Cherry pie potholder

US terms



Finished size
About 9¼ in (23 cm) across, with the crimped edge and without the loop

Skill
Intermediate
Popcorns, two colors in turn, and strips to weave and sew

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: wheat, main	**about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: red, stripe	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: wine, stripe	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 4 stitch markers and about 20 pins.

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
BLO	back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you
Rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Special stitches

pop (Popcorn): 4 dc in the st; take the hook out of the loop, put it from front to back through the top of the first of these 4 dc, catch the loop again and pull it through. The popcorn stands out on the side that faces you and counts as one stitch. In UK terms: 4 trebles in one place, drawn together into a popcorn.

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the back: 4 rounds measure about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across and 9 rounds about 4 in (10 cm). If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side of a piece in rounds is the side that faces you as you work; the right side of a piece in rows is the side that faces you in row 1.
- To sew a piece on: lay it where the step says, right side up, and hold it with pins. With the yarn on a yarn needle, come up from below through both loops of a stitch of its edge and go down into the piece underneath, just outside that stitch. Work one sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge that is named. A chain of a foundation edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. Fasten off where it does not show.
- Use it dry: a wet potholder lets the heat through.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st (in round 1 of the crust, the same chain). The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- 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.
- Do not cut the yarn at the end of a round of the filling. B and C are used in turn: make the joining sl st of a round with the yarn of the next round, and let the other hang at the back until the round after that. Draw it up loosely, so that the filling stays flat. C begins and ends the filling. Cut B when the joining sl st of round 15 has been made with C.
- The first stitch of a round that follows popcorns goes into the top of the first popcorn. A popcorn takes one stitch of the next round, like an sc.
- Use cotton yarn. Acrylic yarn can melt.

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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, dc is treble, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Back

Yarn A, wheat.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(114 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Filling

Yarns in order of use: C, wine; B, red.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With B, ch 1, **[**pop in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first pop	**(6 pop, 6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With C, ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With B, ch 1, **[**pop in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first pop	**(12 pop, 12 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 6**	With C, ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, ch 1, **[**pop in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**; join with sl st in first pop	**(18 pop, 18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	With B, ch 1, **[**pop in next st, sc in next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first pop	**(24 pop, 24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, ch 1, **[**pop in next st, sc in next st**] 30 times**; join with sl st in first pop	**(30 pop, 30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, ch 1, **[**pop in next st, sc in next st**] 36 times**; join with sl st in first pop	**(36 pop, 36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, ch 1, **[**pop in next st, sc in next st**] 42 times**; join with sl st in first pop	**(42 pop, 42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	With C, ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(88 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Middle strip: make 2

Yarn A, wheat.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 29.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(28 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Side strip: make 4

Yarn A, wheat.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 26.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) for sewing.	

Crust

Yarn A, wheat.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 84, join with sl st in first ch to make a loop, without twisting the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next 3 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next st, 2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 6 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in BLO of next 8 sts, 2 sc in BLO of next st, sc in BLO of next 9 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(114 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 19 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(19 sc, 95 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the sewing tail of each strip.

2. Places of the strips: lay the filling right side up and put a marker in stitches 1, 23, 45 and 67 of round 16. Turn it so that stitch 1 is at the top: the markers are then at the top, the bottom and the two sides. Every strip lies right side up, and each of its ends lies over round 16, the short edge level with the edge of the filling. A middle strip ends over a marked stitch and its neighbor on either side. A side strip ends over the 6th, 7th and 8th stitch from a marked stitch, the marked stitch not counted.

3. Upright strips: lay a middle strip straight from the top marker to the bottom marker, and a side strip to the left and to the right of it, each from the 6th to 8th stitches beside the top marker to the 6th to 8th stitches beside the bottom marker. Pin their top ends in place, and let their lower ends lie loose.

4. Cross strips: weave in the other three from side to side in the same way, the middle strip from marker to marker. The upper side strip goes over the left upright strip, under the middle one and over the right one. The middle strip goes under, over and under. The lower side strip goes over, under and over. Pin every end.

5. The sewing tail of a strip hangs at one of its two ends. With it sew that end to round 16 of the filling: 3 stitches, one in each row end. Six ends have no tail, one on each strip: cut six lengths of A, each about 12 in (30 cm), and sew each of these ends down in the same way. Weave all of these yarns in on the wrong side of the filling.

6. Lay the back down right side up and the filling on it, right side up, so that 3 rounds of the back show all round it. Pin it.

7. Crust: lay it right side up on top, its foundation chain to the inside, so that its round 4 lies over round 19 of the back and the groups of dc stand out past the edge. The joins of the two lie one over the other. Cut a length of A about 98 in (249 cm) long. Turn the pie over. Sew both loops of each stitch of round 19 of the back to the back of the stitch of round 4 of the crust that lies against it, stitch to stitch, all round: 114 stitches.

8. Turn it right side up. Cut a length of A about 76 in (193 cm) long. Sew the foundation chain of the crust down all round, through the filling and the back, and through the strips where they lie under it: 84 stitches, one for each chain.

9. Hanging loop: join A with a sl st in any sc of round 5 of the crust, ch 16, sl st in the same sc, and fasten off. Weave in the ends at the back of the crust.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths between the two layers.

In all: 9 pieces.

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