Checkerboard cup sleeve

US terms



Finished size
About 10¼ in (26 cm) round and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall

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
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, contrast color — **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cocoa, main color — **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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 5 the tube should measure about 10¼ in (26 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled.

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Before you start

- Join the foundation chain into a ring with a slip stitch, and take care that it is not twisted. The chain of 1 at the start of round 1 does not count as a stitch. Work the first single crochet of round 1 into the first chain, the one that has the slip stitch in it, and one into every other chain; the slip stitch itself is not worked into.
- 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. Where two or more colors share a round, cut nothing at a change: the color you leave is carried. Once a color is no longer in the rounds: where only one or two rounds are worked before it is used again, carry it loosely up the inside; where more are worked, or it is not used again, cut it, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, round by round. Round 1: B. Rounds 2 to 4: B and A. Rounds 5 to 7: A and B. Rounds 8 to 10: B and A. Rounds 11 to 13: A and B. Round 14: B.

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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

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

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 36, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 4**	**[**With B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4

☐ **Rnds 5 to 7**	**[**With A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 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 when you have worked round 5.** After round 5 the tube should measure about 10¼ in (26 cm) around: lay it flat without stretching it, measure across it and double that.

☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	**[**With B, sc in next 3 sts, with A, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 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**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

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

11 12 13

☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(36 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 14 rounds; 504 stitches; 10 ends to weave in.

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