Christmas striped dishcloth

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 8 × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)

Skill
Easy
The pattern has stripes

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In narrow three-color stripes.

You will need

Yarn A: red, stripe 1	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, stripe 2	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: forest, stripe 3	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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)	**8 × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)**	**about 60 yd (54 m)**
Small	7 × 7¼ in (18 × 18 cm)	about 60 yd (54 m)
Large	9 × 8¾ in (23 × 22 cm)	about 75 yd (69 m)
Extra large	9¾ × 9½ in (25 × 24 cm)	about 90 yd (81 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
RS	right side
st	stitch

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in narrow three-color stripes. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. Check it on the dishcloth itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 15 rows are done: the 26 stitches of a row are about 8 in (20 cm) wide, and the 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- 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.
- 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.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- Stripes: 1 row in A, 1 row in B, 1 row in C. Repeat these 3 rows.
- For another width, chain more or fewer: each chain adds one stitch to every row. Measure your own stitches to 4 in (10 cm) first.
- Use cotton yarn: it is absorbent and stands up to washing.

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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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 30**	Repeat rows 2 to 4 in order, over and over. The last row, row 30, is worked as row 3.	

A box for each row, 5 to 30: 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off C, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). Cut A and B where they hang at the edges, leaving tails of about 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

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

In all: 30 rows; 780 stitches; 60 ends to weave in.

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