



Skull Motifs

All the Little Details

Yarn

Peaches & Cream Cotton (Worsted)
White

Crochet Hook

F-5/3.75 mm or size needed to obtain gauge.

Notions

Tapestry Needle
1 Stitch Marker

Finished Measurements

Width: 3 ¾ inches
Length: 5 inches

Gauge

Gauge is not important for this project.

Skill Level

Confident Beginner



The Pattern

Step 1: Ch 14, sl st in beg ch to form loop.

Step 2: Ch 14 (again), sl st in 14th ch from hook to form another loop. Now you should have 2 loops that look like the number 8 or a pair of glasses.

Step 3: Work 18 sc evenly around the first loop, then work 18 sc evenly around the second loop.

Tip

Using the yarn tail left at the end of the starting chain, wrap it snugly around the space between the eyes 3 or 4 times. Secure the end by pulling it through the loop you make while wrapping. This gives your skull a nice finished look.

Stitches & Notes

Stitches

- slip stitch (sl st)
- chain (ch)
- single crochet (sc)
- triple crochet (tr)
- Invisible Join (optional)



The Pattern

Now you'll be working in rows to create the **Top of the Skull** above the eyes (the forehead!)

Set Up Row: Sl st in the next 7 sts. This will get you from between the eyes to the top edge so you can start working in rows.

Row 1: Ch 1, turn. 14 sc across top of eyes.

Row 2: Turn (don't ch 1), skip 1st sc, 12 sc across, leave last sc unworked.

Row 3: Turn (don't ch 1), skip 1st sc, 10 sc across, leave last sc unworked.

Row 4: Turn (don't ch 1), skip 1st sc, 8 sc across, leave last sc unworked.

Row 5: Turn (don't ch 1), sc in each sc across. (8 sc)

Stop here and use stitch marker to hold your place. Cut yarn leaving about 36 – 48 inches. After finishing the lower portion of the skull you're going to come back to the marker and use the extra long yarn tail to create the border around the skull. You can fasten off after Row 5 and reattach the yarn for the border, but if you do it this way there are fewer knots and tails to weave in.

Bottom of the Skull (the nose and teeth)

Turn the skull upside down. Find the center under the eyes, count 7 stitches right and join the yarn in that stitch.

Row 1: Sc in same st as join and in next 3 sc, ch 4, skip 6 stitches, sc in next 4 sc. (8sc, ch4 sp)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. 4sc, 4sc in ch 4 sp, 4 sc. (12 sc)

Row 3: Turn (don't ch 1), skip 1st sc, sl st in next 2 sc, ch 4 (counts as 1 tr ch), tr ch in next 5 sc, leave last 3 sc unworked. (1 unworked, 2 sl st, 6 tr ch, 3 unworked = 12 sts)

Row 4: Ch 1, turn, sc in each tr ch across, sc in top of ch 4. (6 sc)

Fasten off.

Border around the Skull

Go back to the top of the skull where you left off (at the stitch marker). Ch 1, then evenly sc all the way around the skull. Work 2 sc into the corners at the cheeks and bottom of the jaw for smoother transitions. (52 sc)

Finish off with the invisible join or with a sl st into the starting ch.

Weave in the ends, and lightly block to the correct shape. Enjoy!!

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