Buttoned towel holder

US terms



Finished size
Fan about 7½ in (19 cm) wide and 3½ in (9 cm) deep with its shells, its pleats drawn in; tab about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide and 5¼ in (13 cm) long before it is folded; for a rail up to 1¼ in (3 cm) thick

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches, increases and an edge of shells

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: sage, main	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, holder, rows 31 to 33	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a button, ¾ in (2 cm) across, sewing thread for the button, a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and pins and a kitchen towel of any size that is not very thick.

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 15 percent added.

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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
FPdc	front post double crochet: yo, insert hook from the front, behind the post of the st named and out to the front again, yo,
BPdc	back post double crochet: the same, with the hook put in from the back, in front of the post and out to the back again
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

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

Check it on the tab of the holder, laid flat, when row 20 is done: the 7 stitches of a row are about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide and the 20 rows are about 4½ in (11 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The holder is worked from the buttonhole end of the tab down to the shells.
- Pleats: the 4 BPdc of row 26 are worked round 4 dc of row 25. From row 27 to row 30, each FPdc or BPdc is worked round the post stitch that stands in its place in the row below. They make four raised pleats on the right side.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn at the end of its stripe, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Use cotton yarn: it stands up to washing.

Instructions

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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet, dc is treble, FPdc is front post treble, or raised treble front, BPdc is back post treble, or raised treble back and sk is miss.

Holder

Yarns in order of use: A, sage; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 2 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in last st	**(11 dc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**2 dc in next st, BPdc around next st**] 4 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in last st	**(12 dc, 4 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st, FPdc around next st**] 4 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, dc in last st	**(17 dc, 4 FPdc)**

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☐ **Row 28**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 4 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, dc in last st	**(22 dc, 4 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, FPdc around next st**] 4 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, dc in last st	**(27 dc, 4 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, BPdc around next st**] 4 times**, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, dc in last st	**(32 dc, 4 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 31**	With B, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 35 sts	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(7 sc, 30 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Towel loop

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends of the holder. Weave in the beginning end of the towel loop, and keep its tail.

2. Towel loop: fold the loop in half, its right side out (row 1 is a right side row), so that its foundation chain and its last row lie one on the other. Lay the holder with its wrong side up and the shells toward you. Lay these two edges on row 24, the last row of the tab, over the 5 middle stitches of its 7, the fold of the loop toward the shells. Pin them. With the tail of the loop, sew through both edges and the back of row 24, 5 stitches, then go back over the 5 stitches once. The loop hangs behind the fan, about 2¾ in (7 cm) long, and it is open at its two sides.

3. Button: with sewing thread, sew it to the right side of row 25, the first row of double crochet, over the sixth of its 11 stitches.

4. To hang it, pass the buttonhole end of the tab up behind the rail, over it and down in front, and button it.

5. Gather a towel in your hand across its middle. Lift the fan and pull one end of the towel through the loop from the side, until half of the towel hangs on each side of the loop. Bring the two halves together behind the fan and let the fan down over them. To take the towel out, pull it back through the loop.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 535 stitches (415 in the holder, 120 in the towel loop).

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