Moss stitch potholder

Standard · US terms



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

Skill
Easy
Skipped stitches, chain spaces

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 17½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In moss stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: ink, main	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe	**about 25 yd (23 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 100 yd (92 m)**
Small	6¾ × 7 in (17 × 18 cm)	about 80 yd (73 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)
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

13 stitches and 17½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in moss 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 three chains skipped at the start of row 1 make the first turning ch sp, which row 2 works into.
- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. It makes the turning ch sp, and the last stitch of the next row is worked into that space.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- A stitch worked into a chain space passes over any stitches that lie before the space; they are left unworked.
- 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 strands of each chain that lie below row 1, whether or not a stitch was worked into that chain. A chain between two stitches of the last row is sewn as a stitch: pass the needle under the whole chain. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end of the row on one side and the end of the row that lies against it on the other. The end of a row is its last stitch or, at the edge where the row begins, its turning chain. The turning ch sp at the edge of the last row is sewn as one stitch too, and so is the skipped chain next to the first sc of row 1. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- 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 the place and the loop on the hook.
- Use cotton yarn. Acrylic yarn can melt.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 35 rows for each face, 70 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, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, ink; B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 28.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 4th ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 12 times** **(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 6** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 7** With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Row 8** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in A, ink

☐ **Row 9** With A, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Row 10** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 11** With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Row 12** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in A, ink

☐ **Row 13** With A, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Rows 14 to 23** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

A box for each row, 14 to 23: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 24** With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Row 25** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in A, ink

☐ **Row 26** With A, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Row 27** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 28** With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

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☐ **Row 29** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in A, ink

☐ **Row 30** With A, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Rows 31 to 41** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

A box for each row, 31 to 41: tick them off as you go.

31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 42** With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Row 43** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in A, ink

☐ **Row 44** With A, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Row 45** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 46** With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Row 47** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in A, ink

☐ **Row 48** With A, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Rows 49 to 58** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

A box for each row, 49 to 58: tick them off as you go.

49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 59** With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

☐ **Row 60** Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

Stripe in A, ink

☐ **Row 61** With A, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp
(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)

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☐ **Row 62**	Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp **(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 63**	With B, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp **(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**
☐ **Row 64**	Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp **(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**

Stripe in A, ink

☐ **Row 65**	With A, ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp **(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**
☐ **Rows 66 to 70**	Ch 2, turn; **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 12 times**, sc in turning ch sp **(13 sc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 turning ch sp)**

A box for each row, 66 to 70: tick them off as you go.

☐ 66 ☐ 67 ☐ 68 ☐ 69 ☐ 70

☐ **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 70 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 35 and 36.

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 35 and 36 first, rows 1 and 70 last: 35 stitches.

5. Second side: sew the other side the same way: 35 stitches.

6. With the long tail, whip stitch row 70 to the foundation chain, stitch for stitch: 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: 70 rows; 910 stitches; 34 ends to weave in.

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