Woven look mat

US terms



Finished size
About 16 by 11¾ in (41 by 30 cm) without the fringe, which adds 1½ in (4 cm) at each end

Skill
Beginner
Worked in rows, with 26 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: red, the long strips	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the sewn details	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: green, the sewn details	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: straw, the cross strips	**about 205 yd (187 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a large flat board or cork mat, about 60 pins, a spray bottle and a comb.

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 and chains 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
rem	remaining
st	stitch

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

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.

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Before you start

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Leave a 10 in (25 cm) tail before the slip knot of every foundation chain too. The chain begins at one end of the strip and the last row ends at the other, so every end of every strip has a tail to sew it down with.
- Both faces of a strip may be used as the right side.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 10¾ in (27 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 12½ in (32 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 20¼ in (51 cm).

Instructions

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.

Long strip: make 11

Yarn A, red.

Make 4 in (10 cm) red (A), as the lines say; make 4 in (10 cm) black, with B for A, and 3 in (7.5 cm) green, with C for A.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 57.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(56 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(56 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cross strip: make 15

Yarn D, straw.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 42.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: work in batches, with 10 strips at a time on the board at the most. Pin each strip out straight with 6 pins, one at each corner and one in the middle of each long side, the long strips 16 in (41 cm) long, the cross strips 11¾ in (30 cm) long and all of them just over 1 in (2.7 cm) wide, spray them with water, let them dry and take the pins out for the next batch.
- Lay the 15 cross strips on the board side by side, edges touching, the strips standing upright with their ends level at the top and the bottom. Do not pin them yet.
- The long strips lie across them from left to right. From the top their colors are red, black, green, red, black, green, black, red, green, black, red.
- Weave the first long strip through the cross strips along their top ends, level with them: over the first cross strip on the left, under the second, over the third, and so on, so that it ends over the last. Pin the two layers to the board along the top edge. Weave the second long strip below it, close against it: under the first cross strip, over the second, and so on, so that it ends under the last. Go on, the odd-numbered long strips like the first and the even-numbered ones like the second, until all 11 are in. Push every strip close to its neighbors; the last long strip lies level with the lower ends of the cross strips, and the ends of the long strips lie level with the outer edges of the first and the last cross strip. Pin the other three edges.
- Sewing: every end of every strip lies on top of another strip or under one. With the tail at that end, sew it to that strip along its short end, with 4 small stitches through both layers, and fasten off at the back. Sew the 22 ends of the long strips and the 30 ends of the cross strips in this way.
- Fringe: cut 8 lengths of 5 in (13 cm) of its color for each long strip, 32 of A, 32 of B and 24 of C. Each of the 4 row ends at each end of a long strip takes one length: with the mat right side up, put the hook from the front to the back through the end of the row, and through the cross strip too where one lies on the long strip; fold the length in half, draw the fold through to the front, draw the two ends through the fold and pull them tight.
- Comb the fringe and trim it level, 1½ in (4 cm) long.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 26 pieces; 4,924 stitches (224 in each long strip, 164 in each cross strip).

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