



BRIDE'S CHAMPAGNE BIRDCAGE



Birdcages make an enchanting wedding table centre and are very 'on trend' this season.

This novelty champagne/wine 'jacket' combines the popularity of the birdcage with wine and flowers - the perfect bridal shower gift for any bride to be!

Birdcage will fit a 75cl (29 cm/ 11½" tall) bottle.

This pattern includes many pictures to assist you in making the birdcage. **A reduced print version is included on pages 9&10.**

YOU WILL NEED: 330 m white 100% cotton 4 ply, 150 m floral coloured 4 ply, 150 m green 4 ply and a 1.50 mm hook.

YOU WILL ALSO NEED: one 2.5 cm (1") diameter ring or key loop, two 12.5 cm (5") diameter rings or circular bag handles, a needle for neatening ends, a glue gun (optional) and a bottle of champagne/wine (also optional but recommended).

This pattern is written in UK terms (US equivalents are provided below as applicable).

UK Abbreviation	UK Term	US Abbreviation	US Term
ch	chain		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
ss	slip stitch	sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)		
rep	repeat		
rnd	round		
tr	treble	dc	double crochet
yrh	yarn round hook	yo	yarn over

GAUGE for the birdcage: 14dc into ring to 3 cm (1¼").

GAUGE for the vine: 1 leaf + 3ch to 3 cm (1¼").

SPECIAL STITCHES/METHODS

Magic Ring

 1. Take the yarn and wrap it around to form a ring.	 2. Do this once again.	 3. Insert the hook into the ring, yrh and draw a loop through the ring.
 4. Work stitches into the ring, as instructed.	5. Finally, pull the ring tight using the loose end. When you have closed the gap, weave in the loose end to secure. 	

BIRD CAGE

Upper Ring

Rnd 1: Take the 2.5 cm (1") ring (or key loop) and work 35dc into the ring.

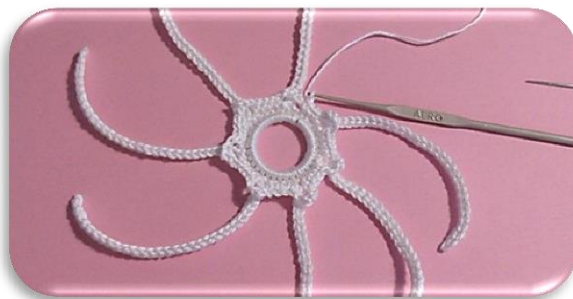


Rnd 2: *31ch, (starting in 2nd ch from hook) ss in each ch back to ring, ss in each of next 5sts, rep from * 7 times - 7 spokes.



Rnd 3: *3ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook - *picot made*, 1ch, pass picot above next spoke, 1dc in each of next 4sts, rep from * 7 times - 7 picot (1 above each spoke).

You should use a needle to weave the initial tail into the back of the work now.



Rnd 4: *4ch, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook - *picot made*, 2ch, pass picot above next picot, 1dc in each of next 4sts, rep from * 7 times - 7 picot (1 above each picot).

Fasten off and neaten ends.



Re-join the yarn into the tip of a spoke (any one will do).

Middle Ring

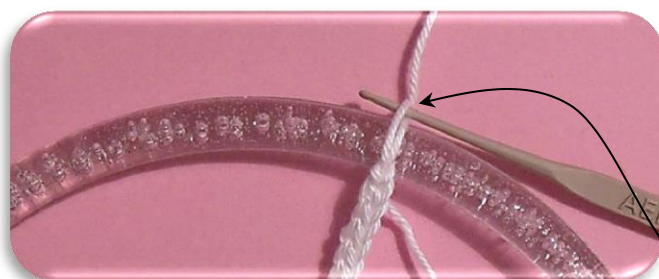
Position the Upper ring inside the 12.5 cm (5") middle ring and pass the working yarn through (and down under) the ring.



Working
Yarn

Tail from
re-join

Make 1ch and extend the working loop, to meet the working yarn, as in picture below.



Working loop extended
to meet working yarn

Pull working yarn through loop on hook, lock with 1ch.

