Two-tone net bath pouf

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 4½ × 3¾ in (11 × 10 cm)
About 4½ in (11.5 cm) across when fluffed up, with a cord loop about 5 in (12.5 cm) long

Skill
Easy
It is chains and single crochet only; the loops are many, and they have to be counted.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: coral, the middle and the inner layer **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, the two outer layers **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Fiber: acrylic

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, scraps of yarn in another color, to mark every twentieth loop, 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	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	3½ × 2¾ in (9 × 7 cm)	about 70 yd (64 m)
Large (this file)	**4½ × 3¾ in (11 × 10 cm)**	**about 135 yd (123 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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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

The net cannot be measured, because it is full and loose; the gauge is taken on the swatch.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Where one color runs out, go on with the next. 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 21. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(20 sc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 22** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(20 sc)** |

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds of the middle and of the layers are not joined: work on in a spiral, and in the middle move the marker up to the first stitch of each round. Round 2 of the middle is worked in the back loops of round 1 and round 3 in the back loops of round 2, so that the front loops stay free on the right side for the layers.
- A round of net ends when the last loop of the round before has been worked into. The last chain of 6 of a round leads straight on to the first loop of the next round, as each chain of 6 leads from one single crochet (UK double crochet) to the next. So at the start of round 2, and of every round of net after it, do not chain and do not turn: work into the first loop of the round just finished.
- A loop is a chain-6 space: put the hook under the chain, not into it. Where the line has (sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in one place, two single crochet go into it, each followed by a chain of 6, so the number of loops doubles. Where it has sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 6, the number stays. The count at the end of a line gives the single crochet and the loops of that round. Tie a scrap of yarn into every twentieth loop to keep count.
- Work the layers in the order they are printed, from the inside out. The right side of the middle, the side with the free front loops, faces you all the time. For the inner and the second layer turn down the rounds outside the one you work in, so that its free front loops stand up, and put the hook under one such loop for each stitch. Any of them may be the first. The slip stitch that joins the yarn is not counted; the first single crochet goes into the same loop as it.

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Instructions

Chosen: Large. 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Middle

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 sc in MR	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in BLO of each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing the cord.	

Inner layer

Yarn A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	The 8 front loops of round 1 that were left free, RS facing; 8 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, (sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in same st, **[**(sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in next st**] 7 times**	**(16 sc, 16 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**(sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in next ch-6 sp**] 16 times**	**(32 sc, 32 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**(sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in next ch-6 sp**] 32 times**	**(64 sc, 64 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first loop of the round just finished. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Second layer

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	The 16 front loops of round 2 that were left free, RS facing; 16 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, (sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in same st, **[**(sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in next st**] 15 times**	**(32 sc, 32 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**(sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in next ch-6 sp**] 32 times**	**(64 sc, 64 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**Sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 6**] 64 times**	**(64 sc, 64 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first loop of the round just finished. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Outer layer

Yarn B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	The last round of the middle, RS facing, both loops of each stitch; 16 stitches.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, (sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in same st, **[**(sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in next st**] 15 times**	**(32 sc, 32 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**(sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in next ch-6 sp**] 32 times**	**(64 sc, 64 ch-6 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**(sc, ch 6, sc, ch 6) in next ch-6 sp**] 64 times**	**(128 sc, 128 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next ch-6 sp, ch 6**] 128 times**	**(128 sc, 128 ch-6 sps)**
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the first loop of the round just finished. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in every tail but the long tail of the middle, all on the wrong side of the middle. The tail at the end of each layer hangs at the outer edge of the net: draw it down first with the needle, from loop to loop through its own layer, to the middle and through to the wrong side.

2. The cord. Make three chains of 60, two with A and one with B, each about 12 in (30.5 cm) long, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Knot the three together at one end, close to the first chains. Braid them: lay the right-hand chain over the middle one, then the left-hand chain over the one that is now in the middle, and so on by turns, until the chains are used up. Knot the three together at the other end.

3. Fold the braid in half, so that its two knots lie side by side. Lay the knots on the wrong side of the middle, the side with no net on it, over the closed ring. Bring the long tail of the middle, at the edge of round 3, through to the wrong side and sew them there with it: 10 stitches, each through the back of the middle, not through to the net, and then through one of the knots, 5 stitches to a knot. Fasten off. Trim the ends of the chains to about ½ in (1.5 cm) beyond the knots.

4. Shake the pouf out, hold it by the cord and pull the loops outward with your fingers, one layer after another, the inner layer last.

Finishing

- After each use squeeze the water out and hang the pouf up by its cord to dry.

In all: 664 stitches (40 in the middle, 112 in the inner layer, 160 in the second layer, 352 in the outer layer).

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