

# SWAN SYMPHONY

Swan Doilies



# 4 Swan Doily

#### Tension

First 3 rows – 5.5 cm in diameter.

#### Measurement

31 cm from point to point.

#### Abbreviations

ch – chain ; dc – double crochet ; hlf tr – half treble ; tr – treble ; dbl tr – double treble; sp(s) – spaces(s); ss – slip stitch.

#### Centre

Using White commence with 6 ch, join with a ss to form a ring.

1st Row: 3 ch, 15 tr into ring, 1 ss into 3rd of 3 ch.

**2nd Row:** 10 ch, \* 1 tr into next tr, 7 ch; repeat from \* omitting 7 ch at end of last repeat, 3 ch, 1 dbl tr into 3rd of 10 ch.

3rd to 5th Row: 1 dc into loop just formed, \* 7 ch, 1 dc into next loop; repeat from \* ending with 3 ch, 1 dbl tr into first dc.

6th Row: As previous row ending with 7 ch, 1 ss into first dc.

7th Row: \* 7 dc into next loop, into next loop work 1 dc and 1 hlf tr, 3 ch, 1 ss into last hlf tr (a picot made), into same loop work (2 tr, a picot) 3 times 1 tr l hlf tr a picot and l dc; repeat from \* ending with 1 ss into first dc. Fasten off.

# First Swan

Body

Using White commence with 29 ch. 1st Row (right side): 1 dc into 12th ch from hook (neck opening made), 1 dc into each ch, 1 ch, turn.

2nd Row: 1 dc into each of first 18 dc, l dc into each of next ll ch and continuing to work along other side of foundation ch 1 dc into each of next 18 ch, turn.

3rd Row: 1 ss into each of first 2 dc, l dc into back loop of each dc to within last 2 dc, 1 ch, turn.

4th Row: 1 dc into front loop of each dc,

Repeat last 2 rows twice more turning

with 6 ch at end of last row. 9th Row: 1 tr into first dc, (3 ch, miss 2 dc, 1 tr into next dc) 3 times, 3 ch, miss 2 dc, 1 hlf tr into next dc, 3 ch, miss 2 dc, l dc into next dc, l ch, l ss into 6th dc made of first 7 dc group on 7th row of centre, 1 ch, miss 1 dc on body, 1 dc into next dc, 1 ch, miss 3 dc on centre, l ss into next dc, l ch, miss l dc on body, 1 dc into next dc, 3 ch, miss 2 dc, 1 hlf tr into next dc, (3 ch, miss 2 dc, 1 tr into next dc) 4 times, 3 ch, 1 tr into same place as last tr, (3 ch, miss next row end, 1 tr over next row end) 3 times, 3 ch, over 1st row end work 1 tr 5 ch and 1 tr (a V st made), (3 ch, miss next row end, 1 tr over next row end) 3 times, 3 ch, 1 ss into 3rd of 6 ch. Fasten off.

## Neck

Using White commence with 20 ch. 1st Row: 1 dc into 2nd ch from hook, l dc into each ch, l ch, turn.

2nd Row: 1 dc into each of first 2 dc, (2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into each of next 2 dc) twice, 2 dc into next dc, 1 dc into each dc, l ch, turn.

3rd Row: 1 dc into each dc, 1 ch, turn. 4th Row: 1 dc into each dc to within last 5 dc, 1 hlf tr into each of next 5 dc (base of neck), l ch, turn.

5th Row: 1 dc into each st, 1 ch, turn. 6th Row: 1 dc into each of first 2 dc,

(insert hook into next dc and draw thread through) twice, thread over and draw through all loops on hook (a joint dc made), (1 dc into each of next 2 dc, a joint dc over next 2 dc) twice, l dc into each dc, l ch, turn.

7th Row: 1 dc into each st. Fasten off. Sew last row to foundation ch to form neck. Sew neck neatly in position to body.

