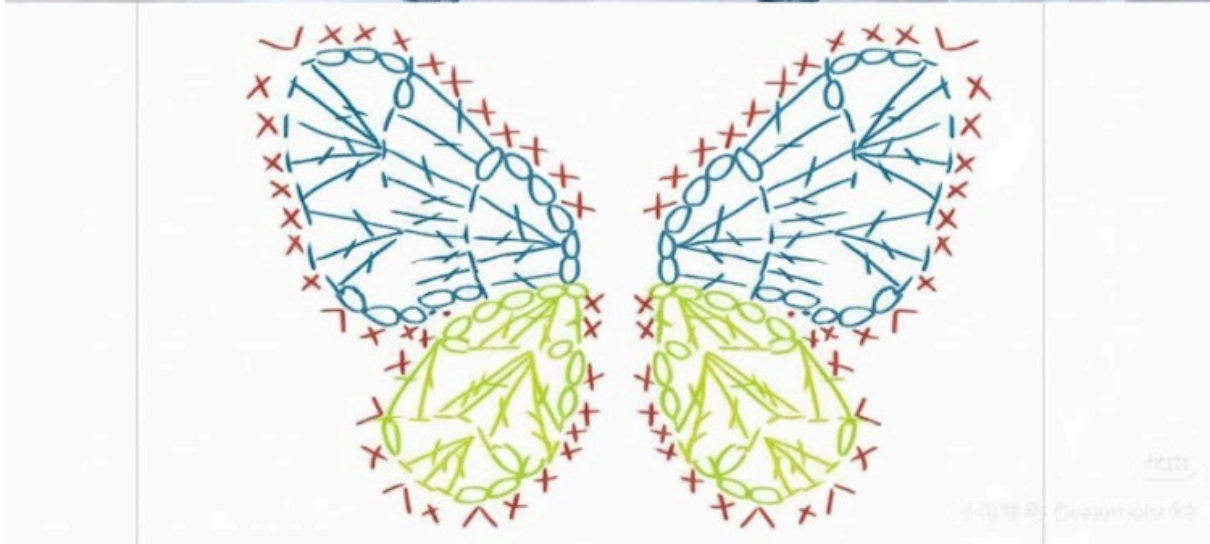


Butterfly Lace Shawl Crochet Tutorial 🦋

This **Butterfly Lace Shawl** is made from individual crochet butterfly motifs joined together as you go, then finished with a delicate lace border [The Best Crochet Patterns: HERE](#) 🖱️



Materials Needed

Use fingering or sport weight yarn in cotton, acrylic, or a soft blend. For an average shawl, you will need about **800–1200 yards**, depending on the final size.

You will also need a **3.5 mm crochet hook**, scissors, yarn needle, stitch markers, and blocking mats with pins. Choose 2–4 colors for a beautiful butterfly effect, such as light blue, navy, teal, and soft green.

Approximate finished size: **52–60 inches wingspan** and **24–28 inches center back length**.

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Crochet Stitches Used

This tutorial uses **US crochet terms**.

ch – chain

sl st – slip stitch

sc – single crochet

dc – double crochet

hdc – half double crochet

tr – treble crochet

picot – ch 3, sl st in the 3rd chain from hook

magic ring – adjustable beginning ring

ch-sp – chain space

join as you go – connecting motifs while crocheting

Step 1: Make the Butterfly Wing Motif

Start with a **magic ring**.

Chain 1. This chain does not count as a stitch.

Into the magic ring, work this sequence:

Ch 4, dc into the ring.

Repeat until you have **4 dc groups** separated by **4 chain spaces**.

Pull the magic ring gently to close the center, but do not make it too tight because the wing needs to stay slightly open.

Now begin shaping the wing. In the next chain space, work:

sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc

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BUTTERFLY LACE SHAWL

COMPLETE CROCHET TUTORIAL



From Start to Finish

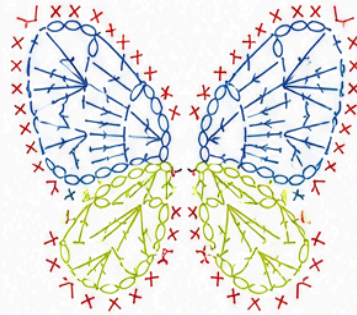
FINISHED SIZE (approx.)