Rnd 1: *Bring a loop of the working yarn under the ring and up to meet the working loop, insert hook through this loop pull working yarn through both loops on hook - 1 dc worked into the ring.



Pull loop of working yarn
through both loops

Make a further 27dc into the ring - this should cover around 6cm (2½") of the ring) - keep the stitches to the outer of the ring as shown.



*Pick up the tip of the next spoke along (in an anti-clockwise direction), work 28dc into ring.

Repeat from * for remaining spokes around, ss to first dc to join - top ring now connected to middle ring using 7 spokes - middle ring covered.

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Rnd 2: *51ch, (starting in 2nd ch from hook) ss in each ch back to ring, ss in each of next 27sts, rep from * 7 times - 7 spokes - new spokes line up with previous spokes. Spokes should end 4 cm (1½") from base of bottle. You may adjust length here if necessary.



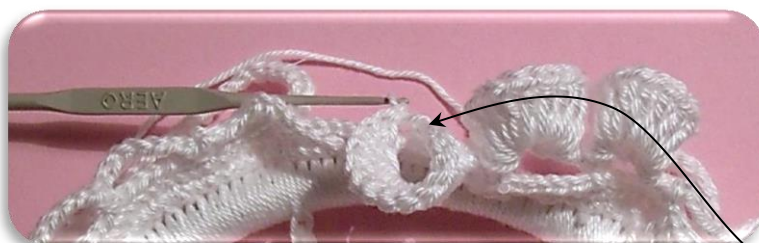
Do not join but continue as follows, *1dc into top st of spoke (keep sts and working yarn above spoke), 1dc in each of next 27sts, rep from * 7 times, ss to first dc to join - 196sts.

Upper Frill

Rnd 1: *7ch, miss next 6sts, 1dc in next st, rep from * around, ss to the first of the initial 7ch join - 28 ch-7 loops.



Rnd 2: *1dc in first ch-7 loop, 2ch, 14tr into loop, TURN, miss 14tr, 1dc immediately after the tr and before the 2ch, TURN, 2ch, rep from * around, ss into the same ch-7 loop to finish.



The 2ch and treble are joined into a curl with 1dc

Fasten off and neaten ends.

Lower Ring

Position the middle ring above the 12.5 cm (5") lower ring and pass the working yarn through (and down under) the ring.

You will now attach the lower ring in the same way as the middle ring.

Re-join the yarn into the tip of a spoke (any one will do), 28dc around the edge, *pick up the tip of the next spoke along (in an anti-clockwise direction), 28dc around the edge, rep from * around, ss to first dc to join - lower ring now connected using 7 spokes - lower ring covered.

You should use a needle to weave the initial tail into the back of the work now.

Do not fasten off the working yarn but continue working on these 196sts to make the Lower Frill.

Lower Frill

Rnd 1: 1dc in each st around, ss to first dc to join - 196sts.

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Fasten off and neaten ends.



The Birdcage section is now complete. The Upper Ring should be placed over the cork/lid of the bottle and the Middle and Lower Rings should be allowed to hang down from the neck to the base. You may now decorate with fabric or silk flowers or trim as follows.

TRIM

Vine

4ch, *3tr into 4th ch from hook, 4tr into same ch leaving last loop of each tr on the hook (5 loops on hook), (yrh and pull through 2 loops) 4 times (1 loop left on hook), 8ch, rep from * 34 times (or to desired length) omitting final 8ch to start and finish with a leaf.

Attach first leaf of the vine to any of the outer picot in the Upper Ring. Spiral downwards, attaching to all points on the birdcage, that come into contact with the vine. You may, stitch in place or fix in position with a hot glue gun.

Flower (approximately 30 needed)

Leaving a 15 cm (6") tail, commence with a magic ring.

1ch, (2ch, 1tr, 2ch, 1dc) into ring five times, cut thread at 15 cm (6") length, pull through working loop and pass tail through magic ring to the back of the flower.

Tighten magic ring and stitch or glue in place along the vine, neatening ends as required.

Occasionally, cluster several flowers together, as below.



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