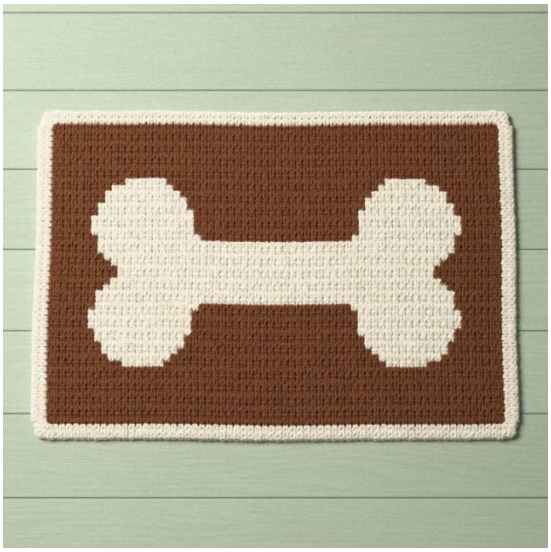
Dog bone food mat

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 19¾ × 13¾ in (50 × 35 cm) with the border

Skill
Intermediate
One stitch, two colors in a row and a border

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: warm brown, main color **about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe **about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 140 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), 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
Small	15¾ × 11¼ in (40 × 29 cm)	about 180 yd (165 m)
Large (this file)	**19¾ × 13¾ in (50 × 35 cm)**	**about 270 yd (247 m)**

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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

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 25 yd (23 m) of A, which the amounts do not count. Undo it when you have measured it and use its yarn again, or buy that much more.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 19. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (18 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 18** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (18 sc) |

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The first stitch after the ch 1 goes into the first st, the one right below the hook.
- Right-side rows are the odd-numbered ones.
- The mat is worked from its lower long edge to its upper one, and each row runs along the bone. The bone is the same from left to right and from top to bottom, so a row reads the same whichever side faces you.
- A row that has two colors begins and ends with A. "With B, sc in next 8 sts" means that those 8 sts are worked in B. Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last stitch before the change: work that stitch until 2 loops are on the hook, then take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through both.
- Bring in B at the start of row 10 in Large, row 8 in Small: lay its tail of about 6 in (15 cm) along the top of the row below and work over it. In all the rows of the bone lay the yarn that rests along the top of the row below and work over it, from the first stitch of the row to the last, so that both yarns are at the edge when you turn. Do not pull it tight. After the last row of the bone, row 39 in Large, row 31 in Small, cut B, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). Before and after these rows A is worked alone.
- 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 chain skipped at the start of row 1 is not worked into.
- 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.

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Instructions

Large. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
yo yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 11 sts**: one in each.
(66 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Mat

Yarns in order of use: A, warm brown; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 67.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(66 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

The bone

☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 32 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 11 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 30 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 28 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts, with A, sc in next 26 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 26 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 14 sts, with A, sc in next 24 sts, with B, sc in next 14 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 24 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts	(66 sc)

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☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 22 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 20 to 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 52 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts	(66 sc)

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☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 50 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 48 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 10 sts, with B, sc in next 46 sts, with A, sc in next 10 sts	(66 sc)

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☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 48 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 50 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts	(66 sc)

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☐ **Rows 28 to 29** 28 29	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 52 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 22 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 31 to 33** 31 32 33	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 24 sts, with B, sc in next 15 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 14 sts, with A, sc in next 24 sts, with B, sc in next 14 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 26 sts, with B, sc in next 13 sts, with A, sc in next 7 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts, with A, sc in next 26 sts, with B, sc in next 12 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 28 sts, with B, sc in next 11 sts, with A, sc in next 8 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 9 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 30 sts, with B, sc in next 9 sts, with A, sc in next 9 sts	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 11 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 32 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 11 sts	(66 sc)

Plain rows again

☐ **Rows 40 to 48** 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(66 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Border

Yarn B, cream.

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 66 sts of the last row, the ends of the 48 rows, the 66 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 48 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 64 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 48 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 64 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 48 rows; join with sl st in first sc	(236 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 66 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 50 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 66 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 49 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(244 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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: 3,648 stitches (3,168 in the mat, 480 in the border).

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