



*A complete tutorial
on making the*

Seashell Carpet

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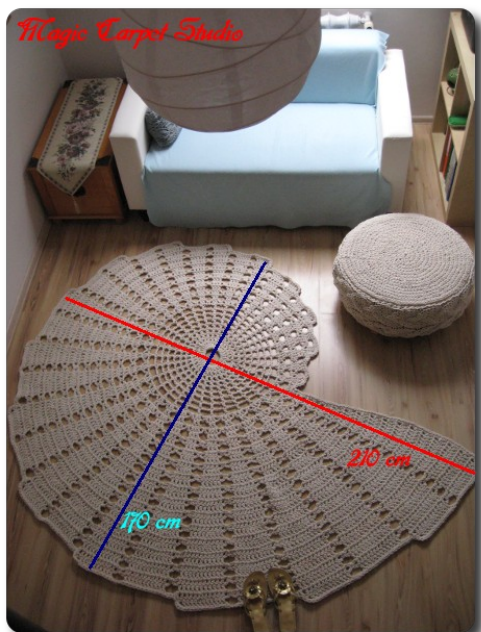
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To make this carpet you will need:

- 1200 meters of cotton string, 5 mm thick – it's better to order a bit more string, just to be on the safe side,
- a crochet hook 10 mm thick – in the US: size N/P,
- about 8-9 hours of your time :)



This carpet measures roughly 210x170 cm if you use a 5 mm thick cotton string. If you use a string of smaller thickness, the dimensions will decrease, but I can't predict by how much.

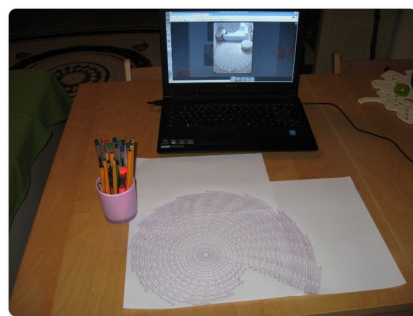
No matter what string you use, remember one important thing: **the crochet hook needs to be twice as thick as the string!** Otherwise the carpet will come out crooked. For example, if your string is 3 mm thick, the crochet hook should be 6 mm thick (in the US: size J).

I use the same kind of string they put in sweatshirts to tighten the hood. It can be washed in an ordinary washing machine. I order my string from a factory in Poland:

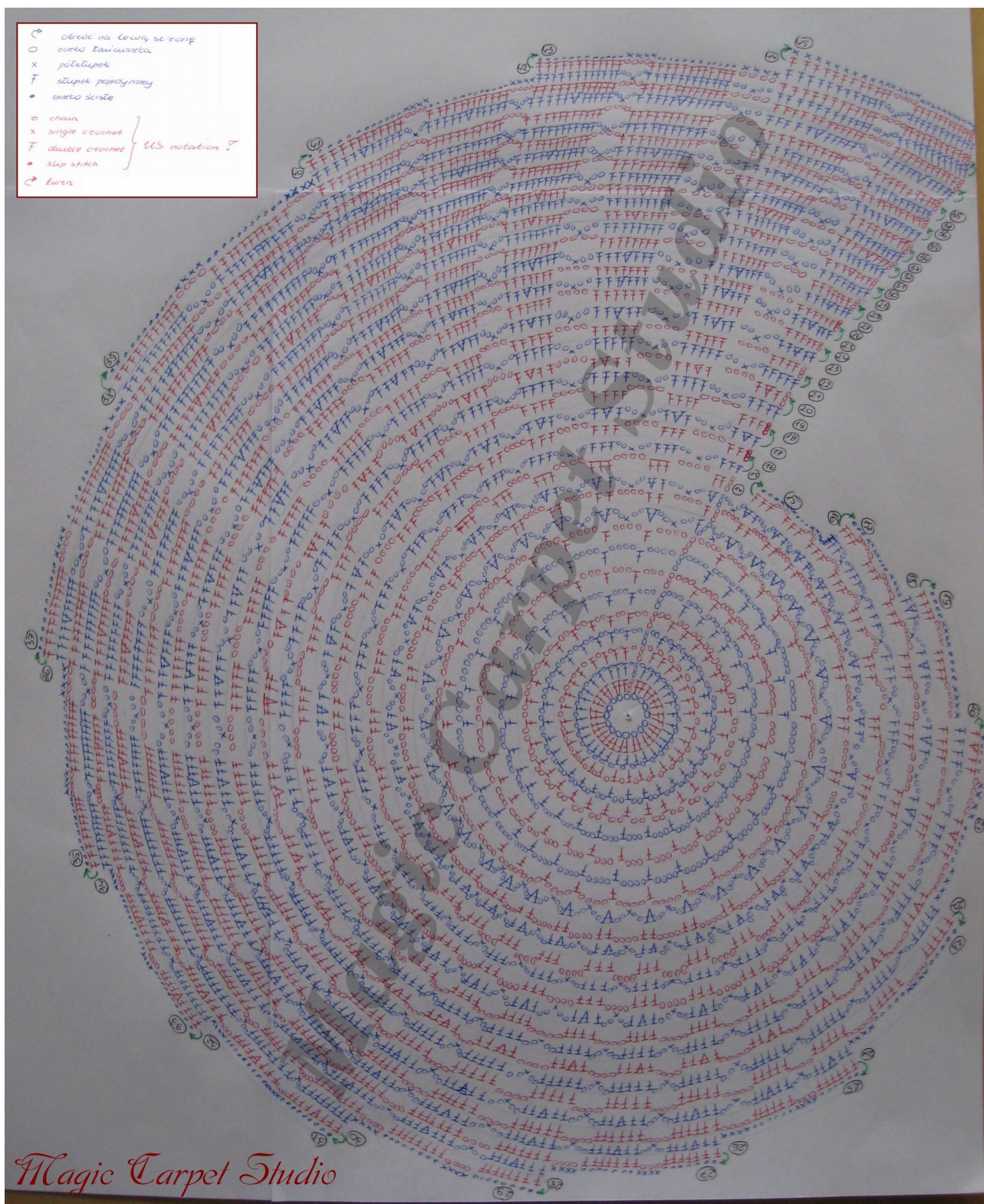
<http://www.polimex.net/sklep/index.php?page=Product&id=676&sid=68&lang=en>
but I have no idea if they are willing to ship small quantities of string overseas.



Another important thing: you should be sitting on the carpet while crocheting it. This way the carpet will appear as if it has already been washed and blocked – because you have been ironing it with your buttocks while crocheting. If you crochet the carpet while sitting on the couch, it will come out crooked and uneven :(



It took me 6 hours to draw the diagram by hand. In the end it covered three sheets of A4 printer paper. It was very hard to put it in a scanner and the outcome didn't look very pleasing, so I made a photo of it instead.



I realize that the above diagram is not very clear, obviously it's hard to fit a larger photo into a PDF file. You can download a bigger version (2164 x 2636 pixels) from my blog :)

<http://magiccarpetstudio.blogspot.com/2016/01/drugie-zycie-muszelki.html>

If you prefer verbal instructions over visual diagrams, here they are:

I will use the US crochet notation throughout this tutorial.

ch – chain

ss – slip stitch

sc – single crochet

dc – double crochet

Round 1. Make 16 ch. **Join this round (and every round up to round 13) with a slip stitch.**

Round 2. Make 3 ch (*pretending to be a dc*) and a dc in the joining ss.

Repeat (2 dc in each stitch) **15 times.** *You have 32 dc.*

Round 3. Make 4 ch (*pretending to be a dc and a ch*). **Repeat** (dc in the next dc, ch) **31 times.**

Round 4. Repeat round 3.

Round 5. Make 5 ch (*pretending to be a dc and 2 ch*). **Repeat** (dc in the next dc, 2 ch) **31 times.**

Round 6. Repeat round 5.

Round 7. Make 6 ch (*pretending to be a dc and 3 ch*). **Repeat** (dc in the next dc, 3 ch) **31 times.**

Round 8. Repeat round 7.

Round 9. Make 7 ch (*pretending to be a dc and 4 ch*). **Repeat** (dc in the next dc, 4 ch) **31 times.**

Round 10. Repeat round 9.

Round 11. Make 3 ch and a dc in the joining ss, then: 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch. **Repeat** (2 dc in the next dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **31 times.**

Round 12. Make 3 ch, dc in the second dc of the previous round, 4 ch. **Repeat** (dc, dc, 4 ch) **31 times.**

Round 13. Make 3 ch and 2 dc in the next dc. Then 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch. **Repeat** (dc, 2 dc in the same stitch, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **31 times**. *You have 32 groups of 3 dc.*

This was the last round joined with a slip stitch.
From now on you will work with rows instead of rounds.

Row 14. Make 3 ch, dc, dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 3 dc) **31 times**. **Do not end with 4 ch and do not join!!!** *You have 32 groups of 3 dc, two of the groups are not connected with 4 ch.*

From now on you will have to flip the rug onto the other side
before starting each row.

