



Rose Curtain Ties

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Add a pretty fresh touch to your curtains and use up some spare yarn scraps at the same time.

Pattern Notes

A full pattern including clearly written instructions, stitch abbreviations and helpful diagram.

This pattern is written in UK terms

Skill Level

Easy/Intermediate

Basic stitches are used, experience with working in the round and into the back loop of starting chains.

Yarn

Approximately 40 yards for each pair of curtain ties

Approximately 30 yards (10 of each colour) for the roses and leaves)

I used the RYC Bamboo Soft for the Ties and the Essentials Merino for the flowers and leaves.

Hook

4 mm (G USA) , or recommended hook size for the weight of yarn you're using.

Materials

Yarn needle

Fabric for backing

Size

One Size: Each tie is approximately 40cm (16") long

Size will vary depending on the yarn weight used

Gauge

N/A

Abbreviations

beg - beginning

sp - space

st(s) - stitch(es)

yo - wrap yarn over the hook

Stitch Terms

This pattern is written in UK crochet terms. US terms also given below as a guide:

Term	UK Stitch	US Term	US Stitch
ch	chain		
ss	slip stitch		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
htr	half treble crochet	hdc	half double crochet
tr	treble crochet	dc	double crochet
dtr	double treble crochet	tr	treble crochet

Curtain Ties

Start chain: Ch12, ss into first chain, ch72, ss into 12 chain from hook. You should now have two loops separated by a long chain. (See diagram 1)

First row: Ch3, 1tr into each chain until you reach the first loop. 15 tr into loop, then using the back loops of your foundation chain, 1tr into each chain until you reach the second loop. 15tr into loop and join to top of 3ch with ss.

Fasten off ends and weave in. Then repeat to make the second tie.

Roses

Start chain: Make a slip knot leaving a 3 or 4 inch tail and then ch31.

First row: Dc into second chain from hook, *ch5, skip 4 chain and dc into 5th chain (repeat from * twice more), †ch4, skip 3 chain and dc into 4th chain (repeat from † once more), ‡ch3, skip 2 chain and dc into 3rd chain (repeat from ‡ once more). This should bring you to the last foundation chain.

Second row: ch1, turn and *4dc into chain space, sl into dc, (repeat from * once more), †5dc into chain space, sl into dc, (repeat from † once more) ‡6dc into next chain space, sl into dc, (repeat from ‡ twice more).

Fasten off leaving a 3 or 4 inch tail to sew up the rose later and then make a second rose.

Rose Buds

Start chain: Make a slip knot leaving a 3 or 4 inch tail, then ch16.

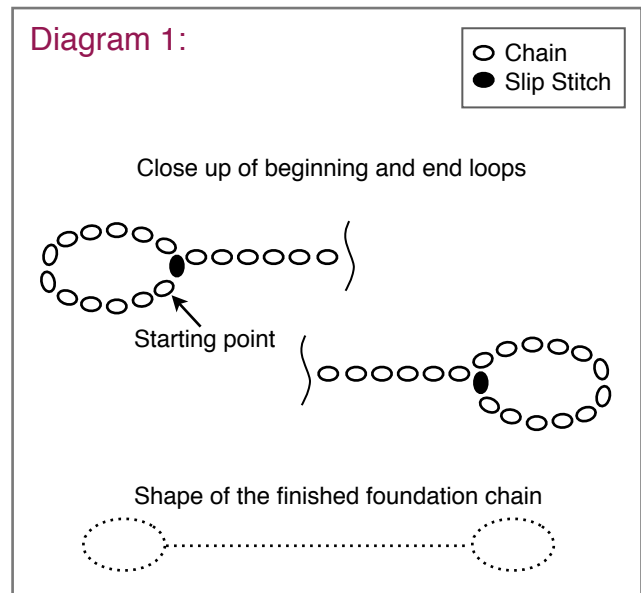
First row: Dc into second chain from the hook, *ch4, skip 3 chains and dc into 4th chain (repeat from * once more), †ch3, skip 2 chains and dc into 3rd chain (repeat from † once more). This should bring you to the last foundation chain.

Second row: ch1, turn and *4dc into chain space, sl into dc, (repeat from * once more), †5dc into chain space, sl into dc, (repeat from † once more).

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew up rose later. Then make three more small rose buds.

To Make Up the Roses

First take a rose or rose bud 'strip' and roll up, starting at the end with the smaller loops, so these are in the middle. (The dc's are the top of the petals and the foundation chain is the bottom.) Use the end tail to stitch the rosey roll into place. I usually tie the two end tails together at this point to secure. Leave these ends on the sew the roses to the tie later. Repeat for each strip you have.



NOTE: This diagram illustrates the set up of the foundation chain only. It does not accurately show chain numbers and can not be used as a chart.

Leaves

Start chain: Make a slip knot leaving a 3 or 4 inch tail, then ch7.

First row: Dc into second chain from hook, then 1hdc, 2tr, 1hdc, 1dc along the remaining chains.

Second row: Ch1, then using the back loops of the foundation chain, work your way back along the leaf 1dc, 1hdc, 2tr, 1hdc, 1dc then ss into the first dc of the first row.

Fasten off leaving a long tail, which you will need to thread through the stitches along the foundation chain to the bottom of the leaf, so both tails are at one end of the leaf.

Make three more leaves.

Assembling the Ties

To assemble my ties, I found the half way point and sewed on the leaves first, pointing down and slightly away from each other. I then sewed the larger rose on top of the leaves in the centre and then added a smaller rose bud either side of the centre rose. Once I'd sewn the flowers and leaves into place I weaved in the stray ends and trimmed.

Of course, you could arrange the leaves and flowers however you want, have a different number of leaves and flowers, miss out the leaves altogether... However you prefer to have it really!

To give more strength to the ties and as an added bonus covering the woven in ends where the flowers etc are sewn on, cut yourself a couple of strips of fabric, a bit wider than the ties and long enough to cover the strip between the loops. You can then sew the fabric to the back of the tie, tucking under the raw fabric edge as you go round stitching into place.

