Christmas double thick potholder

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 6¾ × 6¾ in (17 × 17 cm)

Skill
Easy
Rounds on both sides of a chain and one seam

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: red, main color and loop	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, narrow stripes	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: forest, wide stripes	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and a stitch marker.

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 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**6¾ × 6¾ in (17 × 17 cm)**	**about 95 yd (87 m)**
Large	8 × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)	about 135 yd (124 m)
Small	5¾ × 5¾ in (15 × 15 cm)	about 70 yd (63 m)

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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)
Rnd	round
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 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. Check it on the potholder itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 8 rounds are done: 14 stitches are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 8 rounds about 2 in (5 cm) deep. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The rounds are not joined: work round and round, and put a marker in the first stitch of each round.
- Use it dry: a wet potholder lets the heat through.
- Because the rounds are a spiral, a small step shows where a color changes. Leave it: nothing is added or left out.
- Round 1 goes along one side of the chain and back along the other. The first sc of the second side goes into the same chain as the last sc of the first side, and the chain that was skipped at the start is not worked into. Round 2 begins in the first sc of round 1.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch before the change with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 both loops.
- Use cotton yarn. Acrylic yarn can melt.
- Slip stitch (sl st): insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook.

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Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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, sc is double crochet and yo is yarn round hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, red; B, warm white; C, forest.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 35.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; do not turn; working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With C, sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 9 to 12**	Sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With A, sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 16 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(68 sc)**
☐ **End**	Do not cut the yarn yet: fold the piece first (step 1) to see that it meets. Then fasten off, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).	

A box for each round, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

A box for each round, 9 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

A box for each round, 16 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19

Assembly

1. You have a flat pouch, closed at the chain and open at the top. Open its mouth and bring the two ends of the mouth (the points above the two ends of the chain) together in the middle. The pouch flattens the other way into a square of two layers, and its open edges meet along one diagonal. If they do not meet, unfold it and work one round more; if they overlap, undo one round. Fasten off when it fits.

2. Weave in every tail on the inside, then fold the square again. Cut a length of A, the color of the last round, about 38 in (97 cm) long. Starting at one corner, whip stitch the two open edges together along the diagonal, stitch to stitch, to the corner across from it: about 34 stitches. Fasten it off and hide its ends between the two layers.

3. Hanging loop: join A with a sl st at one end of the seam, ch 14, sl st in the same place to close the loop. Fasten off and hide the ends.

Finishing

- All the ends are woven in as you put it together.

In all: 19 rounds; 1,292 stitches; 10 ends to weave in.

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