Open fan towel edging

Fingertip towel · US terms



Finished size
About 11 × 1½ in (28 × 4 cm)

Skill
Easy
Mesh, fans

Yarn
Light (3)

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn: raspberry cotton, light (3) **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a towel with a hem, sewing needle, sewing thread to match yarn A and pins.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. For another length, the yarn is in proportion to the length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Fingertip towel (this file)	**11 × 1½ in (28 × 4 cm)**	**about 20 yd (18 m)**
Hand towel	16¼ × 1½ in (41 × 4 cm)	about 25 yd (23 m)
Bath towel	29½ × 1½ in (75 × 4 cm)	about 45 yd (41 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 1 the strip is about 10.9 in (28 cm) long. If yours is shorter, use a larger hook; if it is longer, use a smaller one.

Start with a chain as long as the hem, in a multiple of 6 chains plus 2; 8 repeats are in the size printed here. The other sizes follow the same rows with these numbers. Hand towel: ch 74; row 1, all the way across (73 sc); row 2, the brackets 35 times (37 dc, 36 ch-1 sps); row 3, the brackets 35 times (73 sc); row 4, the brackets 12 times (13 sc, 60 tr, 48 ch-1 sps). Yarn A about 25 yd (23 m). Bath towel: ch 134; row 1, all the way across (133 sc); row 2, the brackets 65 times (67 dc, 66 ch-1 sps); row 3, the brackets 65 times (133 sc); row 4, the brackets 22 times (23 sc, 110 tr, 88 ch-1 sps). Yarn A about 45 yd (41 m).

Before you start

- The ch 4 at the start of a row counts as a dc and a ch-1 sp. The stitch that closes over it goes into its 3rd chain.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn.
- The edging is about 10.9 in (27.7 cm) long and 1.4 in (3.6 cm) deep. It is worked lengthwise, from the hem of the towel outward.

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Instructions

Chosen: Fingertip towel. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 sc is double crochet, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 50.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 23 times**	**(25 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 23 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, (tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr, ch 1, tr) in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 8 times**	**(9 sc, 40 tr, 32 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Sew it on: lay the foundation edge over the hem of the towel with both right sides up and pin it in place, easing it to fit. With the sewing needle and the sewing thread, sew the foundation chains down with small stitches, one in every second chain.

In all: 4 rows; 172 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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