Christmas striped potholder

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 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, stripe 2	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: forest, stripe 3 and loop	**about 45 yd (41 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 125 yd (115 m)**
Small	7 × 7¼ in (18 × 18 cm)	about 100 yd (91 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)
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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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.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. To check yours in the middle of the test piece: 13 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 21.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(20 sc)**
Swatch row 2	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**
Swatch row 3	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**
Swatch row 4	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**
Swatch rows 5 to 24	Repeat swatch rows 2 to 4 in order, over and over. The last row, swatch row 24, is worked as swatch row 3.	

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.
- 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.
- This potholder is two layers thick.
- Stripes: 1 row in A, 1 row in B, 1 row in C. Repeat these 3 rows.
- 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. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other.
- 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 it dry: a wet potholder lets the heat through.
- 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.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 30 rows for each face, 60 rows in all.

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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 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.

Check your width as you go: when row 12 is done, measure the width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge. It is about 8 in (20 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **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 60**	Repeat rows 2 to 4 in order, over and over. The last row, row 60, is worked as row 3.	

A box for each row, 5 to 60: 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 ☐ 50 ☐ 51 ☐ 52 ☐ 53 ☐ 54 ☐ 55 ☐ 56 ☐ 57 ☐ 58 ☐ 59 ☐ 60

☐ **End**	Fasten off C, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew the seam with. Cut A and B where they hang at the edges, leaving tails of about 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails on the wrong side now, all but the long one: they cannot be reached after the sewing.

2. Fold the piece in half across its rows with the wrong sides together, so that row 60 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 30 and 31.

3. The sides come next. Sew each side with a separate length of C (the color of the last row), about 30 in (76 cm) long.

4. First side: starting at the fold, whip stitch the end of each row to the end of the row that lies against it, rows 30 and 31 first, rows 1 and 60 last: 30 stitches.

5. Second side: sew the other side the same way: 30 stitches.

6. With the long tail, whip stitch row 60 to the foundation chain, easing the two edges to fit: about 26 stitches.

7. Hanging loop: join C with a sl st through both layers at the corner where the last seam ends, ch 12, sl st in the same place to close the loop. Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the tails that are left with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 60 rows; 1,560 stitches; 120 ends to weave in.

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