Dish drying mat

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 16½ × 20 in (42 × 51 cm) with the border, without the loop

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches and a border

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
11 stitches and 7½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In waffle stitch with two strands of yarn.

You will need

Yarn A: denim blue, main — **about 380 yd (347 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the border — **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Two strands of yarn are held together throughout; the amounts above are for all of them.

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. 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)	**16½ × 20 in (42 × 51 cm)**	**about 460 yd (421 m)**
Large	18¾ × 24¼ in (48 × 62 cm)	about 610 yd (558 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
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
FPdc	front post double crochet: yo, insert hook from the front, behind the post of the st named and out to the front again, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 2 times (UK FPtr, front post treble, or raised treble front)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

11 stitches and 7½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in waffle stitch with two strands of yarn. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Count the dc and the FPdc of a row alike, each as one stitch. 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. A mat need not be exact.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece takes about 60 yd (55 m) of A, both strands counted, which the amounts do not count. Undo it when you have measured it and use its yarn again, or buy that much more.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 20.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(18 dc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next st, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 5 times**, dc in next st, dc in last st	**(8 dc, 10 FPdc)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, FPdc around next st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 5 times**, dc in last st	**(12 dc, 6 FPdc)**
Swatch rows 4 to 11	Repeat swatch rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as swatch row 2, every odd-numbered row as swatch row 3.	

Before you start

- Hold two strands together all through: one from the inside and one from the outside of a ball, or one from each of two balls. Where the pattern names A or B it means two strands of it, and every tail is two strands.
- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first dc of the row goes into the first st, the one right below the hook.
- A post stitch is worked around the post of the st below and not into its top. The top it passes over stays unworked behind it. FPdc is worked on both sides of the mat, always from the side that faces you.
- The waffle forms on the side that faces you in the odd-numbered rows: that is the right side.

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- Border: work along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. Begin with the right side facing and the last row at the top, in the first st at the right-hand corner. The 2 chains skipped at the start of row 1 are not worked into.
- In round 1 of the border the ends of the rows take 2 sc and 1 sc in turn. Work them around the side of the first or the last dc of the row.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- In the border "same st as join" is the st the joining sl st was worked into; the sl st itself is not a stitch. "3 sc in next st" puts all 3 stitches in that one place and turns a corner.
- 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 the place and the loop on the hook.
- 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.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, FPdc is front post treble, or raised treble front and yo is yarn round hook.

Mat

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 44.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(42 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next st, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 13 times**, dc in next st, dc in last st	**(16 dc, 26 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, FPdc around next st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 13 times**, dc in last st	**(28 dc, 14 FPdc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 35**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 35: tick them off as you go.

4 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Border

Yarn B, white.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 42 sts of the last row, the ends of the 35 rows, the 42 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 35 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 40 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of next row**] 17 times**, 2 sc in end of next row, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 40 chs, 3 sc in next ch, **[**2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of next row**] 17 times**, 2 sc in end of next row; join with sl st in first sc	**(198 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 42 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 55 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 42 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 54 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(206 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Hanging loop: with the right side up and the last row at the top, join B, two strands, with a sl st in the middle one of the 3 sc in one place at the upper left corner of round 2 of the border, ch 14, and work a sl st in the same st. Fasten off and weave in both ends through the border, so that the loop holds.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.
- Lay the mat flat, pull it gently to its size, dampen it and let it dry.

In all: 1,874 stitches (1,470 in the mat, 404 in the border).

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