Christmas spike placemat

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 19 × 14 in (48 × 36 cm)

Skill
Easy
Long stitches and stripes

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In spike stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: cranberry, main	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, stripe	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pine, stripe	**about 90 yd (82 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)	**19 × 14 in (48 × 36 cm)**	**about 270 yd (247 m)**
Small	15½ × 10 in (39 × 25 cm)	about 160 yd (146 m)

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

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

Special stitches

lsc (Long single crochet): Find the next st of the row just below, then the st straight under it in the row before that (working row 5, the st of row 3 that lies under the next st of row 4). Insert hook in that lower st from the front to the back, yo, pull up a loop and draw it up, loosely, as high as the top of the row being worked, yo, pull through 2 loops on hook. The next st of the row just below stays unworked behind it and counts as used. It leaves 1 stitch for the next row.

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in spike 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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 and yo is yarn round hook.

Placemat

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

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 64.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(63 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(63 sc)**

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

2 3 4

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Stripe in B, warm white

☐ **Row 5** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times** **(48 sc, 15 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 6 to 8** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 8: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8

Stripe in C, pine

☐ **Row 9** With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**, lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in last st **(47 sc, 16 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 10 to 12** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 10 to 12: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12

Stripe in B, warm white

☐ **Row 13** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times** **(48 sc, 15 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 14 to 16** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 16: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16

Stripe in A, cranberry

☐ **Row 17** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**, lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in last st **(47 sc, 16 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 18 to 20** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 18 to 20: tick them off as you go.

18 19 20

Stripe in B, warm white

☐ **Row 21** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times** **(48 sc, 15 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 22 to 24** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24

Stripe in C, pine

☐ **Row 25** With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**, lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in last st **(47 sc, 16 lsc)**

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☐ **Rows 26 to 28** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 28: tick them off as you go.

26 27 28

Stripe in B, warm white

☐ **Row 29** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**
(48 sc, 15 lsc)

☐ **Rows 30 to 32** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 32: tick them off as you go.

30 31 32

Stripe in A, cranberry

☐ **Row 33** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**, lsc in next st 2 rows below,
sc in last st **(47 sc, 16 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 34 to 36** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 34 to 36: tick them off as you go.

34 35 36

Stripe in B, warm white

☐ **Row 37** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**
(48 sc, 15 lsc)

☐ **Rows 38 to 40** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 38 to 40: tick them off as you go.

38 39 40

Stripe in C, pine

☐ **Row 41** With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**, lsc in next st 2 rows below,
sc in last st **(47 sc, 16 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 42 to 44** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 42 to 44: tick them off as you go.

42 43 44

Stripe in B, warm white

☐ **Row 45** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**
(48 sc, 15 lsc)

☐ **Rows 46 to 48** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 46 to 48: tick them off as you go.

46 47 48

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Stripe in A, cranberry

☐ **Row 49**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 15 times**, lsc in next st 2 rows below, sc in last st	**(47 sc, 16 lsc)**
☐ **Rows 50 to 52**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(63 sc)**

A box for each row, 50 to 52: tick them off as you go.

50 51 52

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging

Yarn C, pine.

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.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 63 sts of the last row, the ends of the 52 rows, the 63 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 52 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 61 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 52 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 61 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 52 rows; join with sl st in first sc	**(238 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 63 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 54 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 63 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 53 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(246 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 28 ends to weave in.

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