Row 15. Turn. Make an ss in each dc of the first group, then 4 sc in the 4ch-space, again an ss in each dc of the second group and again 4 sc in the 4ch-space – *this operation will decrease the number of groups by 2, we will make such a decrease in every odd row.* **Repeat** (3 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **29 times**. End with 3 dc. *You now have 30 groups of 3 dc.*

Row 16. Turn. Make 3 ch, dc, dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 3 dc) **29 times**. *You have 30 groups of 3 dc.*

Row 17. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (dc, 2 dc in one stitch, dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **27 times**. End with dc, 2 dc in one stitch, dc. *You have 28 groups of 4 dc.*

Row 18. Turn. Make 3 ch, 3 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 4 dc) **27 times**. *You have 28 groups of 4 dc.*

Row 19. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (4 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **25 times**. End with 4 dc. *You have 26 groups of 4 dc.*

Row 20. Turn. Make 3 ch, dc, dc, 2 dc in one stitch, dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, dc, dc, 2 dc in one stitch, dc) **25 times**. *You have 26 groups of 5 dc.*

Row 21. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (5 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **23 times**. End with 5 dc. *You have 24 groups of 5 dc.*

Row 22. Turn. Make 3 ch, 4 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 5 dc) **23 times**. *You have 24 groups of 5 dc.*

Row 23. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (dc, dc, 2 dc in one stitch, dc, dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **21 times.** End with dc, dc, 2 dc in one stitch, dc, dc. *You have 22 groups of 6 dc.*

Row 24. Turn. Make 3 ch, 5 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 6 dc) **21 times.** *You have 22 groups of 6 dc.*

Row 25. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (2 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 3 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **19 times.** End with 2 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 3 dc. *You have 20 groups of 7 dc.*

Row 26. Turn. Make 3 ch, 6 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 7 dc) **19 times.** *You have 20 groups of 7 dc.*

Row 27. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (3 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 3 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **17 times.** End with 3 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 3 dc. *You have 18 groups of 8 dc.*

Row 28. Turn. Make 3 ch, 7 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 8 dc) **17 times.** *You have 18 groups of 8 dc.*

Row 29. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (8 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **15 times.** End with 8 dc. *You have 16 groups of 8 dc.*

Row 30. Turn. Make 3 ch, 3 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 4 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 3 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 4 dc) **15 times.** *You have 16 groups of 9 dc.*

Row 31. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (9 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **13 times.** End with 9 dc. *You have 14 groups of 9 dc.*

Row 32. Turn. Make 3 ch, 4 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 4 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 4 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 4 dc) **13 times.** *You have 14 groups of 10 dc.*

Row 33. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (10 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **11 times.** End with 10 dc. *You have 12 groups of 10 dc.*

Row 34. Turn. Make 3 ch, 9 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 10 dc) **11 times.** *You have 12 groups of 10 dc.*

Row 35. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (4 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 5 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **9 times.** End with 4 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 5 dc. *You have 10 groups of 11 dc.*

Row 36. Turn. Make 3 ch, 10 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 11 dc) **9 times**. *You have 10 groups of 11 dc.*

Row 37. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (11 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **7 times**. End with 11 dc. *You have 8 groups of 11 dc.*

Row 38. Turn. Make 3 ch, 10 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 11 dc) **7 times**. *You have 8 groups of 11 dc.*

Row 39. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (5 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 5 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **5 times**. End with 5 dc, 2 dc in one stitch, 5 dc. *You have 6 groups of 12 dc.*

Row 40. Turn. Make 3 ch, 11 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 12 dc) **5 times**. *You have 6 groups of 12 dc.*

Row 41. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** **Repeat** (12 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch) **3 times**. End with 12 dc. *You have 4 groups of 12 dc.*

Row 42. Turn. Make 3 ch, 11 dc. **Repeat** (4 ch, 12 dc) **3 times**. *You have 4 groups of 12 dc.*

Row 43. Turn. **Decrease 2 groups.** Make 12 dc, 2 ch, sc in the 4ch-space, 2 ch, 12 dc. *You have 2 groups of 12 dc.*

Row 44. Turn. Make 3 ch, 11 dc, 4 ch, 12 dc. *You have 2 groups of 12 dc.*

Row 45. Turn. Make an sc in every dc and 4 sc in the 4ch-space.

If you want to, you can make 3 sc in every dc (and in every 3ch-space pretending to be a dc) along the straight edge leading from the last row to round 14. It will make the edge look a lot smoother!

Either way, bind off and weave in all ends.



If you make the Seashell Carpet please send me a photo of it with some details about yourself, like your name and where you're from. I'm curious to know how far my design travels :)

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