- Wingspan: 52–60 in / 132–152 cm
- Length (center back): 24–28 in / 61–71 cm
- Adjust size by adding more butterfly motifs.

MATERIALS

- Fingering or Sport Weight Yarn (cotton, acrylic or blend)
Approx. 800–1200 yards / 730–1100 meters (varies by size)
- Crochet Hook: 3.5 mm (E/4) or size needed to obtain gauge
- Scissors
- Yarn Needle
- Stitch Markers (optional)
- Blocking Mat & Pins (optional)

BUTTERFLY MOTIF CHART (one butterfly)



Read the chart from the center (magic ring) outward.

STITCH CHART LEGEND

- = chain (ch)
- = slip stitch (sl st)
- X = single crochet (sc)
- ⏏ = half double crochet (hdc)
- ⏏ = double crochet (dc)
- ⏏ = treble crochet (tr)
- ∧ = picot (ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch)
- = magic ring
- = direction of work
- XX = slip stitch join

MOTIF TUTORIAL – MAKE 2 BUTTERFLIES PER MOTIF (same or different colors)

1 START

Make a magic ring.



Ch 1 (does not count).

2 FOUNDATION

Ch 4 (counts as dc + ch 1).
(Work 3 dc, ch 1) 3 times into ring.



Total: 4 dc groups,
4 ch-1 sps.

3 BUILD WING

(Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc)
in next ch-1 sp.



Repeat in next ch-1 sp.

4 TOP SECTION

Ch 3, sl st in same sp
(picot made).



Ch 3, sl st in next sp.

5 LOWER SECTION

(Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc)
in next ch-1 sp.



Repeat until 4 sections made.

6 FINISH MOTIF

Sl st into first sc to join.
Fasten off and weave in ends.



You will have a teardrop-shaped wing. Make 4 wings: 2 in one color (top wings) and 2 in another color (bottom wings) for each butterfly.

ASSEMBLY – JOIN AS YOU GO

1 PAIR TOP WINGS

Place 2 top wings
wrong sides together.



Sc through both
layers at the
top center.

2 CHAIN BETWEEN

Ch 3.



Ch 3 creates
the center "body".

3 PAIR BOTTOM WINGS

Place 2 bottom wings
wrong sides together.



Sc through both
layers at the
bottom center.

4 JOIN TOP & BOTTOM

Sc through both layers
at the center (where
chains meet).

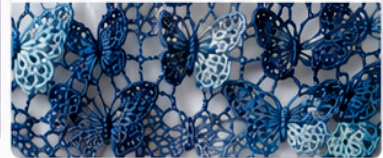


1 butterfly
complete!

JOINING BUTTERFLIES TOGETHER

Follow the diagram. Use sc (join as you go)
through the ch spaces on adjacent motifs.

1. Work sc into ch-3 spaces to connect motifs.
2. Follow the layout from the center, working outward symmetrically.
3. Add new butterflies as you go.
4. Continue until you reach desired size.



EDGING – LACE BORDER (work around outer edges only)

1 START EDGING

Join yarn in any outer
ch-space.



Ch 1, sc
Ch 1, sc
same space.

2 FIRST ROW

(Sc, ch 3, sc) in
same ch-space
(corner made).



* Sc in next
ch-space *
Repeat around.

3 SECOND ROW

Sl st into next sc.
Ch 4 (counts as dc + ch 1).
(Dc, ch 1, dc) in
next ch-3 corner.



(Dc, ch 1, dc) in
next ch-3 corner.

4 CONTINUE

* Sc in next sc,
(ch 4, sc in next sc) *
Repeat around.



Work more rounds
for a larger
lace border.

5 PICOT FINISH (optional)

At points: ch 3,
sl st in 3rd ch
from hook.



Fasten off, block
for best shape.

FINISHED SHAWL

Weave in all ends.
Block gently to open
lace and even edges.



STITCH LEGEND (US TERMS)

- ch chain
- sl st slip stitch
- sc single crochet
- hdc half double crochet
- dc double crochet
- tr treble crochet
- () work stitches in same stitch
- ** repeat instructions between **
- [] total stitches

- magic ring
- ch (chain)
- sl st
- X sc
- ⏏ hdc
- ⏏ dc
- ⏏ tr
- ∧ picot
- ∧ (ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch)

BUTTERFLY MOTIF CHART (one wing example)



Read the chart from the center (magic ring) outward.

