Striped hand towel

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 16 × 25 in (41 × 64 cm)

Skill
Easy
Two stitches in turn

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In lemon peel stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: ivory, main color	**about 290 yd (265 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: eucalyptus, outer stripes	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: slate, middle stripe	**about 20 yd (18 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)	**16 × 25 in (41 × 64 cm)**	**about 330 yd (301 m)**
Guest	12½ × 20¾ in (32 × 53 cm)	about 220 yd (202 m)

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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
st	stitch

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Gauge

14 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in lemon peel stitch. 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. Work the test piece, lay it flat without stretching it, and measure in its middle. If it has more stitches and rows to 4 in (10 cm), use a larger hook; if it has fewer, a smaller one.

Swatch foundation	Ch 19.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 8 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
Swatch rows 3 to 14	Repeat swatch row 2.	

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row 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: here that is A beside each stripe of B (2 rows) and beside the stripe of C (4 rows), so A is never cut. 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.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.

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 sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, ivory; B, eucalyptus; C, slate.

☐	**Foundation**	With A, ch 57.	
☐	**Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 27 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐	**Row 9**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Row 11**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Row 13**	With C, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**

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☐	**Rows 14 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**

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

14 15 16

☐	**Row 17**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Row 19**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Row 21**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**
☐	**Rows 22 to 72**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 28 times**	**(28 sc, 28 dc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 72: tick them off as you go.

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 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

☐	**End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

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

In all: 72 rows; 4,032 stitches; 14 ends to weave in.

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