Reusable flat mop cover

Long · US terms



Finished size
About 14¾ × 5¼ in (37 × 13 cm)
About 14¾ in (37.5 cm) long and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) wide when sewn, with pockets about 4 in (10 cm) deep, for a folding mop head 14½ in (37 cm) to 15½ in (39.5 cm) long. To fit a head of 14½ in (37 cm)

Skill
Easy
It is worked back and forth in rows, with a puff stitch in every fourth row of the face.

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.

You will need

Yarn A: white, stripes **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: aqua, stripes **about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: four 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	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Short	12½ in (31.5 cm)	13 × 5¼ in (33 × 13 cm)	about 150 yd (137 m)
Long (this file)	**14½ in (37 cm)**	**14¾ × 5¼ in (37 × 13 cm)**	**about 170 yd (155 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)
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
RS	right side

Special stitches

puff: [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 7 loops on hook. It leaves 1 puff for the next row.

Gauge

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

The puff rows are counted at the same height as single crochet rows.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Work a swatch in A before you begin: ch 25; row 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across (24 sc); rows 2 to 27, ch 1, turn, sc in each st across (24 sc). 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.

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)**

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The puffs are worked on wrong side rows and stand out on the right side. Push each one out to the right side as you go. They stand only on the face, the part that goes over the floor; the pockets are plain.
- Measure your mop head before you begin. The cover is for a flat mop whose head folds in two at its middle, the kind that takes a cover with two pockets; a stiff head that does not fold cannot be put into both pockets. The head is 4 in (10 cm) to 4½ in (11.5 cm) wide and up to ¾ in (2 cm) thick, and its joint, in the middle of its top, is no more than 4 in (10 cm) long, measured along the head. Cotton stretches a little, so the cover is snug when it is put on. The short size is for a head 12½ in (31.5 cm) to 13½ in (34.5 cm) long. The long size is for a head 14½ in (37 cm) to 15½ in (39.5 cm) long. For a head of another length, see the note before the yarn of the size you work.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only two rows are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the side.

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- Colors, row by row. Rows 1 to 2: B. Rows 3 to 20: A. Rows 21 to 22: B. Rows 23 to 24: A. Rows 25 to 26: B. Rows 27 to 28: A. Rows 29 to 30: B. Rows 31 to 32: A. Rows 33 to 34: B. Rows 35 to 36: A. Rows 37 to 38: B. Rows 39 to 40: A. Rows 41 to 42: B. Rows 43 to 44: A. Rows 45 to 46: B. Rows 47 to 48: A. Rows 49 to 50: B. Rows 51 to 52: A. Rows 53 to 54: B. Rows 55 to 56: A. Rows 57 to 58: B. Rows 59 to 60: A. Rows 61 to 62: B. Rows 63 to 64: A. Rows 65 to 66: B. Rows 67 to 68: A. Rows 69 to 70: B. Rows 71 to 72: A. Rows 73 to 74: B. Rows 75 to 76: A. Rows 77 to 78: B. Rows 79 to 80: A. Rows 81 to 82: B. Rows 83 to 100: A. Rows 101 to 102: B.
- Another length. Four rows of the face are one repeat, about 7/8 in (2.2 cm) long; nine repeats are 8 in (20.5 cm). Count the repeats you need before you begin. For a longer cover, work the repeats to be added after row 82, before row 83. Each of them is two rows of single crochet (UK double crochet) with A, one row of single crochet with B, and a puff row with B. The first puff row added is worked as row 22, with 10 puffs, the next as row 26, with 9 puffs, and so on by turns. For a shorter cover, leave out the last rows before row 83, four for each repeat: rows 79 to 82 for one repeat, rows 75 to 82 for two. Then go on with row 83. Every row number printed from 83 upward, also in Assembly, is then 4 higher for each repeat added, or 4 lower for each repeat left out; the numbers of the first pocket stay as they are. The open ends of the two pockets then lie as much farther apart, or nearer together, as the face is longer or shorter. They are about 6¾ in (17 cm) apart as printed, and the joint of the mop needs about 4 in (10 cm) between them, so leave out no more than 3 repeats, which brings them to about 4 in (10 cm). Each repeat added takes about 3 yd (3 m) more of A and 4 yd (4 m) more of B.

