Cottage tissue box cover

US terms



Finished size

About 4½ × 8 in (11 × 20 cm)

About 4½ in (11.5 cm) square at the walls and 8 in (20.5 cm) tall with the chimney. To fit an upright tissue box about 4¼ in (11 cm) square and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall

Skill

Intermediate

It has brick stitch in two colors, a roof shaped at four corners, rounds of tiles and several small parts sewn on.

Yarn

Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: brick red, the bricks	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the mortar and the frames	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: slate blue, the roof	**about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: leaf green, the door and the window boxes	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: butter yellow, the windows	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: pink, the flowers	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 140 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: acrylic

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: pins, a stitch marker that opens, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 3 the walls should measure about 18 in (45.5 cm) around, laid flat and not stretched, measured across and doubled. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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Notes

- Each round is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- To change color in a joined round, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that joins the round before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), in the chimney and the roof. In the walls a yarn rests for only one or two rounds: do not cut it there, but carry it loosely up the inside.
- In the roof, rounds 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 are worked in the back loops only (BLO). The front loops that stay free on the outside are for the tiles.
- The windows, the door and the window boxes are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- sc2tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Measure the box across each side and from the table to its top. The cover is for a box with sides of 4 in (10 cm) to 4½ in (11.5 cm). For a lower or a taller box work one brick course less or more. A course is 3 rounds, about 2/3 in (1.7 cm) tall, and the last round of the walls is then used wherever round 24 is named. A course takes about 11 yd (10 m) of A and 6 yd (5.5 m) of B.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug. For a part that lies on the walls, bring the needle up through the edge of the part and down through the walls close beside it.
- Colors of the walls, round by round. Rounds 1 to 2: A. Round 3: B. Rounds 4 to 5: A. Round 6: B. Rounds 7 to 8: A. Round 9: B. Rounds 10 to 11: A. Round 12: B. Rounds 13 to 14: A. Round 15: B. Rounds 16 to 17: A. Round 18: B. Rounds 19 to 20: A. Round 21: B. Rounds 22 to 23: A. Round 24: B. The chimney begins in B with 2 rounds and goes on in A for 2 rounds; the roof and the tiles are C.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **MR** magic ring, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

sc2tog 2 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 5 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 12 times: work what is inside 12 times in all.

(72 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

lsc (Long single crochet): A single crochet (UK double crochet) over two rounds of brick. Insert the hook from front to back in the stitch that lies three rounds below, straight under the stitch named (in round 3 that is a chain of the foundation), yo and pull up a loop as tall as the round you are working, yo and pull through both loops. The stitch named stays unworked behind it and counts as used.

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Walls

Yarns in order of use: A, brick red; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 72, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, lsc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc, 12 lsc)

Stop and measure now, after round 3. The walls should measure about 18 in (45.5 cm) around.

☐ **Rnd 4**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, lsc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc, 12 lsc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, lsc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc, 12 lsc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, lsc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc, 12 lsc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, lsc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc, 12 lsc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 18**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, lsc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc, 12 lsc)
☐ **Rnd 19**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 21**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, lsc in next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc, 12 lsc)
☐ **Rnd 22**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 23**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 24**	With B, ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, lsc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(60 sc, 12 lsc)

Stop and measure now, after round 24. The walls should be about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall.

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☐ **End**	Fasten off both colors, leaving tails of 6 in (15 cm).	

Chimney and roof

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, brick red; C, slate blue.

The four groups of 3 sc make the four corners; the middle stitch of each group is the corner stitch. The joins of the rounds are at the back of the house. The chimney and round 5 stand up, and the roof slopes down and out from there.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 24, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With A, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)

Roof

☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of next 2 sts, 3 sc in BLO of next st, **[**sc in BLO of next 5 sts, 3 sc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 4 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 3 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 5 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 6 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 3 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 7 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 15 sts, 3 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of next 8 sts, 3 sc in BLO of next st, **[**sc in BLO of next 17 sts, 3 sc in BLO of next st**] 3 times**, sc in BLO of next 9 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Tiles, line 1

Yarn C, slate blue.

Hold the roof with its right side toward you and the chimney pointing down. Join C with a slip stitch in the free front loop of the first stitch of the round named and work one round into the free loops of that round; the first sc goes into the loop where C is joined. Work the other five lines in the same way. The shells, the groups of 6 dc, are the tiles. When the roof stands upright they point down.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 5 of the roof, RS facing; 24 stitches.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 6 dc in next st, sk next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join (6 sc, 36 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Tiles, line 2

Yarn C, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 7 of the roof, RS facing; 40 stitches.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 6 dc in next st, sk next st**] 10 times**, sl st in first sc to join (10 sc, 60 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Tiles, line 3

Yarn C, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 9 of the roof, RS facing; 48 stitches.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 6 dc in next st, sk next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Tiles, line 4

Yarn C, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 11 of the roof, RS facing; 56 stitches.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 6 dc in next st, sk next st**] 14 times**, sl st in first sc to join (14 sc, 84 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Tiles, line 5

Yarn C, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 13 of the roof, RS facing; 64 stitches.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 6 dc in next st, sk next st**] 16 times**, sl st in first sc to join (16 sc, 96 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

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Tiles, line 6

Yarn C, slate blue.

☐ **Foundation**	The free front loops of round 15 of the roof, RS facing; 72 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, 6 dc in next st, sk next st**] 18 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc, 108 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Window: make 3

Yarn E, butter yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Window frame: make 3

Yarn B, cream.

The first stitch is the one at the right of row 6. Work across row 6, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the other ends.

☐ **Foundation**	The window, 5 stitches and 6 rows; turn it so that its right side faces you and row 6 is at the top.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 3 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (60 cm) for sewing.	

Door

Yarn D, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	(3 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Door frame

Yarn B, cream.

Join B with a slip stitch in the end of row 1 at the lower right corner of the door and chain 1, which does not count as a stitch. Work up that side, over the top and down the other side, one sc in each place, the first one where B is joined. The lower edge of the door has no frame.

☐ **Foundation**	The side, the top and the other side of the door, RS facing: the ends of 11 rows, the 3 sts of row 11 and the ends of 11 rows; 25 places.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in each st across	(25 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (76 cm) for sewing.	

Window box: make 3

Yarn D, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(8 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45 cm) for sewing.	

Flower: make 9

Yarn F, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. On the wrong side of each part weave in all its tails but the one that is kept for sewing.

2. Put the walls over the box, right side out, with the foundation chain at the bottom, and pin them square, 18 stitches to each side of the box. Begin at the foundation: its first stitch, with the join, stands just after a corner of the box, and that corner is a back corner of the house. Seen from outside, the joins lean away from that corner to the right as they go up, over the back, because each round begins a little to the right of the one below it. That is as it should be; keep the corners straight up the box, not along the joins. The side of the box that the foundation goes on to after its join, to the left as you look at it, is one side of the house; the next one to the left is the front. When the walls are pinned, put the marker in the stitch of round 24 that stands over that same back corner, whichever stitch of the round it is, and leave it there for step 8. Pin each of the parts below in its place while the walls are on the box, then take the walls off the box to sew it on.

3. Pin the door to the front with its right side up, its lower edge at the foundation chain. The outer edge of its frame at the left is 1 stitch from the left corner of the front. With the tail of the frame whip stitch it down along the frame, one stitch for each sc, then with a new 12 in (30 cm) length of D along the lower edge, 5 stitches. Fasten off on the wrong side.

4. The window bars. On each window, with a 16 in (40 cm) length of B, sew one long straight stitch up the middle, from the frame at the bottom to the frame at the top, and one across the middle, from frame to frame. Straight stitch:

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one long stitch, up at one end and down at the other. Tie the two down where they cross with one small stitch over both. Fasten both ends on the wrong side of the window.

5. Pin a window to the front, right side up, with the lower edge of its frame at the top of round 9. The outer edge of its frame at the left is 2 stitches to the right of the frame of the door. Pin one window to each of the two sides of the house, in the middle of the side and at the same height. The back has none. With the tail of each frame whip stitch it down all round, one stitch for each sc. Fasten off on the wrong side.

6. Pin a window box under each window, right side up, its row 3 touching the lower edge of the frame and its middle below the middle of the window. With its tail whip stitch it down all round. Fasten off on the wrong side.

7. Three flowers go on each window box, right side up, with their middles on row 3 of the box, the first over its 2nd stitch, the next over the line between its 4th and 5th stitches and the last over its 7th stitch. Sew each down through its 6 stitches with its tail and fasten off on the wrong side. For the handle of the door sew two small stitches of E, one over the other, over 1 stitch of the door, on row 6, in the 4th stitch from the left.

8. The roof. Set it on the walls, right side out, with its joins at the back and its four corners over the four corners of the house. The edge of the roof stands out over the walls all round. Cut a length of B about 2 yd (2 m) long. Working on the inside, whip stitch the 72 stitches of round 24 of the walls to the 72 stitches of round 15 of the roof, stitch to stitch: on the roof put the needle under the back of each stitch, so that nothing shows on the tiles. Begin at the back corner with the marker: there sew the corner stitch of round 15 of the roof to the stitch of the walls that holds the marker, and take the marker out. Go on round the house, stitch by stitch; each time the next corner stitch of the roof comes to the 18th stitch of the walls after the one before, at the next corner of the house. The lines of tiles and round 16 hang free outside the seam. Fasten off on the inside.

9. Put the cover over the box and draw the first tissue up through the chimney.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside.

In all: 18 pieces.

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