Chicken dishcloth

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 10½ in (27 cm) across the body with its scallops and 9¼ in (23 cm) tall with the comb, without the loop

Skill
Intermediate
Bobbles, shells, and pieces that grow from an edge

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

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

What you need

Yarn A: cream, main color	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, stripe	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: honey, stripe	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, stripe	**about 1 yd (1 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 45 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	8¾ in (22 cm) across, 7¾ in (20 cm) tall	about 72 yd (66 m)
Standard (this file)	**10½ in (27 cm) across, 9¼ in (23 cm) tall**	**about 91 yd (83 m)**

Gauge

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

Check it on the body, laid flat, when row 8 is done: the straight edge measures about 3½ in (9 cm) from one end of row 8 to the other. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

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Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. If the old yarn is needed again after only 2 or 4 rows of another yarn, leave it hanging at the edge and bring it loosely up the side when you need it. Otherwise cut it, 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, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. At a row end, pass the needle under the two strands at the very edge of the row.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Row 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work row 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Row 1 of the body is the right side. Every fourth row has bobbles: it is a wrong-side row, and the bobbles stand out on the right side.
- The body is worked in rows, to and fro, from the middle of the straight edge out to the curve. Work the 3 sc of row 1 into the magic ring, do not join, and turn. Pull the tail until the ring is closed and the two ends of row 1 lie in one straight line. The straight edge is the ends of all the rows. To keep it straight, work the first stitch of a row into the last stitch of the row before, and the last one into its first stitch; the ch 1 is not worked into.
- A ch 3 at the start of a row of the tail counts as the first dc. The dc that follow in the same st go into the stitch from which the ch 3 rises, the last stitch of the row before.
- The wattle begins with a chain that is worked on both of its sides. When the last chain is worked, do not turn: go on round the end and work back along the other side of the chain, the first 3 stitches into the same chain as the last 3.
- Neck and head: the row ends on the left are the half of the straight edge that is on your left when the right side faces you and the scallops are at the top. Turn the body round, right side still facing you, so that the straight edge is at the top and the scallops hang down: this half is now on the right, and its first row end is the end of the scalloped row. Join there, work the first sc into the same row end as the join, and go on with one sc into the end stitch of each row, toward the middle of the straight edge. A row end that is left unworked is called a st in that row.
- Tail: work along the other half of the straight edge. Hold the body with the wrong side facing you and the straight edge at the top: this half is on the right, and its first row end is the end of the scalloped row. Join there, work the first sc into the same row end, and go on toward the middle of the straight edge. At the end of row 2 cut A; at the end of row 3 leave B hanging for row 6.
- Eye: the one bobble of D. Make the last yarn over of the stitch before it with D, work the bobble with D, and make its last yarn over, the one through all 6 loops, with A. Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) at each end of D, and weave these ends in on the wrong side.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.

sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sc3tog** 3 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.

2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.

(3 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bob (Bobble): [yo, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 5 times in the same st, yo, pull through all 6 loops on hook. The bobble stands out on the side away from you and counts as one stitch. In UK terms: 5 unfinished trebles in one place, drawn together.

Body

Yarns in order of use: B, rust; C, honey; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each st across	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, bob in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(9 sc, 3 bob)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(18 sc, 6 bob)
☐ **Row 9**	With C, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	(27 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	(30 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	(33 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(27 sc, 9 bob)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	(39 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 3 times**	(42 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	(45 sc)

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☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(36 sc, 12 bob)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	(51 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**	(54 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**	(57 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next 3 sts, bob in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(45 sc, 15 bob)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	(63 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts**] 2 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in last st	(67 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 11 times**	(12 sc, 55 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Neck and head

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; D, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the ends of the rows on the left of the body, right side facing: 23 row ends.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in end of next row, ch 1, sc in end of each of next 13 rows, leave remaining 10 sts unworked	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts	(11 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog	(10 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts	(9 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog	(8 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	(7 sc, 1 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts	(9 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 8 sts	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 9 sts	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with D, bob in next st, with A, sc in next 3 sts	(10 sc, 1 bob)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(11 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	(7 sc, 2 sc2tog)

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☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	(5 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Comb

Yarn B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the last row of the neck and head, right side facing: 7 sts.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, **[**5 tr in next st, sl st in next st**] 3 times**	(1 sc, 15 tr, 3 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Tail

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

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the ends of the rows on the right of the body, wrong side facing: 23 row ends.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Join A with sl st in end of next row, ch 1, sc in end of each of next 13 rows, leave remaining 10 sts unworked	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	(4 sc, 15 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sk next 2 sts, 4 dc in last st	(22 dc, 3 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 3 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sk next 3 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(4 sc, 21 dc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 3 dc in same st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st, **[**sk next 3 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sk next 3 sts, 4 dc in last st	(22 dc, 3 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 3 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in next st**] 2 times**, sk next 3 sts, 7 dc in next st, sk next 3 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(4 sc, 21 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Beak

Yarn C, honey.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	(1 sc3tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

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Wattle

Yarn B, rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, 3 dc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, 3 dc in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc (8 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the sewing tails of the beak and the wattle.

2. Lay the hen down right side up with the straight edge of the body at the top: the head is on the right and looks to the right, and the tail is on the left. The front edge of the head is the edge on the right.

3. Beak: lay it right side up with its point outward, and its foundation chain against the front edge of the head, at the ends of rows 11, 12 and 13. Its sewing tail hangs at the point: thread it on the needle and bring it to the foundation chain on the wrong side of the beak, through the back of the stitches. Then whip stitch the 3 chains to these 3 row ends, one chain to one row end: 3 stitches, and go back over them once.

4. Wattle: the end where its round was joined is its top. Lay the top right side up on the front edge of the head, at the ends of rows 9 and 10, so that the wattle points straight down. Bring its tail to the wrong side and sew both layers together there: 4 stitches. The lower part hangs free.

5. Hanging loop: the place is the middle one of the 3 sc of row 1, beside the closed magic ring. Right side facing you, put the hook round the upright part (the post) of this sc: from the right side to the wrong side just before it, behind it, and back to the right side just after it. There join A with a sl st, ch 16, sl st round the same post in the same way, and fasten off. Weave in the ends.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing tails.

In all: 3 pieces.

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