



Victorian-Inspired LACE BRACELET

Don't let the tiny hook and thread fool you—this charming lace bracelet works up quickly. The project debuted on the CrochetMe blog, where I revealed my love for historical crochet. I was touched by the warm welcome I received there and thrilled that you were interested in the pattern for my bracelet!

If your friends are like mine, they will love one of these. You don't need to tell them that it took you only a few hours and that you could make dozens from one ball of really inexpensive thread. The pattern is also easily adapted to suit varying needs. If you need it longer or shorter, just add or subtract a circle or two and adapt your stitch repeats accordingly. You could make it long enough to be a choker, or, as Ramona@4 suggested, use it as an insert for a garment. It could be a border for a sweater or baby blanket by attaching it to the hem with the picots in round two. You don't even have to use thread if you don't want to, as JanisP pointed out. It would make a great belt worked in DK or even worsted yarn. Mountyjoy suggested white for a bride, and CarolH@43 and PjB@2 see them in bright colors for their teens. Debra_A pictures it with beads added to the picots. You all are so enthusiastic and creative! Head over to CrochetMe.com to let me know what other ideas you work up. For directions on joining bracelet circles as you go, see my blog.

Supplies

Finished Size 6½" long and 2½" wide not including ribbon.
Aunt Lydia's Classic Crochet Thread Size 10 (100% cotton; 350 yd [320 m]; **(00)**): #235496 dusty rose or #235497 delft, 1 ball. Yarn distributed by Coats & Clark
1.65 mm steel crochet hook
About 12" of ¼" wide ribbon
Gauge 19 sts and 10 rows = 2" in dc.

Stitch Guide

Picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook.

Bracelet

First 5 circles: Ch 8, sl st in first ch to form ring.

Rnd 1: (RS) Ch 2 (counts as dc), 23 dc in ring, sl st in top of beg ch-2 to join—24 dc. Fasten off.

Last circle: Work as for first 5 circles but do not fasten off, turn. **Joining rnd:** (WS) *[Ch 7, sl st in any dc on WS of next circle] 5 times, [ch 6, sk next 5 dc, sl st in next dc] 2 times, [ch 7, sl st in 12th dc from opposite-side join on WS of next circle] 5 times, ch 6, sk next 5 dc, sl st in next dc, ch 6, sk next 5 dc, sl st in first sl st to join, turn.

Edging

Rnd 1: (RS) Ch 1, 10 sc in next ch-6 sp, 10 sc in next ch-6 sp, *[(5 dc, ch 2, 5 dc) in next ch-7 sp] 5 times *, [10 sc in next ch-6 sp] 2 times, rep from * to *, sl st in beg ch-1 to join.

Rnd 2: Sc in first 20 sc, *sc in first 3 dc, sk next 2 dc, (3 dc, picot (see Stitch Guide), 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 dc, sc in next 3 dc*; rep from * to * 4 times, sc in next 20 sc, rep from * to * 5 times, sl st in first sc to join. Fasten off.

Finishing

Pin out on a towel or foam board and lay a warm damp cotton cloth over the bracelet. Gently iron over the cloth. Let bracelet cool overnight. Weave ribbon through center rings and tie under wrist. ❖

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