#### Beak

Using Orange commence with 8 ch. 1st Row: 1 dc into 2nd ch from hook, 1 dc into each of next 4 ch, (insert hook into next st and draw thread through) twice, thread over and draw through all lps on hook (a joint dc made), 1 ch,

2nd and 3rd Rows: Miss first joint dc, 1 dc into each dc to within last 2 dc, a joint dc over next 2 dc, 1 ch, turn. 4th Row: Miss first joint dc, 1 dc into next dc, 1 ch, cut thread leaving sufficient to sew beak to neck. Sew row ends together to form beak shape. Sew in position to neck. Using Black sew in eyes fastening off thread between beak and neck to form head feature as shown in illustration. Make 3 more swans in same manner joining to alternate 7 dc groups on centre mat to correspond.

Edging

1st Row: With right side facing attach White to centre dc of any free 7 dc group on centre, 3 ch, 1 dbl tr into same place as join, \* 13 ch, miss first 3 free sps on next swan, (1 dc into next sp, 5 ch) 7 times, a V st into sp of next V st, (5 ch, 1 dc into next sp) 7 times, 13 ch, leaving the last loop of each on hook work 2 dbl tr into centre dc of next free 7 dc group, thread over and draw through all loops on hook (a 2 dbl tr cluster made); repeat from \* omitting a cluster at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dbl tr.

2nd Row: 1 dc into same place as ss, \* 13 ch, (1 dc into next 5 ch loop, 5 ch) 7 times, a V st into sp of next V st, (5 ch, 1 dc into next loop) 7 times, 13 ch, 1 dc into next cluster ; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc.

3rd Row: 1 dc into same place as ss, 13 ch, (1 dc into next 5 ch loop, 5 ch) 7 times, a V st into sp of next V st, (5 ch, 1 dc into next loop) 7 times, 13 ch, miss l dc, l dc into next dc; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc.

4th Row: 1 dc into same place as ss, \* 13 ch, (1 dc into next 5 ch loop, 6 ch, 1 ss into 4th ch from hook, 3 ch – a picot made) 7 times, into next loop work 1 dc a picot loop and 1 dc, (a picot loop, 1 dc into next loop) 7 times, 13 ch, miss 1 dc, l dc into next dc; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc. Fasten off.

Damp and pin out to measurements placing a small ball of cotton wool or tissue paper in each swan body to keep shape. Remove cotton wool or tissue paper when dry.

# 6 Swan Doily

#### Tension

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#### Measurement

35 cm in diameter.

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3rd Row: Into loop just formed work 1 dc 5 ch and 1 dc, \* 7 ch, 1 dc into next loop, 7 ch, into next loop work 1 dc 5 ch and l dc; repeat from \* ending with 7 ch, 1 dc into next loop, 3 ch, 1 dbl tr into first dc.

4th to 8th Row: 1 dc into loop just formed, \* 7 ch, 1 dc into next loop; repeat from \* ending with 3 ch, 1 dbl tr into first dc.

9th Row: As previous row ending with 7 ch, 1 ss into first dc.

10th Row: \* 7 dc into next loop, into next loop work 1 dc and 1 hlf tr, 3 ch, l ss into last hlf tr (a picot made), into same loop work (2 tr, a picot) 3 times 1 tr 1 hlf tr a picot and 1dc; repeat from \* ending with 1 ss into first dc. Fasten off.

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4th Row: 1 dc into front loop of each dc. turn.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more turning with 6 ch at end of last row.

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(insert hook into next dc and draw
thread through) twice, thread over and
draw through all loops on hook (a joint
dc made), (1 dc into each of next 2 dc,
a joint dc over next 2 dc) twice, 1 dc
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Sew neck neatly in position to body.

Beak

Using Orange commence with 8 ch.

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1 dc into each of next 4 ch, (insert hook
into next st and draw thread through)
twice, thread over and draw through
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1 ch, turn.

