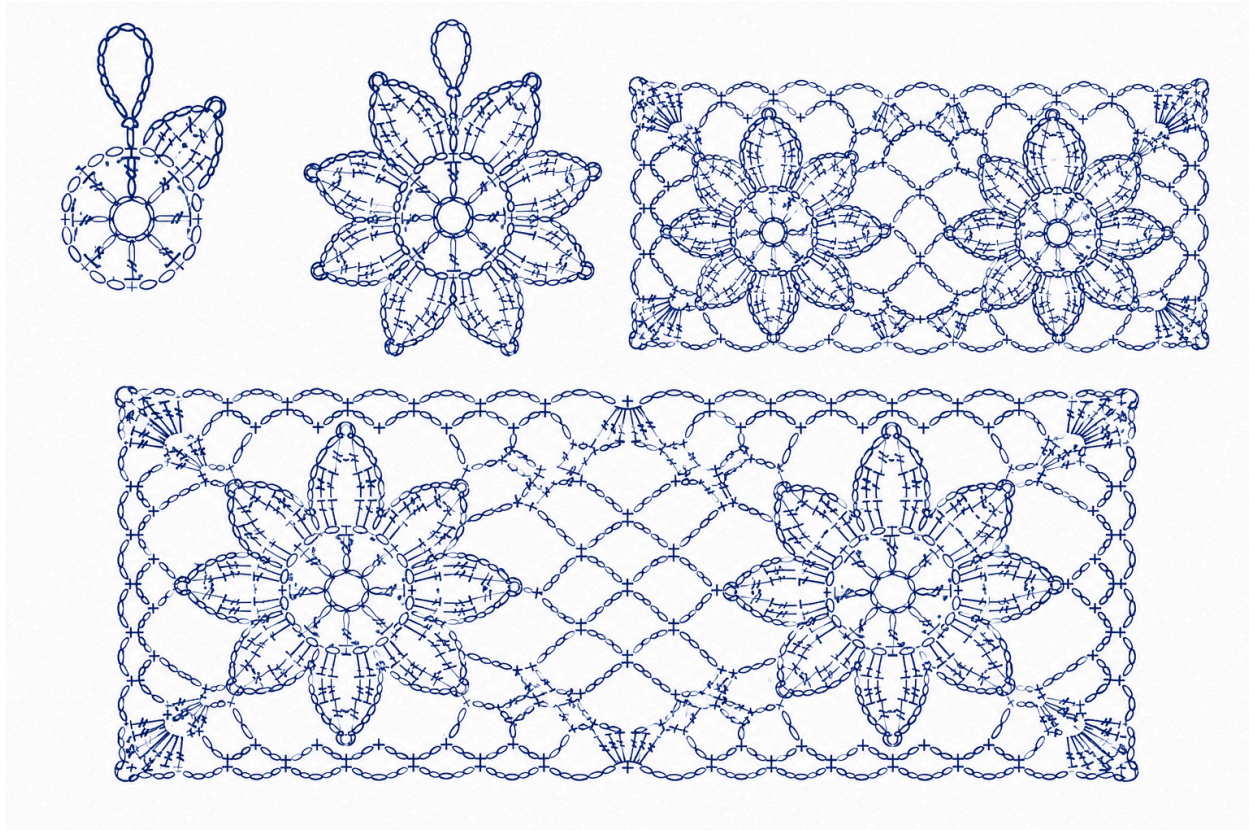


Elegant Floral Lace Crochet

This beautiful crochet design features an eight-petal flower motif connected with delicate lace mesh to create a decorative runner or centerpiece. The project is worked in sections: first the flower motif, then the surrounding lace rounds, followed by the joining mesh and decorative edging.



Finished Size (shown in image):

- Width: Approximately 12 inches (30 cm)
- Height: Approximately 6 inches (15 cm)
- Individual flower motif: Approximately 3.5 inches (9 cm)

Skill Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Materials Needed

Thread

- Size 10 Crochet Cotton Thread
- Color: Navy Blue (or color of choice)

Hook

- 1.50 mm Steel Crochet Hook

Additional Supplies

- Small scissors
- Tapestry needle
- Blocking board
- Rust-proof pins

Crochet Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- sp = space
- rnd = round
- picot = ch 3, sl st into first chain

Step 1: Create the Center Ring

The flower begins from a small center ring.

Ch 6.

Join with sl st to form a ring.

Round 1

Ch 3.

