

CROCHET YOUR OWN ARTHUR CONAN DOILY

INSTRUCTIONS

Materials

Any kind of thread or yarn and crochet hook will work. The thinner the thread, the smaller the finished piece.

I used a jumbo ball of Aunt Lydia's Size 10 crochet thread and a 1.65 mm crochet hook, and it turned out 39"H x 27"W. If you can work with a finer thread, you'll have a more delicate piece. Or, choose a thicker yarn and hook combo and make an ACD blanket!

Method

The doily is made using a simple lace technique called filet crochet. If you can crochet, you can filet crochet. It uses a combination of double crochet stitches (UK treble crochet) and chain stitches to form a pattern of filled and open-mesh blocks. There are many places to learn the technique, such as a crochet handbook or online at <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/learn-the-basics-of-filet-crochet-4062606>.

How To

Chain 216 stitches (2 for each block plus 1 plus 3 for the first turn) then follow the grid on the back of this sheet. Each square with a cross represents a block of open mesh and each white square is a filled-in block. Note that you have to read every alternate row on the grid in reverse. Crossing off each finished row with a highlighter helps in keeping track of where you are in the pattern.

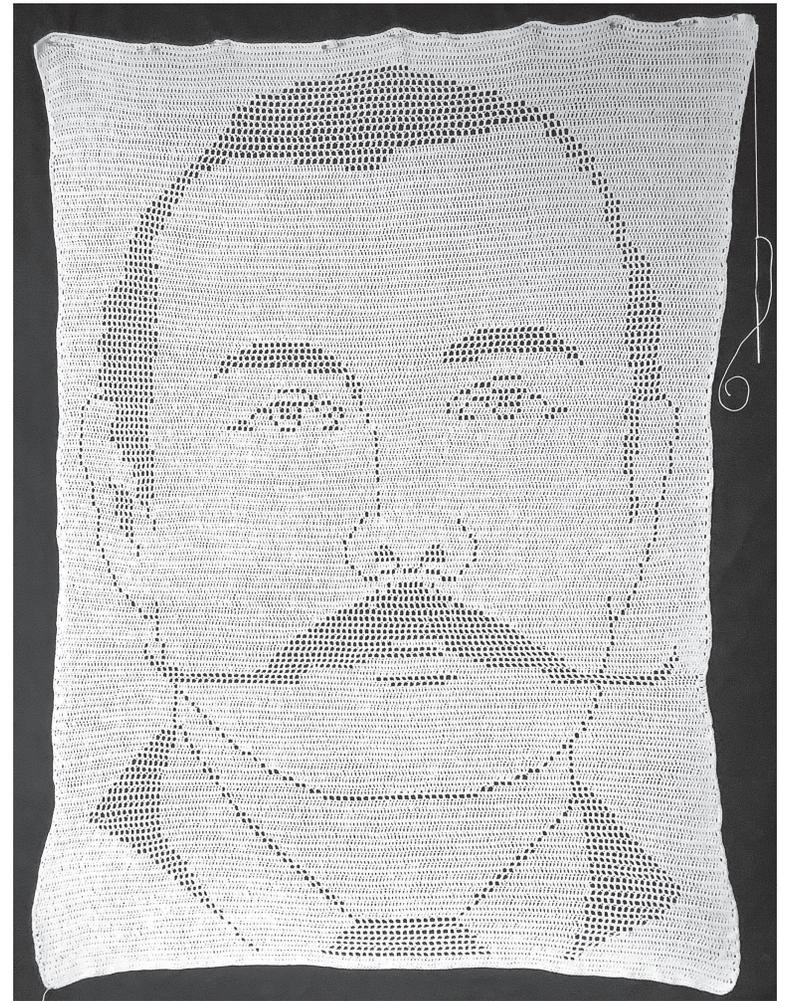
Take frequent breaks. Stretch. Have fun. This is going to take a while. You can finish off the piece with a frilly border if you like, or leave it plain.

Feel free to adapt the chart to other crafts that use a square grid, like cross-stitch.

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Above: A doily made using the grid and instructions provided in this pamphlet.

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