *dc in each of the next 2 sts, ch 1*; repeat from * 10 more times. Join. You have 24 dc and 12 ch-1 sps.	**(24 dc)**
Round 4	Sl st in the next dc and in the ch-1 sp, ch 5 (counts as a dc + ch 2), dc in the same sp, *(dc, ch 2, dc) in the next ch-1 sp*; repeat from * 10 more times. Join to the 3rd ch of the ch-5. You have 12 V-sts.	**(12 V)**
Round 5	Sl st in the ch-2 sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the same sp, *(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in the next ch-2 sp*; repeat from * 10 more times. Join. You have 12 shells, 48 dc.	**(48 dc)**
Round 6	Sl st in the next dc and in the ch-1 sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the same sp, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the next ch-1 sp*; repeat from * 10 more times. Join. You have 12 shells, 48 dc.	**(48 dc)**

Round 7	Sl st in the next dc and in the ch-2 sp, ch 3, (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1*; repeat from * 10 more times. Join. You have 12 shells and 12 ch-1 sps.	**(48 dc)**
Round 8	Ch 1, sc in the same st and in the next dc, (sc, picot, sc) in the ch-2 sp, sc in the next 2 dc, (sc, picot, sc) in the ch-1 sp, *sc in the next 2 dc, (sc, picot, sc) in the ch-2 sp, sc in the next 2 dc, (sc, picot, sc) in the ch-1 sp*; repeat from * 10 more times. Join with a sl st to the first sc. Picot = ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from the hook. You have 96 sc and 24 picots.	**(96 sc)**
Finish	Fasten off, weave in the 2 ends, then wet block flat, pinning out each picot.	

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Stitch counts checked round by round, 12 equal repeats, 4 sc between every 2 picots.
Calculated	Flatness per round, diameters and thread amounts from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge.

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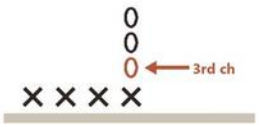
ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from the hook · a tiny ring that sits on top of the edge

1 · Ch 3



After the sc, chain 3 loosely, straight up from the top of that stitch.

2 · Find the 3rd ch



Count back from the hook: the 3rd ch is the one sitting on the sc. Insert the hook under its front loop and back bump.

3 · Sl st to close



Yarn over and pull through the ch and the loop on the hook. The chains fold into a little ring.

4 · Carry on



Work the next sc. Pinch the picot forward so it sits on top of the edge, not behind it.

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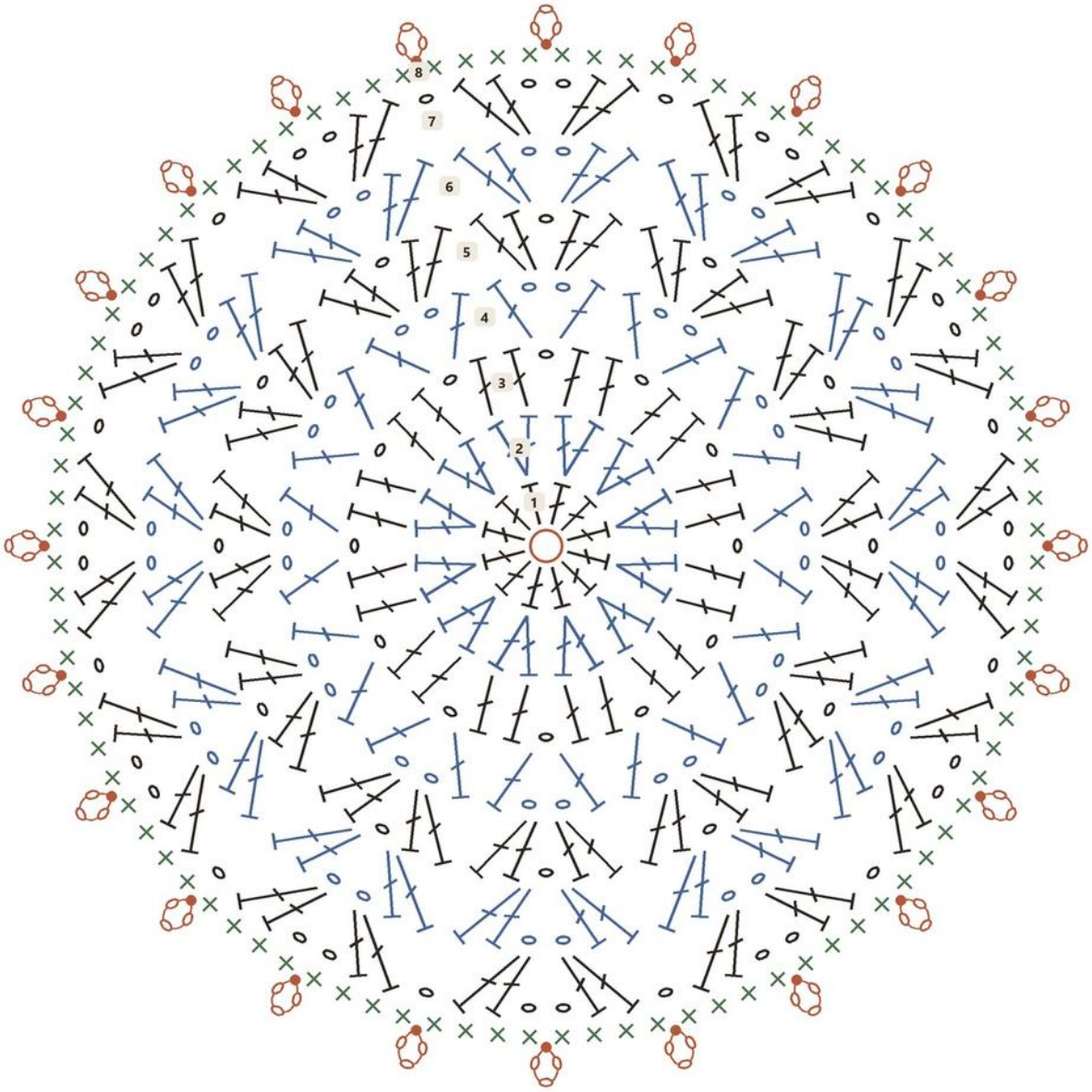
Picot Edge Doily · Round Chart

