Button loop towel holder

US terms



Finished size

About 3¼ × 12¼ in (8 × 31 cm)

About 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long from the lower fold to the end, the ring not counted; buttoned, about 7¾ in (19.5 cm) from the top of the rail to the lower fold

Skill

Easy

It is one flat strap, with front and back post stitches in blocks of three.

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: sage, rows 14 to 38 **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, rows 1 to 13 and 39 to 41 **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: a wooden ring 4 in (10 cm) across, its wood no thicker than ½ in (1.5 cm), a button about 1 in (2.5 cm) across, with sewing thread and a sewing needle, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

Gauge

18 stitches and 20 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

18 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet. The post stitch rows are counted at the same height as double crochet rows.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 13.

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The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch in A before you begin: ch 28; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (27 sc); rows 2 to 30, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (27 sc). Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 18 stitches and 20 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 28.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(27 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 30	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(27 sc)

Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **FPdc** dc round the stitch below, hook in and out at the front, **BPdc** dc round the stitch below, hook in and out at the back, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 9 sts: one in each. **ch-8 sp**: the hole under eight chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
[ ] 2 times: 2 times in all. (9 FPdc, 6 BPdc): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.
Also: sp space, RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Begin with yarn B, cream.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 12.	

Tab

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(11 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(11 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Widening

☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	(15 sc)

Stop and measure now, after row 13. The strap should measure about 3¼ in (8.5 cm) wide. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Woven part

☐ **Row 14**	With A, ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(15 dc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, FPdc around next 3 sts	(9 FPdc, 6 BPdc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 17**	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, BPdc around next 3 sts	(9 BPdc, 6 FPdc)

16 17

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☐ **Rows 18 to 19** 18 19	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, FPdc around next 3 sts	(9 FPdc, 6 BPdc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 21** 20 21	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, BPdc around next 3 sts	(9 BPdc, 6 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 23** 22 23	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, FPdc around next 3 sts	(9 FPdc, 6 BPdc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 25** 24 25	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, BPdc around next 3 sts	(9 BPdc, 6 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 26 to 27** 26 27	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, FPdc around next 3 sts	(9 FPdc, 6 BPdc)
☐ **Rows 28 to 29** 28 29	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, BPdc around next 3 sts	(9 BPdc, 6 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 30 to 31** 30 31	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, FPdc around next 3 sts	(9 FPdc, 6 BPdc)
☐ **Rows 32 to 33** 32 33	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, BPdc around next 3 sts	(9 BPdc, 6 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 34 to 35** 34 35	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, FPdc around next 3 sts	(9 FPdc, 6 BPdc)
☐ **Rows 36 to 37** 36 37	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 3 sts, FPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, BPdc around next 3 sts	(9 BPdc, 6 FPdc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 3 sts, BPdc around next 3 sts**] 2 times**, FPdc around next 3 sts	(9 FPdc, 6 BPdc)
☐ **Row 39**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, ch 8, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 6 sts	(12 sc, 1 ch-8 sp)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails, along stitches of their own color.

2. Lay the strap with its right side down, the foundation chain toward you. Lay the wooden ring across the tab, rows 1 to 10, and fold the tab up over the wood, so that the foundation chain lies along the top of row 10, where the strap begins to widen. The ring now hangs in the fold.

3. Cut a length of B about 16 in (40.5 cm) long. Beginning at one side with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the foundation chain to the back of row 10, stitch to stitch, 11 stitches. The two sides of the fold stay open. Fasten off and weave in both tails.

4. Turn the strap over. Sew the button to the right side with sewing thread, on row 20, at the 8th of its 15 stitches, the middle one.

5. To hang it, take the plain end up behind the rail, over it and down in front, and put the button loop, the ch-8 sp of the last row, over the button. The end that comes over shows the other side of the fabric: the blocks look alike on both sides. Pull the towel through the ring.

Finishing

- To wash the holder, take the towel out and unbutton the strap. The wooden ring stays sewn in the tab, so wash the strap by hand in cool water without soaking the ring, wipe the wood dry and lay the strap flat to dry.

In all: 41 rows; 568 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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- The chain of 1 or of 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. In a row of post stitches the first stitch goes round the post of the first stitch of the row below, and the last round the post of the last.
- FPdc: yarn over (UK yarn round hook), put the hook in from the front, round behind the post of the stitch and out at the front again, yarn over, pull up a loop, and finish the double crochet (UK treble). BPdc: the same, with the hook put in from the back, round in front of the post and out at the back again.
- Each block of three stitches is raised for two rows on one side of the fabric and then sinks for two rows, so that both sides look woven. Read each row as it is written, on both sides.
- The buttoned strap makes a loop about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) round, for a rail up to 1¼ in (3 cm) thick. For a longer strap, work rows 35 to 38 once more after row 38, with A, before the three last rows: that is one repeat of the weave, in this order: a row that begins with FPdc, two rows that begin with BPdc, and a row that begins with FPdc. Each repeat adds about 1½ in (4 cm) and takes about 7 yd (6 m) more of A. The numbers of the three last rows are then 4 higher for each repeat. For a thicker rail the button stays on row 20; for the same rail sew it on row 24 when one repeat is added, and 4 rows higher again for each repeat more.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- 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, row by row. Rows 1 to 13: B. Rows 14 to 38: A. Rows 39 to 41: B.

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