Striped oval placemat

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 18 × 12 in (46 × 30 cm)

Skill
Easy
One stitch, with increases at the two ends

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet in rounds.

What you need

Yarn A: clay, main color **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 80 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and a stitch marker.

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 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	14½ × 9¼ in (37 × 23 cm)	about 100 yd (91 m)
Standard (this file)	**18 × 12 in (46 × 30 cm)**	**about 160 yd (146 m)**

Gauge

14 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet in rounds.

Check it on the placemat itself, laid flat, when 5 rounds are done: it is about 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) wide and about 9½ in (24 cm) long in Standard, 9 in (23 cm) long in Small. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

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Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side is the side that faces you as you work the rounds. Do not turn between rounds.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The last round is crab stitch, worked backward. Do not turn. After the ch 1 put the hook into the next stitch to the right of the join, the last hdc of the round before, and work an sc there; go on to the right, one in each stitch. The last one goes into the stitch of the join.
- Every round of hdc after round 1 has 8 stitches more than the one before: 4 at each end. The last round, of crab stitch, has as many as the round before it. A larger oval is worked in the same way: in round R of hdc the brackets have R - 2 plain stitches beside their "2 hdc", and the round has 8 × R stitches more than its two straight sides together. Each round makes the oval about ¾ in (2 cm) wider and as much longer. For a longer oval of the same width add chains: each chain makes it about ¼ in (7 mm) longer and adds 1 stitch to each straight side of every round.
- Use cotton yarn: it lies flat and it can be washed.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Standard. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.

rev sc single crochet worked backward. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook.

2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 20 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.

(48 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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

Round 1 goes all the way round the foundation chain. The chain nearest the hook is skipped and does not count as a stitch. Work along the chain to its far end, do not turn, and go on along the other side of the same chain: "2 hdc in same ch" go into the far end chain, which already holds the 2 hdc of "2 hdc in last ch". The "2 hdc in last ch" at the end of the round go into the other end chain, the one the round began in, beside its first 2 hdc. Each end chain then holds 4. Put a marker in the first hdc of round 1 and move it up to the first hdc of every round.

The words in square brackets are the two curved ends; "20 sts" is a straight side. The odd rounds from round 3 to round 15 are worked in the back loop only: the loop that is left free stands up as a ridge on the right side. Every even round and the last round go under both loops of the stitches below. Round 1 goes into the chain: on the way out take the upper two of the three strands of each chain, and on the way back the one strand that is still free.

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☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 23.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	2 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 20 chs, 2 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, 2 hdc in same ch, hdc in next 20 chs, 2 hdc in last ch; join with sl st in first hdc	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next st**] 4 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(72 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next st, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next st, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next st, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(80 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	With A, ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(104 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(112 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(120 hdc)

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☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(128 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	With A, ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(136 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 6 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 6 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 5 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 6 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(144 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	With A, ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 12 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(152 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, ch 1, **[**hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 7 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 7 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in BLO of next 20 sts, **[**hdc in BLO of next 6 sts, 2 hdc in BLO of next st, hdc in BLO of next 7 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(160 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 4 times**, hdc in next 20 sts, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 14 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(168 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, rev sc in each st around; join with sl st in first rev sc	(168 rev sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, each into its own color.
- Wet the placemat, lay it flat on a towel, pat the oval even and let it dry.

In all: 17 rounds; 1,896 stitches; 18 ends to weave in.

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