Work 15 dc into ring.

Join with sl st to top of beginning chain.

You should have 16 stitches total.

The center circle should measure approximately ½ inch (1.2 cm).

Step 2: Create the Inner Flower Base

Round 2

Ch 5.

Skip one stitch.

Sc in next stitch.

Ch 5, skip one stitch, sc in next stitch.

Repeat around.

Join with sl st.

You should have 8 chain loops.

These loops will become the flower petals.

Step 3: Create the First Petal Layer

Work inside each chain-5 loop.

Petal

Sc

Hdc

5 dc

Hdc

Sc

Repeat in every loop.

Join with sl st.

You now have 8 petals.

Each petal should measure approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch long.

The flower will begin resembling the motif shown in the upper-right image.

Step 4: Create the Raised Petal Shape

To achieve the pointed petals shown in the photo:

Round 4

Work around each petal edge:

Sc

Hdc

3 dc

Picot

3 dc

Hdc

Sc

Continue around all petals.

The picot forms the pointed tip visible in the finished motif.

After completing all petals, lightly shape them with your fingers.

Step 5: Create the Decorative Open Ring

Attach thread behind any petal.

Round 5

Ch 7.

Sc between two petals.

Repeat around.

You should have 8 large loops surrounding the flower.

These loops create the open lace circle visible around the flower.

Step 6: Create the Outer Petal Accents

Inside each chain-7 space work:

Sc

Hdc

4 dc

Hdc

Sc

Repeat around.

These smaller outer petals frame the central flower and add dimension.

The completed motif should measure approximately:

3½ inches (9 cm) across.

Step 7: Make the Second Flower Motif

Repeat Steps 1 through 6.

Create a second identical flower.

Make sure both motifs are exactly the same size before joining.

Block lightly if necessary.

Step 8: Create the Connecting Lace Mesh

Position the two flowers approximately:

5 inches (13 cm) apart.

Join thread to the right side of the first flower.

Mesh Foundation

Ch 8.

Attach to matching point on second flower.

Ch 8.

Return to first flower.

Continue creating connecting arches.

Work 5 rows of chain arches between the motifs.

The mesh should resemble a delicate net.

Step 9: Fill the Center Joining Area

Once the large arches are completed:

Work additional connecting rows.

Mesh Pattern

Sc into arch.

Ch 5.

Sc into next arch.

Continue until a diamond lattice begins forming.

The center section should appear similar to the mesh shown between the flowers in the photograph.

Step 10: Create the Outer Side Mesh

Attach thread around the outside edges of both flowers.

Side Arches

Ch 7.

Sc into next outer loop.

Repeat around.

Continue adding arches until the rectangular shape begins forming.

Maintain equal tension throughout.

Step 11: Form the Corner Motifs

At each corner:

Ch 5.

Work:

Sc

Ch 3

Sc

inside the same space.

Repeat to form small floral corner decorations.

These small motifs match the decorative elements visible in all four corners of the finished piece.

Step 12: Create the Rectangular Framework

Continue working around the entire piece.

Alternate:

Ch 5

Sc

Ch 5

Sc

around all sides.

Maintain straight edges.

Measure frequently.

The rectangle should remain symmetrical.

Step 13: Add the Decorative Border

Border Round 1

Work sc evenly around all sides.

Corners:

Sc

Ch 2

Sc

in each corner.

Border Round 2

Work:

Ch 3

Sc in next stitch

around the entire perimeter.

This creates the delicate picot-style edging visible around the outside.

Step 14: Final Edge Detail

For a more decorative finish:

Work small shell groups:

Skip one stitch.

5 dc in next stitch.

Skip one stitch.

Sc in next stitch.

Repeat around.

This creates a refined scalloped appearance.

Step 15: Blocking the Finished Piece

Wet block the lace thoroughly.

Pin every petal point.

Pin each corner.

Stretch the mesh openings evenly.

Allow to dry completely.

This step is essential for achieving the elegant openwork appearance shown in the image.

Finished Measurements

Your completed lace floral runner section should measure approximately:

- Width: 12 inches (30 cm)
- Height: 6 inches (15 cm)

Each flower motif should measure:

- Diameter: 3½ inches (9 cm)

The finished design features two dimensional eight-petal flowers surrounded by delicate lace mesh, elegant corner motifs, and a decorative scalloped edging, creating a sophisticated crochet centerpiece perfect for tables, dressers, trays, or decorative home accents.