

# "Lace Valentine"

## BEDSPREAD DESIGN

(Pictured on Cover)

**MATERIALS**—Lily's Skytone Mercerized Crochet Cotton in White, Ivory, Cream or Ecreu. Single Size—32 balls. Double Size—39 balls. Steel Crochet Hook Size 8 or 9.

**GAUGE**—Each block measures about  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches square when blocked and requires 45 yards. For a single size spread about  $73\frac{1}{2} \times 105$  inches, make  $14 \times 20$  blocks. For a double size spread about  $89\frac{1}{4} \times 105$  inches, make  $17 \times 20$  blocks.

**BLOCK**—Ch 7, 1 dc in starting st, (ch 3, 1 dc in same st) twice, ch 3, sl st in next 3d ch st.

**Row 2**—Ch 3, turn, 2 dc in same st, (ch 6, sl st in 4th ch st from hook for a p, ch 2, 3 dc in next dc) 3 times, ch 6, p, ch 2, sl st in top of next 3-ch.

**Row 3**—Ch 3, \* 3 dc in next dc, 1 dc in next, ch 3, roll next p-loop over so that the p points down towards center, sl st at base of p, ch 4, sl st in same place, ch 3, 1 dc in next dc. Repeat from \* around. Join final 3-ch to 1st 3-ch.

**Row 4**—Ch 3, 1 dc in same st, \* 1 dc in next dc, 3 dc in next, 1 dc in next, 2 dc in next, ch 7, p, ch 3, 2 dc in next dc. Repeat from \* around. Join final 3-ch to top of 1st 3-ch.

**Row 5**—Ch 3, 1 dc in same st, 1 dc in next 2 dc, ch 1, turn, 1 sc in 3 dc, 1 sc in end 3-ch, \*\* ch 1, turn,

1 sc in last 3 sc, sl st in next sc, ch 2, turn, skip sl st and last sc, 1 sc in 2 sc, ch 1, turn, 1 sc in last sc, 1 sl st in next sc, ch 1, turn, skip sl st, 1 sc in sc, \* ch 5, 1 dc in 4th ch st from hook, ch 3, sl st in same st, (ch 4, 1 dc in 4th ch st from hook, ch 3, sl st in same st) twice, skip these 3 tiny petals and make a sl st in next ch st, turn, 1 sl st in last sc at top of point, 4 sc across ends of sc-rows down to top of last dc, sl st in side-top of this dc, \* 1 dc in next dc of previous row, 3 dc in next, 1 dc in next, ch 1, turn, 1 sc in these last 5 dc, (ch 1, turn, skip last sc, 1 sc in each remaining sc) 4 times. Repeat from \* to \*. 1 dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next, ch 1, turn, 1 sc in last 4 dc, ch 1, turn, skip last sc, 1 sc in next 3 sc, ch 1, turn, 1 sc in last 2 sc, sl st in next sc, ch 2, turn, skip sl st and last sc, 1 sc in next sc, ch 1, turn, 1 sc in sc. Repeat from \* to \*. Ch 2, roll next p-loop over, sl st at base of p, ch 4, sl st in same place, ch 2, 2 dc in next dc, 1 dc in next 2 dc, ch 1, turn, 1 sc in these 4 dc. Repeat from \*\* around. Join final 2-ch to top of starting 3-ch and fasten off.

**Row 6**—Join again to middle petal of center flower on one leaf, (ch 13, 1 sc in next flower, ch 11, 1 sc in next flower, ch 13, 1 sc in next flower) 4 times.

**Row 7**—15 sc over next 13-ch, \* 10 sc in next space, ch 11, turn, sl st in 7th sc from hook, ch 1, turn, 14 sc over 11-ch, 3 sc in bal. of next 11-ch, 5 sc in next space, ch 2, turn, 1 dtr in 1st sc on added loop, (ch 2, 1 dtr in next sc) 13 times, ch 2, sl st in next 8th sc on circle, ch 1, turn, (2 sc, ch 4, sl st in last sc for a p, and 1 sc) in each of next seven 2-ch spaces, 2 sc in next, ch 6, 2 tr in 6th ch st from hook, holding the last loop of each tr on hook, thread over and draw thru all 3 loops on hook at once (a Cluster), ch 4, sl st in Cluster for a p, ch 6, sl st at base of Cluster, 1 sc in same 2-ch space, (2 sc, a p and 1 sc) in each of next 7 spaces, 10 sc in bal. of 13-ch space on circle, a p, 4 sc in next space, ch 2, turn, 1 dc in last p, (ch 2, 1 dc in p) 3 times, ch 2, sl st in next 4th sc, ch 1, turn, (2 sc, a p and 1 sc) in each 2-ch space, 11 sc in bal. of 13-ch space. Repeat from \* around. End with a p, sl st in 1st 4 sc and make final small shell. Fasten off.

Make the necessary number of blocks and join by the Cluster at each corner, by the 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th and 11th ps on large corner shells, and by the center p on small shell in center of each side of block. Tack together with neat over-and-over stitches on wrong side, or join blocks as they are being made. For the latter, in place of a 4-ch p, make 2-ch, sl st in corresponding p on previous block, ch 2, sl st back in last sc—completing joining p. Block to measurements given.

