Lemon peel stitch potholder

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 8 × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches and stripes

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In lemon peel stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: lemon, main — **about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, stripe — **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**8 × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)**	**about 110 yd (101 m)**
Small	6¾ × 7 in (17 × 18 cm)	about 85 yd (78 m)

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)
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS right side
st stitch
yo yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in lemon peel stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin.
- This potholder is two layers thick.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn at the end of its stripe, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- 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.
- Use it dry: a wet potholder lets the heat through.
- 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 both loops.
- Use cotton yarn. Acrylic yarn can melt.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 22 rows for each face, 44 rows in all.

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and yo is yarn round hook.

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

Check your width as you go: when row 9 is done, measure the width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge. It is 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.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 12 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

Stripe in B, warm white

☐ **Row 11**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**

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Stripe in A, lemon

☐ **Row 13**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 22: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

Stripe in B, warm white

☐ **Row 23**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**

Stripe in A, lemon

☐ **Row 25**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 34: tick them off as you go.

26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

Stripe in B, warm white

☐ **Row 35**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**

Stripe in A, lemon

☐ **Row 37**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**
☐ **Rows 38 to 44**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 13 times**	**(13 sc, 13 dc)**

A box for each row, 38 to 44: tick them off as you go.

38 39 40 41 42 43 44

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew the seam with.

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails on the wrong side now, all but the long one: they cannot be reached after the sewing.

2. Fold the piece in half across its rows with the wrong sides together, so that row 44 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 22 and 23.

3. The sides come next. Sew each side with a separate length of A (the color of the last row), about 30 in (76 cm) long.

4. First side: starting at the fold, whip stitch the end of each row to the end of the row that lies against it, rows 22 and 23 first, rows 1 and 44 last: 22 stitches.

5. Second side: sew the other side the same way: 22 stitches.

6. With the long tail, whip stitch row 44 to the foundation chain, easing the two edges to fit: about 26 stitches.

7. Hanging loop: join A with a sl st through both layers at the corner where the last seam ends, ch 12, sl st in the same place to close the loop. Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the tails that are left with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 44 rows; 1,144 stitches; 14 ends to weave in.

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