Loop stitch duster cover

US terms



Finished size
About 4 × 11¾ in (10 × 30 cm)
About 11¾ in (30 cm) long with its cuff and 8 in (20.5 cm) round, the loops not counted

Skill
Intermediate
It uses loop stitch and front and back post stitches, in joined rounds.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 3 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2)

Gauge
12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: lemon, stripes	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, stripes	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the cord	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: acrylic

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10 1/2), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle and scissors.

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 30 percent added.

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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
FPhdc	front post half double crochet (UK front post half treble)
BPhdc	back post half double crochet (UK back post half treble)
MR	magic ring
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
WS	wrong side

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Special stitches

loop-st (Loop stitch): Insert hook in the place named. Lift a forefinger behind the work so that the yarn lies over it in a loop about 1 in (2.5 cm) long, catch both strands of that loop with the hook, the one in front of the finger and the one behind it, and draw both through the stitch, so that 3 loops are on the hook; then yo, pull through all 3 loops, and slip the long loop off the finger. It stands at the back of the work. It leaves 1 loop-st for the next round.

Gauge

12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The loop stitch rounds are counted at the same height as single crochet rounds. The gauge is taken on the plain side.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 4 the base should measure about 2½ in (6.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- Each round, from round 1 to the last, is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch. The chain at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch of the round into the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The loops of loop stitch come out at the back of the work. So the cover is worked with its wrong side, the plain side, facing you all the time. As it grows into a tube the plain side is on the outside and the loops are inside; it is turned when the cuff is done.
- In round 31 and in the rounds after it the chain of 2 does not count as a stitch. The front and back post stitches go round the post of the half double crochet (UK half treble), or of the post stitch, of the round before. FPhdc: yo, put the hook in from the front, round behind the post and out at the front again, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through all 3 loops on hook. BPhdc: the same, with the hook put in from the back, round in front of the post and out at the back again.
- Measure the head of your duster before you begin. The cover is for a head 6 in (15 cm) to 7½ in (19 cm) round at its widest, with whatever is fixed to it taken off, and up to 8½ in (21.5 cm) long. For a longer or shorter head, change the number of rounds of the tube, rounds 5 to 28, which are all alike: 13 rounds are 4 in (10 cm), so 2 rounds are about 5/8 in (1.6 cm). Each 2 rounds added take about 9 yd (8 m) more of A. Work the rounds of the cuff after them just as they are written; only their round numbers change, wherever they are named. The cover is written in one width.
- To change color where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 28: A. Rounds 29 to 36: B.

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Instructions

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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, FPhdc is front post half treble, BPhdc is back post half treble, yo is yarn round hook and sk is miss.

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

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

Closed end

☐ **Rnd 1 (WS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in MR, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**loop-st in next st, 2 loop-st in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first loop-st to join	**(18 loop-sts)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 4.** The base should measure about 2½ in (6.5 cm) across.

Tube

☐ **Rnds 5 to 28**	Ch 1, loop-st in each st around, sl st in first loop-st to join	**(24 loop-sts)**

A box for each round, 5 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28

Cuff

☐ **Rnd 29**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 30**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next st, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 12 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnds 32 to 36**	Ch 2, **[**FPhdc around next st, BPhdc around next st**] 12 times**, sl st in first FPhdc to join	**(12 FPhdc, 12 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 32 to 36: tick them off as you go.

☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36

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

Assembly

1. Weave all the tails in on the plain side. Then turn the cover inside out through the cuff, so that the loops are on the outside. Put a finger inside and draw out any loop that is caught.

2. For the cord, with C, ch 75, about 20 in (51 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end.

3. Thread the cord through the 12 chain-1 spaces of round 30. Begin at the space nearest to the joins of the rounds: go in through it from the outside, out through the next, and so on all the way round. The end comes out of the last space, next to the first. Knot each end of the cord and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm).

4. Push the head of the duster into the cover as far as it goes, its handle out through the cuff. Draw the cord up round the foot of the handle and tie it in a bow.

Finishing

- Shake the cover out before you use it. The loops stay closed: do not cut them.

In all: 36 rounds.

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