Christmas hanging towel

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 10¼ in (26 cm) wide; the towel is about 11½ in (29 cm) long and the topper about 7¼ in (18 cm) more

Skill
Easy
Decreases and a buttonhole

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: warm white, towel and strap	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, hem and button	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: forest, stripe	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure and a button about 1 in (2.5 cm) across, with holes that the yarn needle goes through; or make the one given.

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)	**10¼ in (26 cm) wide, 11½ in (29 cm) long**	**about 145 yd (133 m)**
Long	10¼ in (26 cm) wide, 15 in (38 cm) long	about 180 yd (165 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)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 together)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

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

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work the test piece, lay it flat without stretching it, and measure in its middle. If it has more stitches and rows to 4 in (10 cm), use a larger hook; if it has fewer, a smaller one.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 19.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(18 sc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
Swatch rows 3 to 20	Repeat swatch row 2.	

Before you start

- 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 and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Slip stitch (sl st): insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook.
- Single crochet 2 together (sc2tog): [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops.

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Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Towel

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

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 37.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**

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

2 3 4

Stripe in A, warm white

☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**

Stripe in C, forest

☐ **Row 7**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**

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

8 9 10

Stripe in A, warm white

☐ **Row 11**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(36 sc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 46: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

Topper

☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 18 times**	**(18 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 9 times**	**(9 sc2tog)**
☐ **Rows 50 to 71**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 50 to 71: tick them off as you go.

50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71

☐ **Row 72**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(6 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)**
☐ **Row 73**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 3 sts	**(9 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 74 to 75**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 74 to 75: tick them off as you go.

74 75

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Button

Yarn B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 8 in (20 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. The crocheted button: thread its tail on the needle, pass it through the top of every stitch of round 2 and draw it in a little, so that its edge turns under and the button is a dome about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) across, right side out: it has to go through the buttonhole snugly and not slip back. A bought button is sewn on with a piece of A about 12 in (30 cm) long.

2. Lay the towel with its right side up (the side that faced you in row 1). Sew the button to this side, in the middle of the strap over rows 50 and 51, just above the two decrease rows.

3. Hang it with the right side toward you: take the strap up behind the rail or the oven door handle, over it and down in front, and button it.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 2 pieces; 1,950 stitches (1,932 in the towel, 18 in the button); 10 ends to weave in.

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