
Crocheted Broomstick Lace Bracelet with Marly Bird

Chapter 1 - Broomstick Lace Bracelet

Make Broomstick Lace Bracelet

- Hi, I'm Marly Bird, proud spokesperson for Red Heart Yarns, and I'm gonna show you how to do the broomstick lace. This is a pretty little pattern that stitches up really quick. For this cuff, I am using Creme de la Creme cotton, and you only need one color but I'm showing you two different colors. I'm using a G crochet hook, a pair of scissors, a tapestry needle, and you only need one knitting needle, anywhere size from a US 17 to a US 50. As you can imagine, this lace stitch got its name from actual broomsticks. Back in the day, they used to use broomsticks to create this beautiful stitch pattern. That's why these knitting needles are so large. The stitch pattern itself is determined, the size is determined by the size of the needle. I'm using a US size 19. We're gonna begin with a slipknot on our hook, and then we're gonna chain 12. For this particular broomstick pattern, we're doing a multiple of four stitches, meaning we're gonna have four loops per broomstick. It's possible to put five, six, seven, eight, how many loops you want. It all depends on whatever pattern you're going to be using. Once you have 12, extend the final loop that's on your hook, and we're gonna place that loop directly onto the knitting needle. Once it's on your knitting needle, you're gonna have to readjust so that way you're holding your knitting needle, and your work is coming out towards the right if you're right-handed, towards the left if you're left-handed. Working into each chain down this row, we're going to go into the chain and then pull up a loop. Now, I know normally you crochet, you yarn-over your hook just like so, but I find it easier to pull up my loop grabbing it like that and pulling it through the chain, because then we're gonna place it back onto our knitting needle. And we'll go down to the next chain, grab our yarn, pull it up, and put it onto our knitting needle. We're gonna do this all the way down the row, and we'll end up with 12 loops on our knitting needle. Once you have your 12 loops on your knitting needle, we're gonna begin to grab them in groups of four. What's great is that the stitches are all fixed into place. So after we grab our first four here, I can actually remove the complete knitting needle so that it's out of the way and it doesn't flop around on me. Now that I have those loops on my hook, I'm gonna yarn-over, pull a loop through, and then I'm going to chain one. I will only do that chain one on this very first start. Now we grabbed four loops, so we're gonna do four single crochet around these loops. If you had grabbed five loops, you would do five single crochet. You get the point. Once you have the four single crochet completed, one, two, three, four, you go over to the next set of four loops, so one, two, three, four, grab 'em, yarn-over, pull through, you do not chain one, you go ahead and jump right into your single crochet. So there's one, two, three, four. You finish that off with this last one. Grab all four loops, yarn-over, pull through, and jump into our single crochet. Two, three, four. Now you notice I have not turned my work because you're not going to turn your work. You'll extend this loop up, and we'll repeat that whole process. Grab your needle, put it into that loop, and now instead of working into chains, we're gonna work into the single crochet edge. You have a choice. You can work through the entire V, or just work through the back leg. For the cuff I'm wearing, I actually worked through the back leg of the stitch. And I also made the right side be the wrong side of my cuff. So I'm gonna go in to the stitch through the back leg, yarn-over, pull up a loop, and put it on my needle. All the way down this row, and then once again when I have 12 loops on my needle, I'll go and take groups of four once again, and finish them off. You're gonna repeat rows one and two until your cuff measures just about around your wrist, and then all you're gonna

do is seam it together. Let's take a look. As we look at this little cuff that I've worked up, first off, I'm looking at the right side. As you can see, by working through the back leg, or the back loop, it leaves the front loop free. So I get a really nice decorative stitch on this side. The same thing looks really cool, I think, on this side. I love the little, the backside of the stitch, I think it looks texturally appealing. So you have a choice. You can make either side of this cuff your public side, or your right side. Whichever side you choose to be your public side, we're gonna make sure that the seam is on the opposite side of the cuff. Let's fold this together to seam it. I want the opposite side to be my right side. I'm gonna have the public side, this side, facing me, and my yarn is still attached to the last single crochet row I completed. I'm just going to simply work through my foundation chain row, stitch for stitch, and join the foundation chain row to this row over here. And I can either do a single crochet or a slip stitch. I like to do single crochet. This is a great way to have a no-fuss finish to a very simple project. After you single crochet the last one, go ahead and finish off your work. Leave a tail long enough so you can weave in your ends. Then you have a finished cuff. I'm gonna flip this outside, so that's the right side of my cuff, as I like to have it, and you can see, the seam is right there, but it's on the inside and it's nice and secure. I chose to make this out of a really cool cotton, and I will caution you that it is going to stretch. So as you're making your broomstick lace and you're measuring it around your wrist, it's good if it's a little bit snug to begin with because it's gonna stretch over time. It's perfect, though, to stretch on and fit over your wrist, okay? You can make this particular cuff with any kind of yarn you choose. This stitch pattern is perfect with all different yarns. You do wanna be careful, though, if you're using a slick yarn, when you take your knitting needle out, the loops will kind of flop around and be a little bit unruly, and it might be a little bit more difficult to work with if it's your first time. That's not to say that it's not possible to use it. So have fun. Make some cuffs. Make one in every color. Make one for all your friends. This is a really cool project, and it's fun.