TIPS & NOTES

- Consistent tension is key for even motifs.
- Block each section as you go for best results.
- Use stitch markers to keep your place if needed.
- Adjust hook size for looser or tighter lace.
- Make more butterflies to increase width & length.

YARN COLOR IDEAS

Use gradient or solid colors.



Enjoy your handmade shawl! 🦋

This creates a rounded lace section.

In the next space, work:

ch 3, sl st in the same space

This makes the small top point of the wing.

Continue with the next chain spaces, repeating the shaping until the wing looks like a soft teardrop.

Fasten off and weave in the tail.

Make **4 wings for each butterfly**:

2 top wings in one color and 2 bottom wings in another color.

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Step 2: Assemble One Butterfly

Place 2 top wings with the wrong sides facing together.

Join yarn at the top center and work a **single crochet through both layers** to connect them.

Chain 3. This chain forms the center body space of the butterfly.

Now place the 2 bottom wings with wrong sides facing together.

Work a **single crochet through both bottom wings** at the bottom center.

Then join the top and bottom sections by working through the center where the chains meet.

You now have **1 complete butterfly motif**.

For a fuller shawl, make several butterflies before joining, or use the **join-as-you-go method** to connect each butterfly while crocheting.

Step 3: Join the Butterflies Together

Lay the butterflies on a flat surface before joining. Start from the center of the shawl and build outward symmetrically. Use **single crochet joins** through the chain spaces of neighboring butterflies.

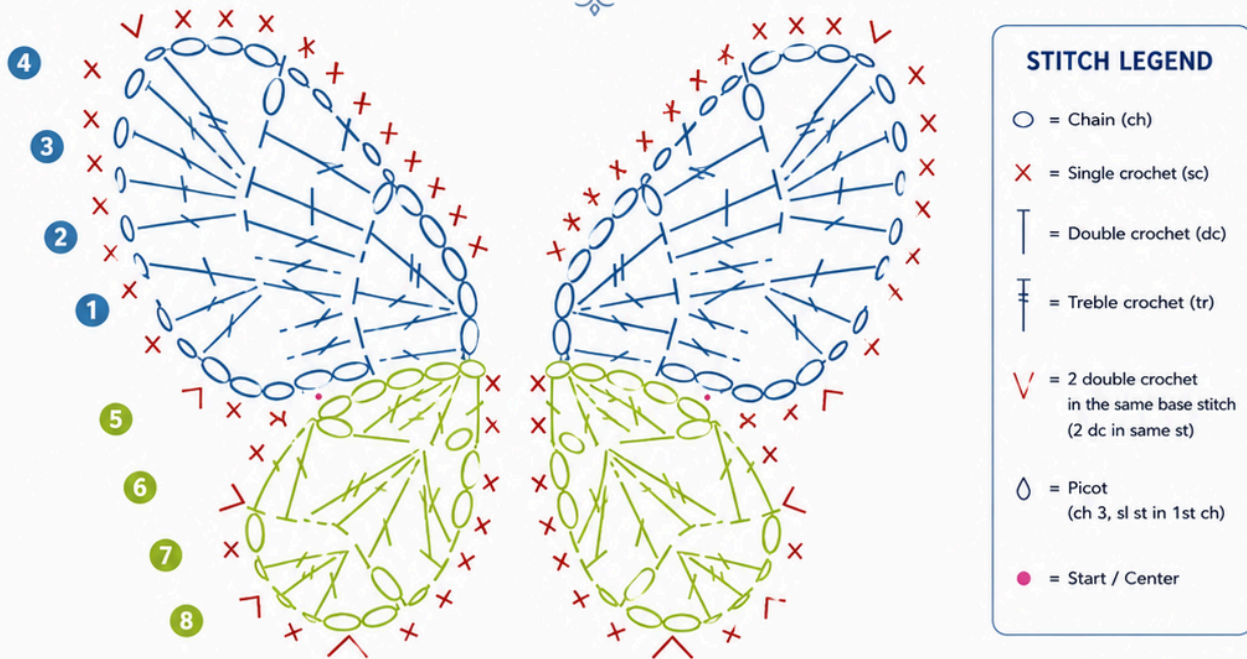
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Join each butterfly at the outer wing points and center chain spaces so the shawl stays open and lacy. Do not pull the joins too tightly.

