

Grit stitch dishcloth

Standard · US terms



Shown: a swatch of the stitch pattern.

Finished size

About 8 × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)

Skill

Easy

Skipped stitches, groups in one place

Yarn

Medium (4)

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In grit stitch.

You will need

Yarn: any color, medium (4)

about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate

Fiber: Cotton yarn is the usual choice for a dishcloth.

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

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. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the piece.

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
sk	skip
st	stitch

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in grit stitch.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: 7 repeats of the bracketed group side by side (14 foundation chains' worth) are about 4.3 in (10.9 cm) wide, and 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 12.

The swatch. This piece is small enough to be its own test piece: you may skip the test piece, begin, and measure the width at the first place to stop. If you do make a swatch, it is a test piece to measure and pull out, not the start of the pattern. Gauge is counted over 4 in (10 cm), so make the swatch bigger than that: about 6 in (15 cm) each way, and count in the middle of it.

Swatch foundation	Ch 21.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, [sk next ch, 2 sc in next ch] 9 times , sc in next ch	(20 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 23	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, [sk next st, 2 sc in next st] 9 times , sc in last st	(20 sc)

For another width, add or take away 2 chains at a time: each 2 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Stitches in parentheses, or several of one stitch, are all worked into the one place named after them.
- The number of rows is our estimate: yours may differ, and the length does not change the stitch count.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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.

☐ Foundation	Ch 27.	
☐ Row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, [sk next ch, 2 sc in next ch] 12 times , sc in next ch	(26 sc)
☐ Rows 2 to 30	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, [sk next st, 2 sc in next st] 12 times , sc in last st <i>Repeat until the piece measures about 8 in (20 cm): at our gauge that is row 30. Go by the tape measure, not the count.</i>	(26 sc)

A box for each row, 2 to 30: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Stop and measure when you have worked row 12. Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 8 in (20 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ End	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.
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Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- This pattern has no border, and every size given here is without one.

In all: 30 rows; 780 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

Also makes: grit stitch scarf, grit stitch baby blanket and grit stitch throw, from the same stitch pattern. See the pattern's page at flossfield.com/crochet/patterns/grit-stitch-dishcloth/.

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