Striped lanyard with a swivel hook

Neck · US terms



Finished size
About 34 in (86 cm) around with the clasp closed, and ¾ in (2 cm) wide; it hangs about 17 in (43 cm) down, without the hook
To fit the neck

Skill
Easy
One stitch in long rows, and color changes

Yarn
Super fine (1), 4 colors

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge
32 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cobalt, main	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: aqua, stripe	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripe	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: coral, row 4	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, 6 stitch markers, a swivel hook with a slot for a strap ¾ in (20 mm) wide, a breakaway clasp for a strap ¾ in (20 mm) wide and a cotton cloth, to damp.

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	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Wrist	the wrist	14 in (36 cm) around, ¾ in (2 cm) wide	about 35 yd (32 m)
Neck (this file)	**the neck**	**34 in (86 cm) around, ¾ in (2 cm) wide**	**about 75 yd (69 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)
RS	right side
st	stitch

Gauge

32 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Check it on a test piece: work it, 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. The strap should be firm, and ¾ in (2 cm) wide so that it goes through the hook and the clasp.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece takes about 55 yd (51 m) of A, which the amounts do not count.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 41.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(40 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 44	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(40 sc)**

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The strap is worked the long way: each row runs from one end of it to the other, and each row is another color. Put a marker in every 50th chain as you count the foundation, and take it out when row 1 comes to it.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Odd-numbered rows are worked with the right side facing you. Rows 1 and 7 are cobalt, and so are the two edges.
- The finished length counts ½ in (1.5 cm) for the closed clasp.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On the foundation chain, pass the needle under the two strands of each chain that lie below row 1. On the short ends, pass it under the two strands at the very edge of each row.
- Running stitch: pass the needle down through both halves and up again, a stitch at a time, and draw the yarn snug.
- A lanyard round the neck can catch on something. Use a clasp that comes apart when it is pulled, keep it at the back of the neck, and do not wear the lanyard near a machine that turns. It is not for a small child.
- Mercerized cotton stretches little and wears well.

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Instructions

Chosen: Neck. 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.

Yarns in order of use: A, cobalt; B, aqua; C, cream; D, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 281.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(280 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(280 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(280 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With D, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(280 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(280 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(280 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(280 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave the tails at each short end into the wrong side of the strap, each along its own row, for about 2 in (5 cm). Cut them close. Lay the strap flat under a damp cotton cloth, its edges straight, and let it dry.

2. Find the middle of the strap: 140 stitches from each end. Slide the slot of the swivel hook along the strap to that place.

3. Fold the strap at the hook with the wrong sides together, so that the two halves lie on each other and the slot sits in the fold. Do not twist either half.

4. Cut a length of A about 24 in (61 cm) long. Hold the strap with the hook at the bottom. On the left-hand edge leave the 2 stitches next to the fold free. Begin in the 3rd stitch from the fold and sew the two halves together along that edge with a whip stitch, going upward: 10 stitches, in the 3rd to the 12th stitch from the fold. Then sew straight across the strap through both halves with a running stitch, one stitch in each of the 7 rows. Sew down the right-hand edge with a whip stitch, 10 stitches, from the 12th stitch to the 3rd stitch from the fold: the 2 stitches next to the fold stay free here too. Sew 3 times into the last place, and hide both ends of the length between the two halves.

5. Clasp: pull 6 stitches, about ¾ in (2 cm), of one end of the strap through the slot of one half of the clasp and fold them to the wrong side. Cut a length of A about 14 in (36 cm) long. The flap has three open edges: two long ones that lie on the edges of the strap, and the short one across it. Begin at the left-hand long edge, 4 stitches from the short edge, and sew toward the short edge with a whip stitch, the edge of the flap to the edge of the strap under it: 4 stitches. Go on across the short edge, one stitch in each of the 7 row ends: pass the needle under the two strands at the very edge of the row and then under one strand on the wrong side of the strap just below it, so that nothing shows on the right side. Then sew along the right-hand long edge, away from the short edge: 4 stitches. Sew 3 times into the last place, hide both ends of the length inside the fold and cut them close.

6. Draw the other end of the strap through the other half of the clasp and fold 6 stitches to the wrong side. Close the clasp and see that the strap is not twisted and that its right side faces out all the way round. Then sew this flap in the same three steps, with a second length of A about 14 in (36 cm) long: 4 stitches, 7 stitches and 4 stitches. Hide both ends inside the fold.

Finishing

- All the ends are woven in and the strap is laid flat as you put it together.

In all: 7 rows; 1,960 stitches.

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