

VALENCIENNES COLLAR

Source: *The Ladies' Crochet Manual*
(New York: D. Appleton & Co., 1849)

Materials Used in Photo:

White Crochet Cotton Sz. 40

US Size 8 hook

Stitches: Ch, sc

Special Stitches:

Long Double Crochet, *ldc*

Collar

Crochet a ch 12" long or length desired for neckline. (even no., plus 4).

Row 1: Ldc in 3rd ch from hook and in ea ch across. Ch 5 turn.

Row 2: Ldc in 3rd ch of prev row, (ch 2, sk 1 st, ldc in next st) across. Ch 5, turn.

In rows 3-6 a solid square consists of 3 ldcs in a ch 2 sp. The collar motif is created in a style similar to modern filet crochet.

Row 3: Repeat row 2 making a solid square in every 9th square, *or ch 2 sp*, with 3 ldcs.



Collar Motif (Rows 3-6)

Row 4: Repeat row 2 making a solid square before and after ea filled square

of prev row, while making a ldc above ea ldc in prev row.

Row 5: Repeat row 3, except (ldc 3x in ch 2 sp before and after three solid squares of prev row and ldc above ea ldr in prev row.)

Row 6: Repeat row 3, except (ldc 3x in ch 2 sp before the solid squares and ldc above ea ldc in prev row.)

Row 7: Repeat row 3.

Row 8: Repeat rows 3-7. Fasten off.

Border

Sl st in beg ch of collar at neckline.

Row 1: Ch 3, ldc 2x in next ch 3 sp, (ch 1, ldc 3x in next ch 3 sp) across. Ch 5, turn.

Row 2: Ldc in ch 1 sp of prev row, (ch 2, ldc in next ch 1 sp) across. Ch 3, turn.

Row 3: Ldc 2x in next ch 2 sp, (ch 1, ldc 3x in next ch 2 sp) across. Ch 8, turn.

Row 4: Sk 6 ldcs, sc 2x in next ch 1 sp, (ch 8, sk 6 ldcs, sc 2x in next ch 1 sp) across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Sc in ea st up to ctr of ch 8 lp, (ch 8, sc in ctr of next ch 8 lp and in ea ch down and up to ctr of next ch 8 lp) across. Ch 5, turn.

Row 6: [Sc in next sc and ea sc across until you reach 4th ch of ch 8 lp (ch 9 and sc in 5th ch - picot made), sc in ea ch that follows until you reach sc above 2 sc grp of Row 4, (ch 5 and sc in next sc - picot made)] across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 7: Sc in ea sc across. Fasten off.