Crochet Frame

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Pattern Notes

Adding a personal touch to your home décor or gift wrap is a great way to let your personal style shine through. I love to use crochet frames for photos, upcycled greeting cards, or even as gift tags.

For this particular frame I wanted something on the larger side, so I used 4 ply linen thread held double and an inexpensive, (£2), 6 inch wooden embroidery hoop from a discount store for my frame. The hoop is probably terrible for actual embroidery but great for this purpose! You can use any weight yarn and a variety of materials for the base of your frame - just adjust hook size and beginning number of stitches accordingly. Inexpensive bangle bracelets work great for miniature frames!

It is important to work your stitches tightly so your frame does not flop around on the edges. I also spray my finished frames with starch to stiffen them a bit. You could use liquid starch or sugar water, too. Using a slightly larger hook on the 1st round, (the round that forms the base around the frame form), and then a smaller hook on the remaining rounds makes things a little easier, but isn't essential.

Terminology

Please note that this pattern is written in American crochet terminology.

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Materials

- Any type of yarn or thread and corresponding hook to result in a tight stitch. For the 4 ply linen held double I used a 3.5mm hook for the 1st round, and then 3.0mm for the remaining rounds.
- A base frame, which can be of any suitable material wire frame, wooden frame, old bracelets, etc. I suggest upcycling when possible, or shopping at thrift and discount stores.
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Spray or liquid starch (optional)
- Ribbon (optional hanger can also be crocheted from same fibre as frame)
- Blu Tack or Fabric Glue (optional for attaching images to frame)

Abbreviations & Glossary

ch chain
slst slip stitch
sc single crochet
dc double crochet

sk skip

ch3 picot ch3, slst in 1st chain

Directions

With larger hook, attach yarn to frame with slip stitch.

Round 1: sc around frame in multiples of 6, (for this 6" inch frame I did 144 sc), join with slst to top of first sc

Change to smaller hook.

Round 2: ch1, sc in same stitch, sc in all stitches around, join with slst to 1st sc

Round 3: ch1, sc in same stitch, ch2, *sk2, sc, ch2* around, join with slst to 1st sc

Round 4: ch1, slst in ch2 space, ch3, 2dc in same space, *3dc in next ch2 space* to end, join with slst to top of ch3

Round 5: ch1, slst in next dc, ch3, (counts as dc), 2dc in same stitch, ch2, sc in 2nd dc of next group, *ch2, 3dc in 2nd dc of next group, ch2, sc in 2nd dc of next group ch2* to end, join with slst to top of ch3



Round 6: Repeat Round 5

Round 7: ch1, slst in next dc, ch3, 4dc in same stitch, ch3 picot, 5dc in same stitch, slst in next sc, *5dc, 3ch picot, 5dc in 2nd dc of next group, slst in next sc* to end, join in top of ch3.

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Break off yarn and weave in all ends.

I highly recommend wet blocking your frame so that it lays nice and flat. Simply wet thoroughly and then lay down flat to dry. Once dry you can treat the frame with starch to further stiffen it.

Attach a ribbon or chain for hanging if desired. The length and thickness of your hanger is really up to you!

Enjoy!



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