Birthstone stripe scarf

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 7 × 61¾ in (18 × 157 cm)

Skill
Easy
One stitch, many color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 13 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: ivory	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: garnet	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: amethyst	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: aquamarine	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: diamond gray	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: emerald	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: alexandrite mauve	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: ruby	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn J: peridot	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn K: sapphire	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn L: tourmaline pink	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn M: topaz	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn N: blue zircon	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 280 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Kids	5½ × 44½ in (14 × 113 cm)	about 310 yd (283 m)
Standard (this file)	**7 × 61¾ in (18 × 157 cm)**	**about 565 yd (517 m)**

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Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: there are no chains between the stitches here, so count the stitches alone: 13 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 11 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 8.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece is about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall, so that you can count over 4 in (10 cm) in the middle of it.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 22. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across | (20 hdc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 17** | Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across | (20 hdc) |

For another width, make the chain longer or shorter: each chain is one more stitch. For another length, work 2 rows more or fewer in every stone stripe. Measure your own gauge first.

Instructions

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hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **st** stitch.
The ch 2 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
(23 hdc): the row now has 23; a check, not a step. Not 23? **Pull it back**.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 25.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 8**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

4 5 6 7 **8**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 8.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 7 in (18 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **Rows 9 to 14**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)

9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)

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☐ **Row 17**	With C, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 18 to 28**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28		
☐ **Row 29**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 31**	With D, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 32 to 42**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42		
☐ **Row 43**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 45**	With E, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 46 to 56**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56		
☐ **Row 57**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 58**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 59**	With F, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 60 to 70**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70		
☐ **Row 71**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 72**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 73**	With G, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 74 to 84**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84		
☐ **Row 85**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 86**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 87**	With H, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 88 to 98**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98		
☐ **Row 99**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 100**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 101**	With J, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 102 to 112**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)

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102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112

☐ **Row 113**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 114**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 115**	With K, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 116 to 126**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)

116 117 118 119 120 121 122 123 124 125 126

☐ **Row 127**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 128**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 129**	With L, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 130 to 140**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)

130 131 132 133 134 135 136 137 138 139 140

☐ **Row 141**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 142**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 143**	With M, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 144 to 154**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)

144 145 146 147 148 149 150 151 152 153 154

☐ **Row 155**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 156**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 157**	With N, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Rows 158 to 168**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)

158 159 160 161 162 163 164 165 166 167 168

☐ **Row 169**	With A, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐ **Row 170**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(23 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Lay the piece flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

In all: 170 rows; 3,910 stitches.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the scarf. That is the yarn for all the colors together: divide it among them by the rows each one has, and for the tails add 1 yard (1 meter) to each stone and 5 yards (5 meters) to the ivory.

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Notes

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the first st of the row below.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before.
- Cut a yarn when its stripe is done, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and work over the tails as you go or weave them in at the end. The estimates include the tails; if you measure your own, add them.
- The 2 chs skipped at the start of row 1 do not count as a stitch.
- Each stone is used once: join it for its stripe and cut it after. The ivory is cut after each of its lines too.
- Some months have more than one birthstone. Use the color you think of as yours.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others. Join a new ball at the end of a row, with the same tails: each join adds two ends.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- Every birthstone has one stripe of 12 rows; ivory has 13 lines of 2 rows, 26 rows in all, one at each end and one between every two stones.
- Scraps: a ball end of 40 yd (37 m) is enough for a stripe. Every stripe is the same, so each stone takes the same amount.
- Your own family: work one stripe for each person, in order of birth or of the year, with 2 rows of ivory at both ends and between stripes. For about the same length work 3 stripes of 54 rows, 4 stripes of 40 rows, 5 stripes of 32 rows, 6 stripes of 26 rows or 7 stripes of 22 rows. A stripe of twice the rows takes twice the yarn.

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