Gingham hand towel

Hand size · US terms



Finished size
About 17½ in (44 cm) wide and 24¼ in (62 cm) long, with the border, without the loop

Skill
Intermediate
Single crochet with two yarns in a row, one carried inside the stitches

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

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

What you need

Yarn A: white, color A	**about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sky, main color	**about 230 yd (210 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: denim, color C	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 260 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Guest size	14½ in (37 cm) wide, 18 in (46 cm) long	about 320 yd (293 m)
Hand size (this file)	**17½ in (44 cm) wide, 24¼ in (62 cm) long**	**about 520 yd (475 m)**

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 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 the towel itself, laid flat, when 14 rows are done: the 66 stitches of a row are about 16½ in (42 cm) wide in Hand size and the 54 stitches of a row are about 13½ in (34 cm) wide in Guest size, and the 14 rows are about 3 1/8 in (8 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

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Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both. In the rows do it in the last stitch of a row; in the rounds of the edging any stitch will do.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Both yarns of a band go with you through every row, so at the end of a row both hang at the edge where the next row begins. When you turn inside a band, bring the resting yarn up at the edge and lay it along the top of the row again; keep it loose enough for the edge to stay straight, and tight enough for it not to show.
- From band to band: B stays with you from the first band to the last and is not cut on the way; A and C take turns. At the end of an odd band, the last one excepted, work the last yarn over of the last st with B, which begins the next band, cut A, and take in C as the resting yarn. At the end of an even band work the last yarn over of the last st with A, which begins the next band, cut C, and go on with B as the resting yarn. Every yarn that is cut or taken in gets a tail of about 6 in (15 cm); lay the tail of the new yarn along the row below, so that the first stitches close over it.
- The last band is an odd one and no band follows it: work the last st of its last row with A to the end, and then fasten off A and cut B.
- In row 1 the resting yarn B is laid along the chain from the first st on, with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Hand size. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
yo yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 6 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all.
(66 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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Towel

Yarns in order of use: A, white; B, sky; C, denim.

The towel has 15 bands of squares, one above another, each 7 rows tall, and 11 squares of 6 sts across. The odd bands (rows 1 to 7, 15 to 21 and so on) are white and sky, and they begin and end with white. The even bands (rows 8 to 14, 22 to 28 and so on) are sky and denim, and they begin and end with sky.

Each row takes two yarns: in an odd band A and B, in an even band B and C. Hold the yarn that rests along the top of the row below and work the stitches round it, so that it is hidden inside them, from the first st of the row to the last. Change yarn in the last yarn over of the last st of a square.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 67.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs, **[**with B, sc in next 6 chs, with A, sc in next 6 chs**] 5 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** 2 3 4 5 6 7	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** 9 10 11 12 13 14	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 16 to 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** 16 17 18 19 20 21	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 23 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** 23 24 25 26 27 28	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 29**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 30 to 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** 30 31 32 33 34 35	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 37 to 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** 37 38 39 40 41 42	(66 sc)
☐ **Row 43**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times**	(66 sc)
☐ **Rows 44 to 49**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** 44 45 46 47 48 49	(66 sc)

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☐ **Row 50** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

☐ **Rows 51 to 56** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

51 52 53 54 55 56

☐ **Row 57** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

☐ **Rows 58 to 63** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

58 59 60 61 62 63

☐ **Row 64** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

☐ **Rows 65 to 70** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

65 66 67 68 69 70

☐ **Row 71** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

☐ **Rows 72 to 77** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

72 73 74 75 76 77

☐ **Row 78** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

☐ **Rows 79 to 84** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

79 80 81 82 83 84

☐ **Row 85** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

☐ **Rows 86 to 91** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

86 87 88 89 90 91

☐ **Row 92** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

☐ **Rows 93 to 98** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with C, sc in next 6 sts, with B, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

93 94 95 96 97 98

☐ **Row 99** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

☐ **Rows 100 to 105** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**with B, sc in next 6 sts, with A, sc in next 6 sts**] 5 times** (66 sc)

100 101 102 103 104 105

☐ **End** Fasten off A and cut B, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.

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Border

Yarn C, denim.

Hold the towel with its right side facing you and the last row at the top. Round 1 goes to the left along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. The 3 sc in one place turn a corner. In round 2 the sc "in same st as join" goes into the first of the 3 sc of the first corner, and the 3 sc after it into the middle one.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 66 sts of the last row, the ends of the 105 rows, the 66 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 105 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 64 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 105 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 64 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 105 rows; join with sl st in first sc	(350 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 66 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 107 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 66 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 106 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(358 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Hanging loop: lay the towel with its right side up and the last row of the squares at the top, and join C with a sl st in the middle st of the 3 sc of round 2 at the top right corner; ch 16, and work a sl st into the same st, so that the chain makes a loop. Fasten off and weave in both ends.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, each into its own color.
- Wet it, squeeze the water out, lay it flat on a towel, pull the edges straight and let it dry.

In all: 7,638 stitches (6,930 in the towel, 708 in the border).

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