



Boho Belt

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Do you secretly love old doilies? Well, my secret's out, I do; but what I am I going to do with a much of doilies? I'm not too into tablecloths or jar covers. Then that magic crochet bug hit me, dissect them! What I found is a deep love for the intricate edgings. Go on check them out. They are amazing. Immediately I thought, BELT! The stitch pattern below is an edging that has been around for over a hundred years, but in this setting you take all the fuddy-duddy out and are left with a great belt. So next time grandma wants to give you another doily, say, thanks! And start imagining all that you can re-create with it.

You will need:

1. Kroy Socks by Patons, #54013 Hickory, (75% wool, 25% nylon), 150 yards, less than 1 skein
2. D/ 3.25mm Hook
3. Needle for weaving in ends
4. Steam Iron and straight pins for blocking
5. (optional) Starch Spray or Liquid Starch
6. Silver keychain loop with ball ends (find in jewelry section of local crafts store)
7. 9mm metal loop

US pattern notation used:

DC: double crochet
SC: single crochet
SL: slip stitch
CH: chain
CH # SP: Chain # space
ST: stitch



Gauge:

Beginning circle (To round 2) 2 1/4" Diameter
(Not critical. If your stitches are typically loose, I would suggest a hook one size smaller than recommended on label.)

Pattern:

Main Belt Body: CH 20, SL in beginning CH to form loop, CH 3 (counts as one DC), turn
Round 1: DC 40 times in loop, SL to turning ch, CH 5 (Counts as one DC and CH 2 SP), turn
Round 2: *Skip one DC, DC in next DC, CH 2*, repeat around, SL in 3rd CH of turning ch, CH 11, turn (Should have 20 CH 2 SP at end of this round)
Row 3: Skip 4 CH 2 SP, SL in next DC, CH 3, turn
Row 4: DC 16 times in CH 11 SP, CH 5, turn
Row 5: *Skip one DC, DC in next DC, CH 2*, repeat to last 2 DC, DC in last DC, CH 11, turn (Should have 8 CH 2 SP)
Repeat rows 3-5 until desired length is achieved.
Fasten Off and Tuck in Loose Ends

Other End: CH 20, SL in beginning CH to form loop, CH 3 (counts as one DC), turn
Round 1: DC 40 times in loop, SL to turning ch, CH 5 (Counts as one DC and CH 2 SP), turn
Round 2: *Skip one DC, DC in next DC, CH 2*, repeat around, SL in 3rd CH of turning ch, Fasten Off weave in ends (Should have 20 CH 2 SP at end of this round)

Finishing:

1. Pin belt at corners and steam with iron to block. Fully wet belt with steam and allow to dry.
2. (Optional) Instead of blocking with steam iron, saturate belt in spray starch or liquid starch to add stiffness to belt. Pin belt at corners and allow to dry.
3. Sew circle to end of belt, see photo for placement.
4. Attach 9mm loop to keychain ring and belt. See photo for assistance.

Designer's Bio:

I have been crocheting for a short time, but crafting my own style for years. My older sister used to always tell everyone that I was going to have my own fashion line one day, well, that lasted until I enrolled in college as an architectural engineer. My day job is designing structural renovations and restorations of existing buildings, which may seem like a far cry from crochet fashion design. But for me, they are one in the same. They both use my ability to take a big project and break it down into little items that I can understand, then piece them back together for the overall big picture. You find more of my architecturally inspired pieces at my blog, crochetbyfaye.blogspot.com. Or check out even more fun patterns like these at Crochet Me.com.