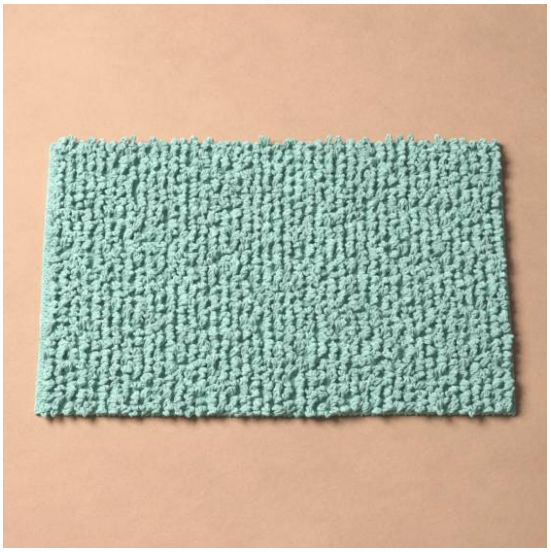
Loop stitch bath mat

Small · US terms



Finished size
About 20 × 30¼ in (51 × 77 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Loop stitches

Yarn
Bulky (5)

Hook
8 mm (US L-11)

Gauge
10 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In loop stitch.

You will need

Yarn: sea glass, bulky (5) **about 630 yd (576 m), an estimate**

Hook: 8 mm (US L-11). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure and a non-slip rug pad, a little smaller than the mat.

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
Small (this file)	**20 × 30¼ in (51 × 77 cm)**	**about 630 yd (576 m)**
Standard	24 × 35¾ in (61 × 91 cm)	about 890 yd (814 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)

Special stitches

lp st (Loop stitch): Insert the hook in the st. Keep a finger on the far side of the work and lay the yarn over it to make a loop about 1 in (2.5 cm) long. With the hook catch the strand that runs on behind the finger, pull it through the st (2 loops on hook), yo, pull through both loops, and only then slip the finger out. The loop hangs on the far side of the work, the side away from you. In UK terms: loop stitch, worked as a UK dc. It leaves 1 stitch for the next row.

Gauge

10 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in loop stitch.

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.
- The loops form on the side away from you, so they are worked on wrong-side rows and hang on the right side.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- For another width, chain more or fewer: each chain adds one stitch to every row. Measure your own stitches to 4 in (10 cm) first.

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Instructions

Chosen: Small. 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, yo is yarn round hook and dc is treble.

The 87 rows below make this size. For another length, work fewer or more rows in the same order; rows 2 and 3 are the set that is worked over and over, so stop after a row that is worked as row 3.

Check your width as you go: when row 12 is done, measure the width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge. It is about 20 in (51 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**	Ch 51.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(50 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; lp st in each st across	**(50 lp st)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(50 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 87**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 87: tick them off as you go.

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	31	32
33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61
62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87			

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.
- On a smooth floor, lay the rug pad under the mat.

In all: 87 rows; 2 ends to weave in.

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