Christmas moss stitch placemat

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 18½ × 13 in (47 × 33 cm)

Skill
Easy
Stripes, skipped stitches, chain spaces

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In three-color moss stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: cranberry, main	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pine, stripe	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. 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)	**18½ × 13 in (47 × 33 cm)**	**about 175 yd (160 m)**
Large	20¾ × 15 in (53 × 38 cm)	about 235 yd (214 m)

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF.

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
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in three-color moss stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. It makes the turning ch sp, and the last stitch of the next row is worked into that space. The three chains skipped at the start of row 1 make the first turning ch sp.
- A stitch worked into a chain space passes over the stitch that lies before the space: that stitch is left unworked.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on each yarn when it first comes in.
- 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.
- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both. In the rows do it in the last stitch of a row; in the rounds of the edging any stitch will do.
- With three yarns and one row of each, the yarn needed next always hangs at the edge where the row begins: bring it loosely up the side and do not cut 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.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- Edging: work along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. The 3 sc in one place turn a corner.
- Use cotton yarn: it is absorbent and stands up to washing.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF.

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, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Placemat

Yarns in order of use: A, cranberry; B, cream; C, pine.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 64.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 4th ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 30 times** **(31 sc, 30 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**
☐ **Row 2**	With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 30 times**, sc in turning ch sp **(31 sc, 30 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**
☐ **Row 3**	With C, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 30 times**, sc in turning ch sp **(31 sc, 30 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 30 times**, sc in turning ch sp **(31 sc, 30 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 49**	Repeat rows 2 to 4 in order, over and over. The last row, row 49, is worked as row 4.

A box for each row, 5 to 49: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 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 ☐ 47 ☐ 48 ☐ 49

☐ **End**	Fasten off A and cut B and C, leaving tails of about 6 in (15 cm).

Edging

Yarn A, cranberry.

Every stitch of the last row counts as one st here, and so does every ch-1 space and the turning ch sp at its one end: work 1 sc into each (3 sc at a corner).

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

On the side edges work 1 sc into the end of each row: around the side of its last sc, or into its turning ch sp beside the sc that is there. The turning ch sp of the last row is the st at its corner and also the end of that row: after the 3 sc of the corner, or before them, the sc for the end of the last row goes into it too.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 62 sts of the last row, the ends of the 49 rows, the 61 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 49 rows.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 60 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 49 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 59 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 49 rows; join with sl st in first sc **(229 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 62 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 51 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 61 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 50 sts; join with sl st in first sc **(237 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 1,985 stitches (1,519 in the placemat, 466 in the edging); 100 ends to weave in.

Found a mistake in this pattern? Tell us at flossfield.com, under Make a request.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF.