Dish soap bottle apron

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 6¾ × 6½ in (17 × 17 cm)
About 6¾ in (17 cm) along the waistband with its edging and 6½ in (16.5 cm) from the top of the heart to the hem. To fit a bottle 8 in (20.5 cm) to 9½ in (24 cm) round and at least 7 in (18 cm) tall without its cap

Skill
Intermediate
The gingham is worked in two colors to a row, and a heart, a pocket and edgings are added.

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 23 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: red, the waistband, the dark checks, the heart, the edgings and the ties	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, the middle checks and the cloth	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the light checks, the pocket, the edge of the heart and the outer row of the edging	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 4 stitch markers, 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.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small (this file)	**a bottle 8 in (20.5 cm) to 9½ in (24 cm) round and at least 7 in (18 cm) tall without its cap**	**6¾ × 6½ in (17 × 17 cm)**	**about 130 yd (119 m)**
Large	a bottle 9½ in (24 cm) to 11 in (28 cm) round and at least 7 in (18 cm) tall without its cap	7½ × 6½ in (19 × 17 cm)	about 140 yd (128 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 (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

20 stitches and 23 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

It matters little if your rows are not quite as tall as that: the apron comes out a little shorter.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 20 stitches and 23 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 31.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(30 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 34	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(30 sc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Two colors to a row: where two colors share a row, lay the one not in use along the top of the row below and work over it, so that it is carried inside the stitches to the end of the row. To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before; at the end of a row draw through the color that begins the next row. When a color is not used in the next row, cut it and leave a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Three rows of one kind make a band of checks.
- The heart is worked from its point up. Its rows are turned, and its first lobe is worked on 6 stitches, the second on the other 6.
- The edgings are worked along finished edges, which are turned as you go so that you always work from right to left. With the right side facing you each outline goes round against the clock: down at your left, along the bottom, up at your right. If you work with your left hand, you work from left to right and each outline goes round with the clock: in the foundation lines of the edgings read left for right and right for left. The counts are the same. Join the yarn with a slip knot on the hook and a slip stitch where the line says; the first single crochet goes into the same place. Where the places are the ends of rows, work into the side of the stitch at that end of each row, whether the row begins or ends there: the end of each row is one place. The edging of the skirt has two rows, the first in A and the second in C; draw C through as the last yarn over of row 1 and cut A.
- Measure round the bottle at its widest, and from the table to the foot of its cap. The apron goes round the front and both sides, and the ties close the gap at the back.

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- Take the apron off to wash it.
- Colors of the skirt, row by row. Rows 1 to 4: A. Rows 5 to 7: A and B. Rows 8 to 10: B and C. Rows 11 to 13: A and B. Rows 14 to 16: B and C. Rows 17 to 19: A and B. Rows 20 to 22: B and C. Rows 23 to 25: A and B.

Instructions

Chosen: Small. 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 and sc2tog is dc2tog.

Skirt

Yarns in order of use: A, red; B, pink; C, white.

☐ **Foundation** — Ch 31.

Waistband

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** — Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across **(30 sc)**

☐ **Rows 2 to 3** — Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(30 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

Gathers

☐ **Row 4** — Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 15 times** **(45 sc)**

Gingham

☐ **Rows 5 to 7** — Ch 1, turn; **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, sc in next 3 sts **(45 sc)**

A box for each row, 5 to 7: tick them off as you go.

5 6 7

☐ **Row 8** — With B, ch 1, turn; **[**with B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, sc in next 3 sts **(45 sc)**

☐ **Rows 9 to 10** — Ch 1, turn; **[**with B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, sc in next 3 sts **(45 sc)**

A box for each row, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

9 10

☐ **Row 11** — With A, ch 1, turn; **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, sc in next 3 sts **(45 sc)**

☐ **Rows 12 to 13** — Ch 1, turn; **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, sc in next 3 sts **(45 sc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

12 13

☐ **Row 14** — With B, ch 1, turn; **[**with B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, sc in next 3 sts **(45 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 15 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; **[**with B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, sc in next 3 sts	**(45 sc)**

A box for each row, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

15 16

☐ **Row 17**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, sc in next 3 sts	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rows 18 to 19**	Ch 1, turn; **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, sc in next 3 sts	**(45 sc)**

A box for each row, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

18 19

☐ **Row 20**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**with B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, sc in next 3 sts	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rows 21 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; **[**with B, sc in next 3 sts, with C, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with B, sc in next 3 sts	**(45 sc)**

A box for each row, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

21 22

☐ **Row 23**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, sc in next 3 sts	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Rows 24 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; **[**with A, sc in next 3 sts, with B, sc in next 3 sts**] 7 times**, with A, sc in next 3 sts	**(45 sc)**

A box for each row, 24 to 25: tick them off as you go.

24 25

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Edging of the skirt

Yarns in order of use: A, red; C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	The left side of the skirt from the waistband down, its lower edge and its right side up to the waistband, RS facing: the ends of 25 rows, 45 sts and the ends of 25 rows; 95 places.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 24 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 43 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts	**(99 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next 26 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 45 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts	**(103 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Heart

Yarn A, red.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 3.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(2 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rows 7 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(12 sc)**

A box for each row, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9

First lobe

☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, leave remaining 6 sts unworked	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(2 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Second lobe of the heart

Yarn A, red.

☐ **Foundation**	The 6 stitches of row 9 that were left unworked, with the same side facing as in row 10; 6 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(2 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Edge of the heart

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	The outline of the heart, RS facing, from the point: 1 foundation ch, the ends of 12 rows up the side at your right, the 2 sts at the top of that lobe, the ends of 3 rows down to the notch, the ends of 3 rows up, the 2 sts of the other lobe, the ends of 12 rows down, and the other foundation ch; 36 places.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(41 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

Pocket

Yarn C, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(9 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**

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

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Edging of the pocket

Yarn A, red.

☐ **Foundation**	The outline of the pocket, RS facing, from the upper right corner, which is the last stitch made in row 8: the 9 sts of that row, from the last one made to the first, the ends of 8 rows down the side at your left, 9 foundation chs and the ends of 8 rows up the side at your right; 34 places.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, sl st in first sc to join	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

Cloth

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 18: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave in on the wrong side all the tails of the skirt and its edging, of the heart and its edge, of the pocket and its edging, and of the cloth, but not the two tails of 24 in (61 cm): they sew on the heart and the pocket.

2. The heart. Lay it on the front of the skirt, both right side up, its point down and in the middle of the waistband, so that the tip of the white edge reaches the lower edge of row 3, the last row of the waistband, and the heart stands up above the waistband. The middle is between the 15th and the 16th chain of the foundation. Its tail hangs at the point. Draw it to the wrong side of the skirt there and sew down the part of the outline that lies on the 3 rows of the waistband: bring the needle up through the waistband beside the white edge and down through the edge, one stitch for each stitch of it, from the point up one side to the top of the waistband; lead the yarn back to the point on the wrong side and sew up the other side. Fasten off on the wrong side.

3. The pocket. Lay it on the skirt, both right side up, its foundation edge down. Its lower outer edge lies along the top of the lowest band of checks, between rows 22 and 23, and its left outer edge 1 stitch to the right of the middle of the skirt, which is the middle of the 8th check of the 15 in a row. Hold it there with the markers, and with its tail sew down the two sides and the lower edge, leaving the top open: bring the needle up through the skirt beside the edge and down through the outermost loops of the edging, one stitch for each stitch. The tail hangs at the upper corner where the edging ended, so begin there, go down that side, along the lower edge and up the other side, and end at the other upper corner. Fasten off on the wrong side.

4. The ties (make 2). With A, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm) for sewing, ch 70, about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 4 in (10 cm). Tie a knot close to the last chain and trim that tail to ½ in (1.5 cm). With the long tail sew the

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beginning of a tie to the wrong side of the waistband at each end, on row 2, with four small stitches. Fasten off.

5. The neck loop. With A, leaving a tail of 8 in (20 cm) at each end, ch 36, about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) long, and fasten off. With the tails sew one end to the wrong side of the top of each lobe of the heart, with four small stitches through the last row of red. Fasten off. The loop must go over the cap of your bottle: work more or fewer chains if its cap is wider or narrower.

6. The cloth. Fold it in half with the wrong side inside and then in half again the other way, so that it is a square of four layers, about 1½ in (4 cm) each way. Turn it so that the corner where the two folds meet points straight up, and push the opposite corner down to the bottom of the pocket, tucking in the corners at the sides. About ½ in (1.5 cm) of the upper corner stands out of the pocket.

7. To dress the bottle, put the neck loop over the cap, lay the apron on the front and tie the ties in a bow at the back.

Finishing

- Dampen the apron, draw the skirt into even folds with your fingers and let it dry. Weave in all the tails that are left.

In all: 4 pieces; 1,827 stitches (1,080 in the skirt, 202 in the edging of the skirt, 90 in the heart, 12 in the second lobe of the heart, 41 in the edge of the heart, 72 in the pocket, 42 in the edging of the pocket, 288 in the cloth).

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