Egg gathering apron with pockets

Medium · US terms



Finished size

About 17¾ in (45 cm) along the waistband, 21 in (53.5 cm) wide and 17¼ in (44 cm) long, with ties about 35½ in (90 cm) long, for a waist 32 in (81.5 cm) to 35 in (89 cm) round and for fourteen hen eggs of up to 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across

Skill

Easy

It is moss stitch and single crochet in rows, with an edging all round and fourteen pockets sewn on.

Yarn

Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: denim blue, the apron, the pockets and the ties **about 525 yd (480 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: red, the edges **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 290 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	16½ in (42 cm), 19½ in (49.5 cm) wide	about 560 yd (512 m)
Medium (this file)	**17¾ in (45 cm), 21 in (53.5 cm) wide**	**about 585 yd (535 m)**
Large	19 in (48.5 cm), 22½ in (57 cm) wide	about 610 yd (558 m)
Extra large	20¼ in (51.5 cm), 24 in (61 cm) wide	about 635 yd (581 m)
2X	21½ in (54.5 cm), 25½ in (65 cm) wide	about 660 yd (604 m)
3X	22¾ in (58 cm), 27 in (68.5 cm) wide	about 685 yd (626 m)

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Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

It is the same in moss stitch: 16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch, each single crochet and each chain 1 counted as a stitch. The moss stitch sets the width and the length of the apron, so its swatch is the one to match first: ch 25; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (24 sc); row 2, ch 1, turn, sc in next st, [ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st] 11 times, sc in next st; rows 3 to 27, ch 1, turn, sc in next st, [ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp] 11 times, sc in next st. Change the hook until it has 16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm), and use that hook for the skirt, the waistband and the edging. Then work the single crochet swatch below with the same hook. If it differs a little, keep the hook that suits the moss stitch for the apron, and take the hook that suits the single crochet for the pockets and the ties. The pockets are single crochet and their rows need not be exactly as tall as those of the skirt: the side of a pocket is still sewn one row to one row, 10 rows to 10 rows, and the small difference is taken up by the cup.

> **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 16 stitches and 18 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.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 25. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (24 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 27** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (24 sc) |

Instructions

Medium. US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sk** skip, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.
3 sc in next st: **all three in that one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
[ ] 39 times: 39 times in all. (41 sc, 39 ch-1 sps): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.
Also: sp space, RS right side, yo yarn over.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Apron

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 81.	

Skirt

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(80 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next st**] 39 times**, sc in next st	(41 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rows 3 to 63**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 39 times**, sc in next st	(41 sc, 39 ch-1 sps)

3 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 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

☐ **Row 64**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 39 times**	(80 sc)

Waistband

☐ **Row 65**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 13 times**, sc in next st	(67 sc)
☐ **Rows 66 to 74**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(67 sc)

66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74

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

Edging

☐ **Start**	The whole outline of the apron, RS facing, from the upper left corner of the waistband: the ends of 74 rows down the left side, 80 foundation chs, the ends of 74 rows up the right side, and the 67 sts of row 74; 295 places.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 73 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 78 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 74 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 65 sts, 3 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(303 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	With B, ch 1, sc in next 75 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 80 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 76 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 67 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(311 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Pocket: make 14

Begin with yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Start**	Ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(10 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**, sc in next st	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, sc in next st	(18 sc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(18 sc)

4 5 6

☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(16 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Tie: make 2

Yarn A, denim blue.

☐ **Start**	Ch 143.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(142 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(142 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, but not the long tails of the ties.

2. The places of the pockets. Lay the apron flat, right side up, the waistband away from you. In moss stitch each single crochet and each chain 1 counts as a stitch, so every row of the skirt has 80 stitches; the edging is not counted. The pockets stand in four rows, told from the hem up. First row: four pockets on rows 6 to 15, with 5 stitches of the row free at each side and 10 free between two pockets. Second row: three pockets on rows 20 to 29, with 15 stitches of the row free at each side and 10 free between two pockets. Third row: four pockets on rows 34 to 43, with 5 stitches of the row free at each side and 10 free between two pockets. Fourth row: three pockets on rows 48 to 57, with 15 stitches of the row free at each side and 10 free between two pockets. Put a pin at each end of the place of every pocket, 10 stitches apart.

3. Sew on each pocket. Lay it right side up, its red edge toward the waistband, its foundation edge on the first of its 10 rows and between its two pins. Cut a length of A 30 in (76 cm) long. Begin at one upper corner, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at the back, and whip stitch down the side through pocket and apron, one stitch in the end of each of its 10 rows to one row of the skirt; go on along the lower edge, one stitch to each of the 10 foundation chains and to one stitch of the skirt each; and up the other side. The seams stay 2½ in (6.5 cm) apart, though the pocket is up to 18 stitches wide: the width that is over stands out in a cup. Leave the red edge open, work two stitches one upon the other at each upper corner, and fasten off at the back. Weave in both ends there.

4. The ties. Each is about 35½ in (90 cm) long. Lay the short end of a tie that has the long tail on the wrong side of one end of the waistband, right side of the tie to wrong side of the apron, the tie pointing straight out to the side. The 4 rows of the tie lie on rows 68 to 71 of the waistband, and 5 stitches of it lie on the apron, counted from the outer edge of the red edging inward. With the tail whip stitch it down round all four sides of the part that lies on the apron, and once more straight across the middle of that part. Fasten off on the wrong side. Sew the other tie to the other end.

Finishing

- Wash the apron as the yarn band says, shape it flat and let it dry.

In all: 17 pieces; 7,362 stitches (3,372 in the apron, 614 in the edging, 160 in each pocket, 568 in each tie).

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 chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

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- Moss stitch, in rows: single crochet and chain 1 by turns. From row 3 on each row begins with a single crochet in the first stitch; the next stitch, a single crochet, is passed over with a chain 1; then every single crochet goes into a chain-1 space and every chain 1 passes over a single crochet. The last single crochet of the row goes into its last stitch. The two single crochet side by side at the end of every row are right.
- The edging is worked all round the finished apron, with the right side facing you in both rounds: down the left side, along the lower edge from left to right, up the right side and back along the top of the waistband, turning the piece as you go. If you work with your left hand, begin at the upper right corner and go round the other way: in the edging read left for right and right for left. 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 chain of 1 at the start of round 2 does not count; its first single crochet goes into the stitch the round was joined in. Draw B through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that joins round 1, and cut A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- To change color at the end of a row of a pocket, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the last stitch. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Choose the size by your waist, measured over your clothes. The waistband goes round the front half of the waist. The ties meet behind you and are tied in a bow at the back.
- An egg goes into its pocket with its narrow end up and its top stands free of the red edge. The apron is for walking with eggs, not for bending or sitting down with them.
- Colors. The skirt, the waistband and the ties are A. The edging is A in round 1 and B in round 2. Each pocket is A in rows 1 to 8 and B in rows 9 and 10.

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