Broom duster cover

Narrow · US terms



Finished size
About 10¾ × 9¼ in (27 × 23 cm)
About 10¾ in (27.5 cm) wide and 9¼ in (23.5 cm) tall with its neck, the loops not counted, for a broom head 9 in (23 cm) to 10½ in (26.5 cm) wide at the ends of its bristles. To fit a head of 9 in (23 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
It uses loop stitch, increases at the two ends of an oval, and front and back post stitches.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: sunny yellow, the base and the skirt **about 225 yd (206 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gray, the neck and the cord **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Fiber: acrylic

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Narrow (this file)	**9 in (23 cm)**	**10¾ × 9¼ in (27 × 23 cm)**	**about 290 yd (265 m)**
Wide	10½ in (26.5 cm)	12¾ × 9¼ in (32 × 23 cm)	about 320 yd (293 m)

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch chain stitch
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
FPhdc front post half double crochet (UK front post half treble)
BPhdc back post half double crochet (UK back post half treble)

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yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
WS	wrong side

Special stitches

loop-st (Loop stitch): Insert hook in the place named. Lift a forefinger behind the work so that the yarn lies over it in a loop about 1 in (2.5 cm) long, catch both strands of that loop with the hook, the one in front of the finger and the one behind it, and draw both through the stitch, so that 3 loops are on the hook; then yo, pull through all 3 loops, and slip the long loop off the finger. It stands at the back of the work. It leaves 1 loop-st for the next round.

Gauge

12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The loop stitch rounds are counted at the same height as single crochet rounds. The gauge is taken on the plain side.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 3 the base should measure about 10¼ in (26 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain: along one side, 3 stitches in the last chain, then back along the other side.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The loops of loop stitch come out at the back of the work. So the cover is worked with its wrong side, the plain side, facing you all the time. When it begins to stand up, the plain side is on the outside and the loops are inside; it is turned when the neck is done. On the base and at the foot of the skirt push the loops through to the back as you go.
- In the rib of the neck the front and back post stitches go round the post of the half double crochet (UK half treble), or of the post stitch, of the round before. FPhdc: yo, put the hook in from the front, round behind the post and out at the front again, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through all 3 loops on hook. BPhdc: the same, with the hook put in from the back, round in front of the post and out at the back again.
- Measure your broom before you begin, across the ends of its bristles. The narrow size is for 9 in (23 cm) to 10½ in (26.5 cm). The wide size is for 10½ in (26.5 cm) to 12½ in (31.5 cm). Both are for bristles that spread to 2 in (5 cm) to 3 in (7.5 cm) from front to back and for a broom that is 5 in (12.5 cm) to 6½ in (16.5 cm) high from the ends of the bristles to the shoulders of the head, where it begins to get narrower. The neck is as wide as the skirt, so that it goes over the bristles, and the cord draws it in.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 27: A. Rounds 28 to 33: B.

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Instructions

Chosen: Narrow. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, FPhdc is front post half treble, BPhdc is back post half treble, yo is yarn round hook and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, sunny yellow; B, gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 27.	

Base

☐ **Rnd 1 (WS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 24 chs, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, sc in next 24 chs, 2 sc in last ch	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 loop-st in next st, loop-st in next 24 sts, 2 loop-st in each of next 3 sts, loop-st in next 24 sts, 2 loop-st in each of next 2 sts	**(60 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 24 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(66 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 3.** The base should measure about 10¼ in (26 cm) long and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide, measured on the plain side.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Loop-st in next 2 sts, 2 loop-st in next st, loop-st in next 24 sts, **[**loop-st in next 2 sts, 2 loop-st in next st**] 3 times**, loop-st in next 24 sts, **[**loop-st in next 2 sts, 2 loop-st in next st**] 2 times**	**(72 loop-sts)**

Skirt

☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Loop-st in each st around	**(72 loop-sts)**

A box for each round, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnds 9 to 27**	Sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**

A box for each round, 9 to 27: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27

Neck

☐ **Rnd 28**	With B, sc in each st around	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**Sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 36 times**	**(36 sc, 36 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**Hdc in next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 36 times**	**(72 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 31 to 33**	**[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 36 times**	**(36 FPhdc, 36 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 31 to 33: tick them off as you go.

☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave all the tails in on the plain side. Then turn the cover inside out through the neck, so that the loops are on the outside. Put a hand inside and push the ends of the oval out round. Draw out any loop that is caught.

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2. For the cord, with B, ch 150, about 40 in (101.5 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end.

3. Lay the cover flat with the base folded along its middle, so that each end of the oval is at a side. In round 29, the round of holes, find the hole nearest to the middle of the upper side. Thread the cord in through it from the outside, out through the next hole, and so on through all the 36 chain-1 spaces. The end comes out of the last space, next to the first. Knot each end of the cord and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm).

4. Stand the broom on its handle, the bristles up, and draw the cover down over them, with the oval base on the ends of the bristles and the hole where the cord comes out at the middle of the front. Draw the cord up so that the neck lies close round the head of the broom above the bristles, where the head begins to get narrower, and tie it in a bow. To wash the cover, untie the bow and pull the cover off.

Finishing

- Shake the cover out before you use it. The loops stay closed: do not cut them.

In all: 33 rounds.

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