8 rounds · 12 repeats · round 8: (sc, picot, sc) at every shell tip and between shells



T with 1 bar = dc (the ch-3 at the start of a round counts as a dc) · oval = ch · X = sc · orange loop = ch-3 picot

Round numbers sit in the grey tags on the upper left. Exactly 4 sc from one picot to the next, all the way round.

Picot Sizes and Spacing on a Straight Edge

picot on every 4th sc · a multiple of 4 sts + 1 keeps both ends the same

ch-3 picot

sl st in 3rd ch from hook



sc in the first 3 sts, picot, *sc in the next 4 sts, picot* 4 times, sc in the last 2 sts (21 sc, 5 picots)

ch-4 picot

sl st in 4th ch from hook



sc in the first 3 sts, picot, *sc in the next 4 sts, picot* 4 times, sc in the last 2 sts (21 sc, 5 picots)

ch-5 picot

sl st in 5th ch from hook



sc in the first 3 sts, picot, *sc in the next 4 sts, picot* 4 times, sc in the last 2 sts (21 sc, 5 picots)

Closing into the stitch instead (ch 3, sl st in the front loop and side bar of the sc just made) gives a flatter picot that sits right on the sc.

Bigger picots need more room: leave 4 sc between ch-3 picots, 5 between ch-5 picots, or they crowd and flip.

Picot Edge Doily · Round by Round

Width = stitches + chains across the round · a flat round needs about 2 × 3.14 × its radius (ratio 0.92 to 1.10)

Round	Stitches	Width	Flat needs	Ratio	Ø thread 10	Ø fingering
Round 1	12 dc	12	13	0.95	0.4 in (1.1 cm)	0.6 in (1.6 cm)
Round 2	24 dc	24	25	0.95	0.8 in (2.1 cm)	1.2 in (3.1 cm)
Round 3	24 dc, 12 ch-1	36	38	0.95	1.3 in (3.2 cm)	1.9 in (4.7 cm)
Round 4	12 V-sts (dc, ch 2, dc)	48	50	0.95	1.7 in (4.3 cm)	2.5 in (6.3 cm)
Round 5	12 shells (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc)	60	63	0.95	2.1 in (5.3 cm)	3.1 in (7.9 cm)
Round 6	12 shells (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)	72	75	0.95	2.5 in (6.4 cm)	3.7 in (9.4 cm)
Round 7	12 shells + 12 ch-1	84	88	0.95	2.9 in (7.5 cm)	4.3 in (11.0 cm)
Round 8	96 sc + 24 picots	96	94	1.02	3.1 in (8.0 cm)	4.7 in (11.8 cm)

Diameters are before the picots and use the assumed gauge; swatch rounds 1 to 4 first.

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Picot Edge Doily · 2 Versions

Same 8 rounds and the same counts; only the thread and hook change

Version	Thread	Hook	Rounds 1–4 across	Finished, with picots	Amount
Thread	size 10 crochet thread	1.75 mm (US steel 4)	1.68 in (4.3 cm)	3.4 in (8.7 cm)	15 yd (14 m)
Fingering	fingering-weight (#1) cotton	2.75 mm (US C-2)	2.48 in (6.3 cm)	5.1 in (12.9 cm)	22 yd (20 m)

Gauge is an assumed typical value. If rounds 1 to 4 come out bigger, go down a hook size.

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