The fabric should remain flexible and lightweight. Continue adding butterflies until your shawl reaches the desired width and length. A good beginner layout is to start with a small triangle shape, then add more butterflies on each side.

BUTTERFLY SHAWL CHART

DETAILED CROCHET DIAGRAM



STEP-BY-STEP (EACH WING)

- Foundation:** Make a foundation chain and join with a slip stitch (sl st) to form a ring.
- Row 1:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc into the ring. Join with sl st.
- Row 2:** Ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, * 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts *. Repeat from * to * to the end. Join with sl st.
- Row 3:** Ch 3, dc in next 3 sts, * 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts *, repeat around with 1 dc between each set of 2 dc (as shown in the diagram). Join with sl st.

- Row 4 (lower wing):** Attach yarn at the base of the wing. Ch 3, dc in next 2 sts, tr in next st, dc in next st, ch 1. Continue around to the end. Join with sl st.
- Row 5:** Make 2 dc together over 1 dc, ch 1, cont around the lower edge. Join with sl st.
- Row 6:** Work the shell stitches: 3 dc in the same st, ch 1, skip 1 st, 3 dc in next st. Join with sl st.
- Row 7 (edging):** Work single crochets and picots along the outer edge: (3 sc, picot in the next st) all around on the first row.

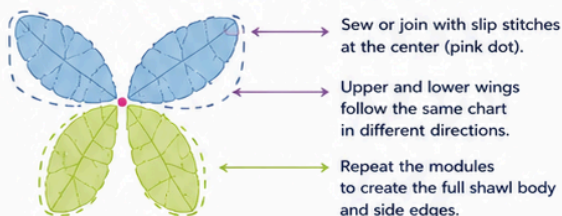
HOW TO READ THE CHART

- Read from the center outwards, in circular rows.
- Each color represents a section: blue = upper wings (top two), green = lower wings (bottom two).
- Repeat the same sequence for the other three wings to form the shawl.
- The red symbols indicate the outer edging (sc and picots).

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Use yarn with good stitch definition to highlight the pattern.
- Block the pieces after finishing to open the wings and enhance the shape.
- Adjust yarn weight or hook size as needed to achieve the desired size and drape.

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM (OVERVIEW)



TIPS



Suggested yarn: Fingering or light weight cotton (or blend).



Suggested hook: 1.75 mm – 2.5 mm (according to yarn).



Blocking: Pin pieces to shape and allow to dry completely.

Step 4: Add the Lace Border

Join yarn in any outer chain space along the edge of the shawl.

Chain 1, then work **sc in the same space**.

For the first border row, repeat around the outer edge:

sc, ch 3, sc in the same chain space
then move to the next available chain space.

At corners or points, add extra chains to keep the border flat.

For the second row, work:

sl st into the next sc, ch 4, sc into the next chain space

Repeat around.

For a more decorative finish, add picots at the points:

ch 3, sl st into the 3rd chain from hook

Continue around the shawl edge only. Do not add border stitches inside the shawl body.

Fasten off and weave in all ends.

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Step 5: Blocking the Shawl

Blocking is very important for this **Butterfly Lace Shawl**.

Soak the shawl gently in cool water, then press out the excess water with a towel. Do not twist.

Lay the shawl flat on blocking mats.

Pin the butterfly wings open, shaping the lace spaces evenly.

Pin the border points so the picots and edges look clean.

Allow the shawl to dry completely before removing the pins.

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Tips for Best Results

Keep your tension consistent so all butterfly motifs are the same size.

Use stitch markers to mark joining points before connecting the butterflies.

Block each motif lightly before joining if your butterflies curl too much.

Use gradient yarn or coordinated solid colors for a beautiful stained-glass effect.

To make the shawl larger, simply add more butterfly motifs to the outer edges.

For a smaller scarf version, make fewer butterflies and use a shorter triangular layout.

Final Result 🦋



Your finished **Butterfly Lace Shawl** will be light, elegant, and full of texture. The joined butterfly motifs create a delicate lace fabric, while the border gives the shawl a polished handmade finish.

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