

Introduction to The Niki Parasol



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Materials



ColourSpun Pure Cotton Lace (4 ply)

ColourSpun Pure Cotton Lace (4 ply) (125 m / 137 yards per 50g) Click here to order a kit online and see colour options.		Quantity*
Natural		8 x 50g (400g) 1,000 metres/ 1096 yards

*Yarn quantities are provided as a guideline only. Bear in mind that gauge differences and yarn differences may affect the outcome of the throw.

Other materials

2.5mm crochet hook [size 2 – nearest American equivalent]

Tapestry needle for sewing away the yarn tail ends

Scissors

Stitch markers (optional)

1 x VCD-069, Parasol Frame (Skeleton) Kit - Adult size with straight handle - £14.44 (\$19.00) (R257.00) excluding shipping. Prices correct as at 12 January 2019.

Available for online purchase from <http://www.venacavadesign.co.uk>.



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Gauge

Please make a **test swatch** to ensure that your gauge is correct.

My gauge, worked in single crochet, is as follows:

24 stitches x 28 rows measures 10 x 10 cm (4 x 4 in).

Gauge is **very** important for this pattern. The following are the measurements that you need to comply with:

Round Number	Measurement
At the end of Round 10	8 cm
At the end of Round 20	16 cm
At the end of Round 30	24 cm
At the end of Round 40	32 cm
At the end of Round 51	39 cm

If your measurements are not correct, you will have difficulty attaching the cover to the parasol skeleton.

Hook Size

- If you have a loose tension, it is recommended that you adjust your hook sizes down from the recommended sizes in this pattern.
- If you have a particularly tight tension, you may wish to adjust your hook sizes up.

Difficulty



Easy / Facile / Fácil

I have given this pattern an *easy* rating. With the assistance of the video tutorials, I believe that even beginners would be able to easily complete the project, however, you would need to have basic crochet skills, as this is not a “how to crochet” project.

Finished Size

Approximately 78cm diameter before mounting on the parasol skeleton.
87cm diameter once mounted on the parasol.

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UK to USA Conversions

UK		USA	
chain	ch	chain	ch
slip stitch	sl st	slip stitch	sl st
double crochet	dc	single crochet	sc
half treble	htr	half double crochet	hdc
treble	tr	double crochet	dc
double treble	dtr	treble	tc
triple treble	ttr	double treble	dtr

Abbreviations

Please note that my patterns always use **US terminology**.

Listed below you will find the abbreviations used in my patterns, as well as the long name. Where applicable, the abbreviation is linked to a right handed video tutorial.

Terms are listed alphabetically by the abbreviation.

Abbreviation	Long Name
ch/chs	chain/chains
dc	double crochet
dc3tog	double crochet three together – refer to * below
fpdc	front post double crochet
hdc	half double crochet
p	picot
rpt	repeat
sc	single crochet
sk st	skip a stitch
sl st	slip stitch
sp/sps	sp/spaces
st/sts	stitch/stitches

Other Techniques and Special Stitches

[Fasten off and secure ends](#)

[Invisible Join](#)

[Magic Circle](#)

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Resources

Thank you to The Craft and Yarn Council's web site www.craftyarnCouncil.com, which has been a great resource.

Testers

Many thanks to Fabienne Jardim and Kim Lategan for testing this pattern for me. This is such an important part of the process and I greatly appreciate your hard work and support.

Inspiration

Most of the inspiration came from many, many years of crafting with crochet. I thank my late "Ouma" – Gertie Kaltenbrunn, and my mother, Beryl Kaltenbrunn for their tuition over the years. My granddaughter Neave Weston inspired me to start to design and document my work. This pattern is dedicated to them.

I have always loved Priscilla Hewitt's designs. She has been a big inspiration to me and I believe that my word reflects her influence.