2nd and 3rd Row: Miss first joint dc, 1 dc into each dc to within last 2 dc, a joint dc over next 2 dc, 1 ch, turn.
4th Row: Miss first joint dc, 1 dc into next dc, 1 ch, cut thread leaving sufficient to sew beak to neck.
Sew row ends together to form beak shape. Sew in position to neck.
Using Black sew in eyes fastening off thread between beak and neck to form head feature as shown in illustration.
Make 5 more swans in same manner joining to alternate 7 dc groups on centre mat to correspond.

**Edging** 

Ist Row: With right side facing attach White to centre dc of any free 7 dc group on centre, 3 ch, 1 dbl tr into same place as join, \*9 ch, miss first 3 free sps on next swan, (1 dc into next sp, 5 ch) 7 times, a V st into sp of next V st, (5 ch, 1 dc into next sp) 7 times, 9 ch, leaving the last loop of each on hook work 2 dbl tr into centre dc of next free 7 dc group, thread over and draw through all loops on hook (a 2 dbl tr cluster made); repeat from \* omitting a cluster at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dbl tr.

2nd Row: 1 dc into same place as ss, \*9 ch, (1 dc into next 5 ch loop, 5 ch) 7 times, a V st into sp of next V st, (5 ch, 1 dc into next loop) 7 times, 9 ch, 1 dc into next cluster; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss

into first dc.

3rd and 4th Rows: 1 dc into same place as ss, \*9 ch, (1 dc into next 5 ch loop, 5 ch) 7 times, a V st into sp of next V st, (5 ch, 1 dc into next loop) 7 times, 9 ch, miss 1 dc, 1 dc into next dc; repeat from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last repeat, 1 ss into first dc.

5th Row: 1 dc into same place as ss,
\* 9 ch, (1 dc into next 5 ch loop, 6 ch,
1 ss into 4th ch from hook, 3 ch - a
picot loop made) 7 times, into next loop
work 1 dc a picot loop and 1 dc, (a
picot loop, 1 dc into next loop) 7 times,
9 ch, miss 1 dc, 1 dc into next dc; repeat
from \* omitting 1 dc at end of last
repeat, 1 ss into first dc. Fasten off.

Damp and pin out to measurements placing a small ball of cotton wool or tissue paper in each swan body to keep shape. Remove cotton wool or tissue paper when dry. Laundering

Mercer-Crochet colours are fast dyed and are highly resistant to even the most severe washing treatments but these colours may be adversely affected when washed in certain commercial washing preparations which contain high levels of fluorescent brightening (whitening) agents. To maintain the true tones of Mercer-Crochet colours it is recommended that pure soap flakes type washing agents be used as these generally contain only low concentrations of fluorescent brightening (whitening) agents. Items should not be washed when work is still in progress. The assembled article should be washed on completion.

Make a warm lather of pure soap flakes and wash in the usual way, either by hand or washing machine. If desired, the article may be spin-dried until it is damp, or left until it is half dry. Place a piece of paper, either plain white or squared, on top of a clean, flat board. Following the correct measurements, draw the shape of the finished article on to the paper, using ruler and set square

for squares and rectangles and a pair of compasses for circles. Using rustless pins, pin the work out to the pencilled shape, taking care not to strain the article. Pin out the general shape first, then finish by pinning each picot, loop or space into position. Special points to note carefully when pinning out are:-

(a) When pinning loops, make sure the pin is in the centre of each loop to form

balanced lines.

(b) When pinning scallops, make all the scallops the same size and regularly curved.

(c) Pull out all picots.

(d) Where there are flowers, pull out

each petal in position.

(e) When pinning filet crochet, make sure that the spaces and blocks are square and that all edges are even and

straight.

If the work requires to be slightly stiffened, use a solution of starch – 1 dessertspoonful to ½ litre (1 pint) hot water, and dab lightly over the article. Raise the article up off the paper, to prevent it sticking as it dries. When dry, remove the pins and press the article lightly with a hot iron.

