Bridal Garter

My cousin Marci is getting married and I offered to make her a garter as her wedding present. I wanted something lacy without being too fancy but that could also be easily modified.

With a ribbon to tie it on, this garter belt is one that can be handed down through the generations.

P.S. Brides! Purchase a store bought garter to use as your throw away garter!

Sizes and Materials List ...

Size:	17-1/4" x 1-3/8", after blocking
Hook(s):	Boye US 7 (1.65 mm)
Yarn:	Cotton Thread, size 30, any brand
Colors & Approx. Yardage	White, 105 yds Each inch of the garter will take approximately 6 yds of thread
Notions	Yarn Needle Marker 1/8" white or light blue ribbon, 25"
Gauge:	40 sc = 4"/10 cm; 10 sc = 1" *Always take time to check your gauge*

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Notes ...

Modifications	Each pattern repeat is 12 sts, so if you use a different size thread or hook, make sure you take this into account. Tiny beads can be added in if you'd like to fancy it up a bit. Suggestions include on the second ch of picot on bottom ruffle and in the center of the flower petals.
Stitches Used	Chain (ch) Slip Stitch (sl st) Single Crochet (sc) Extended Single Crochet (esc) Double Crochet (dc) Treble Crochet (tr) Foundation Single Crochet (fsc)
Abbreviations	Each (ea) Place Marker (pm) Skip (sk) Stitch(es) (st / sts)
Special Stitches	**Double Crochet Cluster (dc cluster)** Yo, insert hook in specified st, yo, pull through, yo, pull through two loops on hook, two loops on hook, yo, insert hook in same specified st, yo, pull through, yo, pull through two loops, yo, pull through three loops on hook.

Instructions ...

Center Band

Base Chain	Make a fsc of 180 sts, join to first st with a sl st, making sure not to twist the piece, pm on front of piece. The fsc will be longer than 17.5" but it will tighten up after adding the next round of sc.
Round 1	Ch 1, sc in joining st and in ea st around, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 2	Ch 4 (beg tr), tr in next sc, ch 1, sk next sc, tr in next sc, ch 1, *sk next sc, tr in next two sc, ch 1, sk next sc, tr in next sc, ch 1,* rep from * to * to end, join with sl st in top of beg tr.
Round 4	Ch 1, sc in first tr and in ea tr and ch-1 sp around, join with sl st to first sc.
Round 5	Ch 1, esc in joining sc and in ea sc around, join with sl st to first esc.

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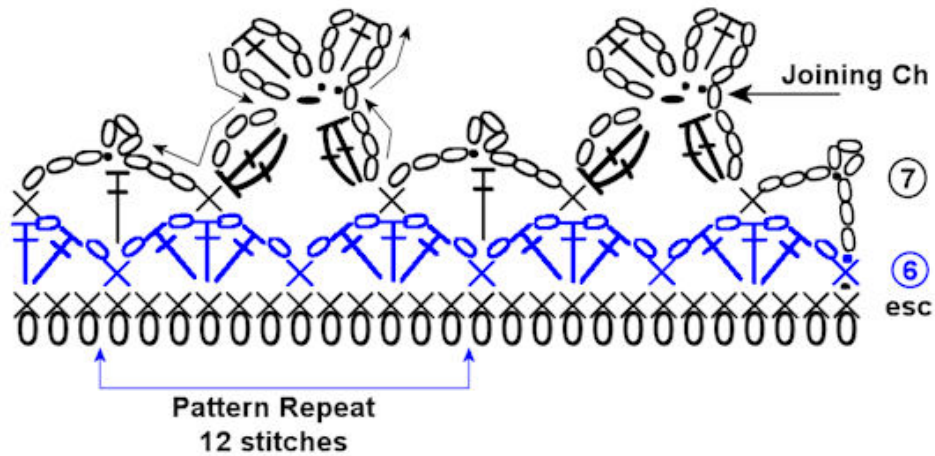

Lower Ruffle (see chart for symbol version)

Round 6	Ch 1, sc in joining esc, *ch 1, sk 2 sts, (dc, ch 1) three times in next st, sk 2 sts, sc in next st,* rep from * to * to end, join with sl st in first sc.
Round 7 - no beads	Ch 6, sl st in fourth ch from hook to form picot, ch 3, sc in second dc of round below, *ch 3, dc cluster in same dc, ch 4, dc in fourth ch from hook (joining ch), ch 3, sl st in joining ch, ch 3, dc in joining ch, ch 3, sl st in joining ch, dc cluster in second dc of round below, ch 3, sc in same dc, ch 3, dc in next sc, ch 3, sl st in top of dc to form picot, ch 3, sc in second dc of round below,* rep from * to * around, joining with sl st in beg sc, fasten off.
Round 7 - with beads	Ch 6, adding bead in fifth ch, sl st in fourth ch from hook to form picot, ch 3, sc in second dc of round below, *ch 3, dc cluster in same dc, ch 4, dc in fourth ch from hook (joining ch), ch 3, sl st in joining ch, ch 3, dc in joining ch, ch 3 adding bead in third ch, sl st in joining ch, dc cluster in second dc of round below, ch 3, sc in same dc, ch 3, dc in next sc, ch 3 adding bead in second ch, sl st in top of dc to form picot, ch 3, sc in second dc of round below,* rep from * to * around, joining with sl st in beg sc, fasten off.

Upper Ruffle

Round 1	Join with sc to opposite side of center band above any single tr set, *ch 4, sk next st, sc in next st,* rep from * to * around, joining with sl st in first sc, fasten off.

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Chart for Bottom Ruffle

Pattern Repeat
12 stitches

Finishing ...

Weave in ends. Wash and block as needed.

Weave ribbon in between tr of center of belt, with ribbon going under the two tr set and over the one tr set.

P.S. Purchase a garter belt from your local craft store to use as a throw away! Keep this one as an heirloom.

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