Instructions

Chosen: Long. 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 sc is double crochet and yo is yarn round hook.

Yarns in order of use: B, aqua; A, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 22.	

First pocket

☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 18: tick them off as you go.

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

Face

☐ **Row 19 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 10 puffs)**
☐ **Row 23**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 25**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**

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☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(12 sc, 9 puffs)**
☐ **Row 27**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 10 puffs)**
☐ **Row 31**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 33**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(12 sc, 9 puffs)**
☐ **Row 35**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 37**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 10 puffs)**
☐ **Row 39**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 41**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(12 sc, 9 puffs)**
☐ **Row 43**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 45**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 10 puffs)**
☐ **Row 47**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 49**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(12 sc, 9 puffs)**
☐ **Row 51**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 53**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 54**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 10 puffs)**
☐ **Row 55**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 56**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 57**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**

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☐ **Row 58**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(12 sc, 9 puffs)**
☐ **Row 59**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 60**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 61**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 10 puffs)**
☐ **Row 63**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 64**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 65**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 66**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(12 sc, 9 puffs)**
☐ **Row 67**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 68**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 69**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 70**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 10 puffs)**
☐ **Row 71**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 72**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 73**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 74**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(12 sc, 9 puffs)**
☐ **Row 75**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 76**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 77**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 78**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 10 times**	**(11 sc, 10 puffs)**
☐ **Row 79**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 80**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 81**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 82**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, **[**puff in next st, sc in next st**] 9 times**, sc in next st	**(12 sc, 9 puffs)**
☐ **Row 83**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 84**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**

Second pocket

☐ **Row 85 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Rows 86 to 100**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**

A box for each row, 86 to 100: tick them off as you go.

☐ 86 ☐ 87 ☐ 88 ☐ 89 ☐ 90 ☐ 91 ☐ 92 ☐ 93 ☐ 94 ☐ 95 ☐ 96 ☐ 97 ☐ 98 ☐ 99 ☐ 100

☐ **Row 101**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**

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☐ **Row 102**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(21 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Mark both ends of row 18 and both ends of row 85 with a marker. They are the pocket rows that lie next to the two folds. Weave in all the tails of the cover on the wrong side.

2. Lay the cover wrong side up, the foundation chain toward you. For the first pocket, fold rows 1 to 18 up over the rows beyond them, so that the fold lies between rows 18 and 19. For the second pocket, fold rows 85 to 102 down, so that the fold lies between rows 84 and 85. The right side is now outside all over. The open ends of the two pockets, the foundation chain of the first and the top of row 102 of the second, now lie across the middle, about 6¾ in (17 cm) apart, and the puffs are underneath.

3. Each pocket is sewn down at both sides, from its fold to its open end: four seams of 18 rows each, and the two aqua rows of the pocket are two of those 18. For each seam cut a length of A about 24 in (61 cm) long. Beginning at the fold with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the side edge of the pocket to the side edge of the face under it, one stitch for each row, through the aqua rows too, until all 18 rows of the pocket are sewn and you are at the corner of its open end. Work two stitches more in the same place at that corner. Then draw each of the two tails of the seam to the inside of the pocket, weave it back and forth through the inside of that seam for about 2 in (5 cm), and trim it. The open ends, 21 stitches across, are not sewn to the face: the mop head goes in there.

4. To put the cover on, fold the mop head, so that its two halves hang down from the joint in its middle. Bend the cover in the middle in the same way, with the puffs on the inside of the bend. Push one half of the head into each pocket, so that the wrong side of the face lies against the underside of the head. Then press the head flat on the floor until it is open and locked: that draws the cover straight under it, with an end of the head in each fold. To take the cover off, fold the head again and pull the two halves out.

Finishing

- Wash the cover as the band of the yarn says, and dry it flat.

In all: 102 rows.

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