Striped desk pencil holder

Regular · US terms



Finished size
About 2¾ in (7 cm) across
To fit a tin about 3 in (7.5 cm) across and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: teal, stripes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, part of the holder and the pocket	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripes	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors, a few pins, a clean, empty food tin about 3 in (7.5 cm) across and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall, its lid taken off and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Regular (this file)	**a tin about 3 in (7.5 cm) across and 4½ in (11.5 cm) tall**	**2¾ in (7 cm) across**	**about 70 yd (64 m)**
Wide	a tin about 4 in (10 cm) across and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall	3¾ in (10 cm) across	about 95 yd (87 m)

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 6 the base should measure about 2¾ in (7 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. 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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The rounds worked through the back loop only are counted at the same height as the others.

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **BLO** only the loop away from you, **st** stitch.
2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 3 sts: one in each.
Rounds run in a **spiral**: mark the first stitch and move the marker up each round. **Working in the round**
[ ] 6 times: 6 times in all. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. Not 18? **Pull it back**.
Also: RS right side.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Holder

Begin with yarn A, teal.

☐ **Start**	Make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	6 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	2 sc in each st around	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	(36 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** The base should measure about 2¾ in (7 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

Sides

☐ **Rounds 7 to 9** 7 8 9	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 10**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 12**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 13**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 14**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 15**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 16**	With A, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)

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☐ **Rounds 17 to 18** 17 18	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 19**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 20**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 21**	With B, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 22**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 23**	With C, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 24**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 25**	With A, sc in BLO of each st around	(36 sc)
☐ **Round 26**	Sc in each st around	(36 sc)
☐	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Pocket

Yarn B, coral.

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

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the pocket and of the holder, all on the wrong side.

2. The pocket goes on the front, across from the place where the rounds begin. Hold the holder with its base down and its right side out. On round 9 every stitch has a front loop left free, which is a small ridge on the outside. Count 14 of these free loops from the first stitch of round 9, in the direction you worked, and mark the next 8 with a pin or a bit of yarn at each end of them: they are the place for the lower edge of the pocket.

3. Cut a length of B about 24 in (61 cm) long. Hold the pocket with its right side out and its foundation edge, 8 stitches, down on the marked loops, and pin it flat to the wall, its sides straight up and its top edge on round 17. The stitches of a spiral lean a little to one side as they go up, so go by the pinned sides and not by counting from the start of these rounds. Begin at the upper right corner of the pocket with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and whip stitch down its right edge, one stitch in the end of each row: row 8 is sewn to a free loop of round 17, row 7 to one of round 16, and so on down to row 1 and round 10. On each of these rounds use the free loop in line with the last stitch of the pocket at that edge. The pocket is 8 stitches wide all the way up, so on every round it covers 8 free loops: the right edge is sewn to the one at the right, the left edge to the one at the left, and 6 lie hidden between. Go on along the foundation edge, one stitch of it to each of the 8 marked loops, and then up the left edge in the same way as the right. Leave its top edge open. Fasten off and draw both tails to the inside of the holder.

4. Wash and dry the tin and take off its paper. Be sure that no edge of its rim is sharp. Slide the holder up over the tin from below until the base of the holder touches the base of the tin.

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Finishing

- Draw any tail that still shows to the inside with the needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 910 stitches (846 in the holder, 64 in the pocket).

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.

Notes

- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- The base is worked under both loops. Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Measure round your tin. The regular size is for a tin 9 in (23 cm) to 9½ in (24 cm) round, and the wide size for one 12 in (30.5 cm) to 12¾ in (32.5 cm) round: the holder stretches a little and is meant to be snug. For a tin between these, work 7 rounds of base, 42 stitches, which is for one 10½ in (26.5 cm) to 11 in (28 cm) round: its round 7 is [sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 6 times. Every round after it is then numbered one more than in the regular size, and 3 more free loops are counted before the pocket. For a taller tin, work more rounds of A through the back loops, as in the round before the last, and then the last round of the pattern, which is worked under both loops, whatever its number now is; the rounds of the wall are 18 to 4 in (10 cm).
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 9: A. Rounds 10 to 11: C. Rounds 12 to 13: B. Rounds 14 to 15: C. Rounds 16 to 18: A. Rounds 19 to 20: C. Rounds 21 to 22: B. Rounds 23 to 24: C. Rounds 25 to 26: A.

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