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# BUTTERFLIES IN FLIGHT VALANCE 

## The graceful elegance of butterflies in flight is masterfully captured in the exquisite pattern of this stunning filet valance that adds the perfect touch of old-world charm to a cozy, contemporary setting.

## GAUGE

21 sps = 4 inches; 21 rows $=4$ inches Check gauge to save time.

## PATTERN NOTES

Weave in loose ends as work progresses. Graph-reading knowledge is necessary. Ch-3 at beg of a row counts as first dc. Ch-5 at beg of a row counts as first dc, ch 2.
Filet crochet is a method of forming designs with solid and openwork squares called blocks (bl) and spaces (sp). A bl is made with 3 dc , and a sp is ch 2, dc. A bl will appear to have 4 dc ; the first dc of the bl is the dc that defines the sp preceding the bl. A group of 3 bl will have 9 dc plus 1 dc of sp preceding bl. The foundation ch is 3 times the number of sps in the first row plus 5 if the row beg with a sp 9 dc in 8th ch from hook, or plus 3 if row beg with a bl (dc in 4th ch from hook and next 2 ch ). On following rows ch 5 if a row begins with a sp, or ch 3 if row begins with a bl.
Graphs show the sts as they appear on

ADVANCED
SIZE Each section is approximately $81 / 2$ inches long $x 173 / 4$ inches deep

## MATERIALS

- Crochet cotton size 20 ( 50 g per ball): 5 balls white (makes 7 sections)
- Size 9 steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
the RS of work. Work first row of graph from right to left and crochet in that direction.

When the first row is completed, turn and follow the 2 nd row from left to right.

## PATTERN STITCHES

BI: 3 dc.
Sp: Ch 2, dc in next dc.
Bar: Ch 5, sk 5 sts, dc in next dc.
Bar over lacet: Ch 5, dc in next dc.
Lacet: Ch 3, sk 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 3 , sk 2 sts, dc in next dc.
Lacet over bar: Ch 3, sk 2 sts, sc in next st, ch 3, sk 2 sts, dc in next dc.
Inc sp at beg of a row: Ch 7, dc in
first dc of previous row.
Inc sp at end of row: Ch 2, yo hook 3 times, draw up a lp in turning ch where last dc was worked, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 4 times.
Dec sp at beg of row: Ch 1 , sl st in 3 sts across, sl st in next dc, ch 5 .
Dec at end of row: Leave 3 sts at end of row unworked.

## VALANCE

Row 1 (RS): Ch 272, dc in 8th ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across, turn. (1 sp; 88 bl)
Row 2: Ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dc (beg bl), [ch 2, sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc] twice (2 sps over bls made), dc in each of next 3 dc (bl over bl made), [ch 2, sk next 2 dc , dc in next dc] 8 times ( 8 sp over bls made), dc in each of next 21 dc ( 7 bls over bls made), [ch 2, sk 2 dc, dc in next dc] 5 times ( 5 sps over bls made), dc in each of next 3 dc (bl over bl made), ch 2 , sk next 2 dc, dc in next dc (sp over bl made), dc in each of next 9 dc (3 bls over bls made), ch 2 , sk next 2 dc , dc in next dc (sp over

bl made), dc in each of next 3 dc \{bl over bl made), [ch 2, sk next 2 dc , dc in next dc] 5 times ( 5 sps over bls made), dc in each of next 108 dc ( 36 bls over bls made), [ch 2 , sk next 2 dc , dc in next dc] twice, ( 2 sps over bls made), dc in each of next 18 dc ( 6 bls over bls made), [ch 2 , sk next 2 dc , dc in next dc] twice (2 sps over bls made), dc in each of next 18 dc (6 bls over bls made), ch 2, sk next 2 chs, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch-5 (sp over sp made), turn.
Rows 3-43: Follow graph (page 91), reading all odd-numbered RS rows from right to left, all even-numbered WS rows left to right, inc and dec sps at beg and end of rows as indicated.
Rep Rows 2-43 for each section of valance until valance is desired width, ending with a Row 2 WS row.
Last row (RS): Ch 5, sk next 2 chs, dc in next dc, dc in each dc and 2 dc in each ch-2 sp across, fasten off.

## HANGING LOOP First hanging loop

Row 1 (RS): Working over ends of rows
across top of valance, attach thread with sl st in top of end st of Row 5, ch 3, 3 dc over end st of each of next 5 rows, turn. (16 dc)
Row 2: Ch 3, dc in each of next 6 dc , ch 2 , sk next 2 dc , dc in each of next 6 dc , dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, turn.
Row 3: Ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dc, ch 2 , sk next 2 dc , dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in next dc, ch 2 , sk next 2 dc, dc in each of next 3 dc , dc in 3 rd ch of beg ch-3, turn.
Row 4: Ch 3, dc in each of next 3 dc , ch 2 , sk next ch sp , dc in each of next 4 dc , ch 2 , sk next ch sp, dc in each of next 3 dc, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, turn.
Row 5: Ch 3, dc in each of next $3 \mathrm{dc}, 2$ dc in next ch sp, dc in next dc, ch 2 , sk next 2 dc , dc in next dc, 2 dc in next ch sp , dc in each of next 3 dc , dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, turn.
Row 6: Ch 3, dc in each of next 6 dc, ch 2 , sk next ch sp, dc in each of next 6 dc, dc in 3rd ch of beg ch-3, turn.
Rows 7-17: Rep Rows 3-6, ending last rep with Row 5.
Row 18: Ch 3, dc in each dc and each
ch st across, leaving a length of thread, fasten off. (16 dc)
Fold top of hanging lp (Row 18) to back of valance. With tapestry needle and rem length, sew tops of sts of last row to edge of valance.

## Second hanging loop

Row 1: Leaving 15 rows free between hanging lps, sk next 19 rows, attach thread with sl st over top of end st of 20th row, ch 3,3 dc over end st of each of next 5 rows, turn. ( 16 dc )
Note: After completing the first row of the hanging $l p$, you will have 15 rows to the left of working hanging Ip that rem unworked.

Rows 2-18: Rep Rows 2-18 of first hanging lp.

## Rem hanging loops

Rows 1-18: Rep Rows 1-18 of 2nd hanging lp as many times as necessary across top of valance, working last hanging lp over last 5 rows of valance.


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