Lavender oval bath mat

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 30½ in (77 cm) long and 20 in (51 cm) wide, with the shells

Skill
Easy
One stitch with increases, three rounds of puffs and a round of shells

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
8 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet in rounds with two strands held together.

What you need

Yarn A: heather purple, color A	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lavender, main color	**about 260 yd (238 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ivory, color C	**about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 480 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Fiber: cotton

Two strands of yarn are held together throughout; the amounts above are for all of them.

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, a stitch marker and a non-slip rug mesh, cut about 2 in (5 cm) smaller all round than the mat.

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
Small	26¼ in (67 cm) long, 17¾ in (45 cm) wide	about 470 yd (430 m)
Standard (this file)	**30½ in (77 cm) long, 20 in (51 cm) wide**	**about 620 yd (567 m)**

Gauge

8 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet in rounds with two strands held together.

Check it on the mat itself, laid flat, when 4 rounds are done: it is about 4 5/8 in (11.7 cm) wide, and about 15 in (38 cm) long in Standard and 13 in (33 cm) long in Small. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

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Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Hold two strands of the yarn together throughout, as if they were one. A tail is two strands too.
- The right side is the side that faces you as you work the rounds. Do not turn between rounds.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. 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.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin 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 in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "2 hdc in next st" puts both stitches in that one place.
- 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.
- In rounds 4, 8 and 12 every second stitch is a puff, all the way round; the increases of these rounds are (puff, hdc) in one stitch. Make the sl st that joins them, with the new yarn, in the top of the first puff. Push each puff out toward you with a fingertip: the right side is the side with the puffs standing up. In the round after it, work 1 hdc into the top of each puff as into any stitch.
- Every round of the bands has 8 stitches more than the one before, 4 at each end. "Next st" at the start of a round is the stitch of the join.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and it can be washed.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Standard. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
sk skip, **yo** yarn over the hook.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 20 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(48 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yo, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop to the height of an hdc] 3 times in the same st, yo, pull through all 7 loops on hook. In UK terms: a puff stitch to the height of a half treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, heather purple; C, ivory; B, lavender.

Round 1 goes all the way round the foundation chain. The chain nearest the hook is skipped and does not count as a stitch. Work along the chain to its far end, do not turn, and go on along the other side of the same chain, under the strands that are still free: "2 hdc in same ch" go into the far end chain, which already holds the 2 hdc of "2 hdc in last ch". The "2 hdc in last ch" at the end of the round go into the chain the round began in, beside its first 2 hdc.

The words in square brackets that are worked 2, 4 and 2 times make the two curved ends; "20 sts", or the bracket that is worked 10 times, is a straight side. Put a marker in the first stitch of each round: every round begins in the stitch of the join, or, where it begins with an increase, with the 2 stitches of that increase in the stitch of the join.

The last round has 28 shells. Its first sc goes into the stitch of the join, and its last 5 dc go into the third of the 5 sts that are left.

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☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 23.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	2 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 20 chs, 2 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 2 hdc in same ch, hdc in next 20 chs, 2 hdc in last ch; join with sl st in first hdc	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	With C, ch 1, **[**(puff, hdc) in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 10 times**, **[**(puff, hdc) in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 10 times**, **[**(puff, hdc) in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first puff	(36 puffs, 36 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, ch 1, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	With C, ch 1, **[**(puff, hdc) in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 10 times**, **[**(puff, hdc) in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 10 times**, **[**(puff, hdc) in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first puff	(52 puffs, 52 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	With A, ch 1, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(120 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(128 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With C, ch 1, **[**(puff, hdc) in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**, **[**puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 10 times**, **[**(puff, hdc) in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 4 times**, **[**puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 10 times**, **[**(puff, hdc) in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st, puff in next st, hdc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first puff	(68 puffs, 68 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, ch 1, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(144 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(152 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**hdc in next 6 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(160 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(168 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	With C, ch 1, sc in same st as join, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 27 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc	(28 sc, 140 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, each into its own color.
- Wet the mat, lay it flat on a towel, pat the oval even and let it dry.
- On a smooth floor lay the mat on the rug mesh, so that it does not slide.

In all: 17 rounds; 16 ends to weave in.

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