Checked skillet handle cover

Regular · US terms



Finished size
About 2¾ × 6 in (7 × 15 cm)
About 6 in (15 cm) long, 4¼ in (11 cm) round the checks and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) round the mouth. To fit a handle of 3 in (7.5 cm) to 3¾ in (9.5 cm) round at its thickest

Skill
Intermediate
Two colors are used in every round of the checks, and the one not in use is carried inside the stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: barn red, stripes — **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, checks — **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), 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	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Regular (this file)	**a handle of 3 in (7.5 cm) to 3¾ in (9.5 cm) round at its thickest**	**2¾ × 6 in (7 × 15 cm)**	**about 45 yd (41 m)**
Wide	a handle of 4 in (10 cm) to 5 in (12.5 cm) round at its thickest	3½ × 6¼ in (9 × 16 cm)	about 55 yd (50 m)

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

17 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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 7 the cover should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Tapestry crochet: where two or more colors share a round, lay the color or colors of that round not in use along the top of the round before and work over them, all the way round, so that they are carried inside the stitches.
- To change color, at the start of a round or inside it, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. In the checks cut nothing: join B in the first round of the checks and carry both colors to the last. Cut B after the last round of the checks and A after the round before the last, each with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and join B anew for the last round.
- Unjoined rounds lean a little, so the columns of checks turn gently round the handle.
- Pull the carried yarn just straight, so that it neither puckers the tube nor shows between the stitches.
- Cotton is used because it does not melt. The cover is for lifting a warm pan and for a better hold: take it off while the pan is over a flame or in the oven, keep it dry, and where a handle is very hot use a thick potholder as well.
- For a longer or shorter cover work 3 rounds more or fewer of the checks, which is one band; every band is about ¾ in (2 cm).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 4: A. Rounds 5 to 25: A and B. Rounds 26 to 28: A. Round 29: B.

Instructions

Chosen: Regular. 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.

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

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Tip		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**

Checks

☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 7: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

5 6 **7**

Stop and measure now, after round 7. The cover should measure about 4¼ in (11 cm) around.

☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	**[**With B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10

☐ **Rnds 11 to 13**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 13: tick them off as you go.

11 12 13

☐ **Rnds 14 to 16**	**[**With B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 16: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16

☐ **Rnds 17 to 19**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 17 to 19: tick them off as you go.

17 18 19

☐ **Rnds 20 to 22**	**[**With B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 22: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22

☐ **Rnds 23 to 25**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**

A box for each round, 23 to 25: tick them off as you go.

23 24 25

Mouth

☐ **Rnd 26**	With A, sc in each st around	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	With B, sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch and fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Putting it together

Draw the starting tail to the inside of the tip and pull the ring tight with it. Turn the cover inside out, weave in all the tails on the wrong side, under three or four stitches of their own color, and turn it back.

Finishing

- Turn the mouth out with the fingers so that it flares. Push the cover on from the end of the handle until the tip meets it.

In all: 29 rounds; 522 stitches.

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