Crochet Curtains: Simple Lace Cafe Curtain Panel

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Printable pattern for the gated PDF. US crochet terms.

Inspired by, and credited to, the Handmade by Raine cafe curtain (see Sources). This version is written in our own words and is a simplified lace panel, not a copy of that pattern. For the original detailed cluster pattern, visit the source link in sources.txt.

Finished sample size, verified from the source: about 28 inches wide and 8 inches long. This is a short cafe curtain. Make the panel wider or longer by adding whole pattern repeats or rows, and always measure your own window first.

Skill level: Advanced beginner to intermediate. You should know chain, single crochet, triple crochet and cluster stitches.

Materials

- Size 10 cotton thread, in 2 colors: Color A for the main panel, Color B for the border and rod loops. The source uses balls of 250 yards / 40 grams.
- 1.75 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle, scissors, measuring tape
- Slim curtain rod, such as an expandable rod 28 to 48 inches long with a 0.5 inch diameter (verified from the source). For a thicker rod, work wider rod loops.

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

tr = triple crochet

tr3-cl = 3 triple crochet cluster

tr4-cl = 4 triple crochet cluster

dtr = double triple crochet

st = stitch

Pattern notes

- The stitch pattern is worked in a multiple of 20 plus 9 chains. Each added repeat adds 20 chains.
- For the sample, chain 89 with Color A, which gives 4 repeats.
- The border only lines up neatly when the body is worked in a multiple of 4 rows. The sample has 72 rows in total.
- Keep your tension even. Lace that is worked too tightly will not open well when blocked.

Main panel, in Color A

1. Chain 89.

2. Work a first row of open mesh: triple crochet stitches separated by chains, skipping chains evenly so the mesh stays regular across the row.

3. Work cluster rows and mesh rows in turn. On a cluster row, work groups of 3 and 4 triple crochet clusters into the mesh spaces, separated by chains, so small floral clusters appear against the open mesh.

4. On the following mesh row, work triple crochet stitches and chains only, keeping the same stitch count across the row.

5. Repeat the cluster and mesh sequence, ending with a mesh row, until you have 72 rows in total. Do not change the stitch count from row to row.

6. Work one final open mesh row, fasten off Color A and weave in the end.

Border, in Color B

1. Turn the piece sideways. Join Color B with a single crochet at the upper side corner.

2. Work around the side edge in a repeating border of chains, triple crochet clusters and double triple crochet stitches, skipping one stitch of Color A between repeats where needed to keep the edge flat, not wavy.

3. Work the same border along the other side edge if you want a framed look, or keep the border on the lower edge only for a simpler finish.

4. Fasten off Color B and weave in all ends.

Rod loops, in Color B

1. Turn the piece to the top edge. Join Color B at the upper corner.

2. Work a row of double triple crochet stitches separated by chains across the top edge, forming a row of loops.

3. For a thicker curtain rod, chain 5 or 6 between each double triple crochet instead of 4.

4. Fasten off and weave in the end. Slide the loops onto the rod to test the fit before blocking.

Finishing

1. Wash gently in cool water with mild soap.

2. Roll the panel in a towel to remove extra water.

3. Pin flat to about 28 inches wide and 8 inches long, opening out every scallop and mesh space.

4. Let it dry fully before hanging.

5. Hang from a slim cafe rod, and tie back with a simple crochet cord if you want a farmhouse finish.

Sizing note: the 28 inch by 8 inch sample, the 1.75 mm hook, the size 10 thread, the multiple of 20 plus 9, the 89 starting chains and the 72 rows are all verified from the Handmade by Raine source. Any other size is made by adding whole repeats or rows, and its finished size is NOT verified until you measure and block your own panel. Yardage for a larger panel is NOT verified and is not stated here; buy extra thread and weigh your work as you go.

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