#### **Crochet Stitches**

ch - chain

This is the foundation of crochet work. With yarn in position and the loop on the hook as shown in Fig. 1, pass the hook under the yarn in left hand and catch yarn with hook (Fig. 2), draw yarn through loop on hook, repeat this movement until chain is desired length.

ss – slip stitch Insert hook into stitch to left of hook, catch yarn with hook and draw through stitch and loop on hook (Fig. 3).

dc - double crochet

Insert hook into stitch to left of hook, catch yarn with hook (Fig. 4), draw through stitch (2 loops on hook) (Fig. 5), yarn over hook and draw through 2 loops on hook (1 loop remains on hook) (Fig. 6).

hlf tr - half treble

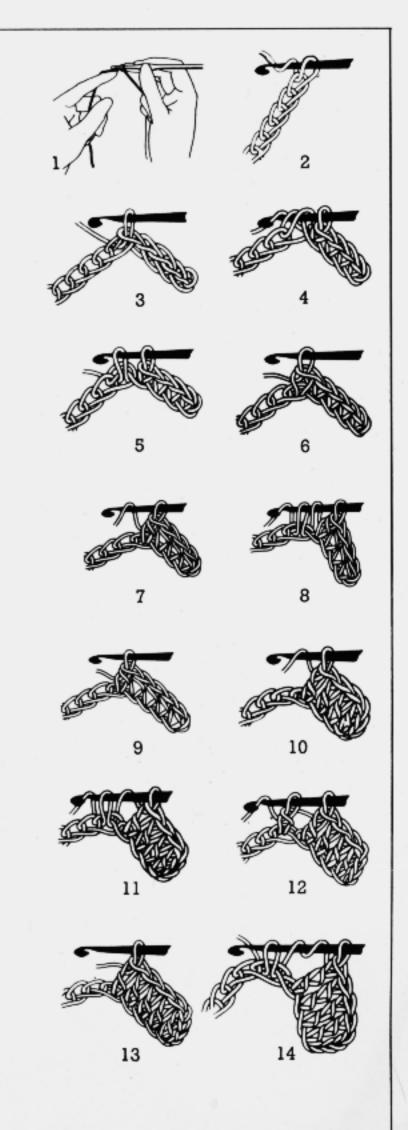
Pass hook under yarn held in left hand (Fig. 7), insert hook into stitch to left of hook, yarn over hook and draw through stitch (3 loops on hook), yarn over hook (Fig. 8), draw yarn through all loops on hook (1 loop remains on hook) (Fig. 9).

tr-treble

Pass hook under the yarn of left hand (Fig. 10), insert hook into stitch to left of hook, yarn over hook and draw through stitch (3 loops on hook), yarn over hook (Fig. 11), and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over hook (Fig. 12), and draw through remaining 2 loops (1 loop remains on hook) (Fig. 13).

dbl tr - double treble

Pass hook under the yarn of left hand twice, insert hook into stitch to left of hook, yarn over hook and draw through stitch (4 loops on hook) (Fig. 14), yarn over hook and draw through 2 loops on hook, yarn over hook and draw through other 2 loops on hook, yarn over hook and draw through remaining 2 loops (1 loop remains on hook).



Capture the elegance of that most graceful of creatures the swan, in this simple crochet design. Choose the small mat with four swans round it to enhance a small vase of flowers, or place the larger one with six swans in the centre of the table for that special occasion dinner.

#### This Folio contains:

List of Materials Required Detailed Working Instructions Stitch Diagrams Laundering Instructions Colour Close-up

4 Swan Doily

Materials Required Coats Chain Mercer Crochet Cotton No. 10 (20 g).

1 ball White, 1 ball 513 (Orange). This model is worked in these two shades, but any other shades of Mercer-Crochet may be used. A small quantity of black thread for features. Milward steel crochet hook 1.50 (no.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ).

#### Measurement

31 cm from point to point.

6 Swan Doily

Materials Required Coats Chain Mercer-Crochet Cotton No. 10 (20 g). 2 balls White and 1 ball 513 (Orange). This model is worked in these two shades, but any other shades of Mercer-Crochet may be used. A small quantity of black thread for features. Milward steel crochet hook 1.50 (no.  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ).

#### Measurement

35 cm in diameter.

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