Post stitch rib border

Round a small cloth · US terms



Finished size
Stands out about 2 in (5 cm)
About 10¾ × 10¾ in (27 × 27 cm) with a finished rectangle of 21 stitches by 24 rows of single crochet

Skill
Intermediate
Front and back post stitches

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

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

You will need

Yarn A: the color of your piece, first round	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: denim blue, rounds 2 to 4, double crochet and rib	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: navy, last round	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To work on: a finished rectangle of 21 stitches by 24 rows of single crochet, already made. It is written out under Instructions. Its yarn is not in the amount above.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. For another length of edge, the yarn for a side is in proportion to its length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Round a small cloth (this file)	**10¾ × 10¾ in (27 × 27 cm)**	**about 75 yd (69 m)**
Round a baby blanket	34¾ × 35 in (88 × 89 cm)	about 255 yd (234 m)
Round a throw	53¼ × 53½ in (135 × 136 cm)	about 415 yd (379 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
rnd	round

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RS	right side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yoh, yarn over hook)

Special stitches

FPdc (front post double crochet): Yo, insert hook from the front to the back and to the front again round the post (the upright part) of the stitch of the round below, yo and pull up a loop, (yo and draw through 2 loops) 2 times. Leave the top of that stitch alone. It leaves 1 FPdc for the next row.

BPdc (back post double crochet): The same as FPdc, but insert hook from the back to the front and to the back again round the post. It leaves 1 BPdc for the next row.

Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 a side, measured between two corner stitches, is about 6.5 in (16.5 cm). If yours is shorter, work with a larger hook; if it is longer, with a smaller one. Do not change the number of stitches: the rounds that follow are counted on it.

To fit your own piece, work round 1 so that the stitches between two corner stitches are a multiple of 6 plus 3 (15, 21, 27 and so on), the same on opposite sides; work 2 single crochet in one stitch to gain a stitch or skip one to lose it, spread along the side. For every 6 stitches more than 21 on a side, that side takes: round 2, 6 more dc; round 3, 3 more of the repeat that begins "FPdc around next st"; round 4, 3 more of the repeat that begins "FPdc around next st"; round 5, 6 more sc. For every 6 fewer, as much less. The corners do not change.

Before you start

- Round 1 begins in the right-hand stitch of the top edge (the last row, RS facing), which is its "first st"; it goes along the top edge, down the left side, along the foundation edge and up the right side.
- Corner stitch: the middle stitch of those worked into one corner. Where a round opens with part of a corner, the last stitches of the round go into that same first stitch and complete the corner; its corner stitch is then the first stitch of the round.
- Along the row ends, round 1 takes 6 stitches to every 7 rows, one more at the end, and skips the first and the last row end, next to the corners.
- The foundation edge is the underside of the starting chain: work into what each chain has left free.
- The slip stitch that joins a round is not counted.
- A round that is joined in a corner space begins there and ends with the stitches that lie just before that same space.
- Fasten off at the end of rounds 2, 3 and 4 and join the yarn again, in another corner each time, so that the joins do not stand in one line. The ends and the yarn are counted that way.
- The ch 3 of the round below is a stitch like any other: work a post stitch round it, or an sc in the top of it, when you come to it.
- The ribs stand in line: a FPdc goes round a FPdc of the round below and a BPdc round a BPdc, and the 2 dc of a corner begin new ribs.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.

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- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- To change color between rounds: close the round, cut the yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and fasten off. The next round says where to join the new color. The yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.
- The piece is 21 stitches by 24 rows of single crochet, about 6.5 in (16.5 cm) by 6.4 in (16.3 cm). The edging stands out about 2.1 in (5.3 cm) on every side, so that with it the whole is about 10.7 in (27.2 cm) by 10.7 in (27.2 cm).
- The totals and the yarn amounts are those of the edging. The piece has 2 ends of its own and, if you make it too, takes about 45 yd (41 m) of yarn A, an estimate worked out in the same way.
- Round 1 leaves 21 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

Instructions

Chosen: Round a small cloth. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 and yo is yarn over hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, the color of your piece; B, denim blue; C, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	A finished piece of 21 sts by 24 rows, RS facing.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in last st, sk next row end, **[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 3 times**, sc in end of next row, sk next row end, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 19 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, sk next row end, **[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 3 times**, sc in end of next row, sk next row end, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same st, dc in next 21 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 21 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(100 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, FPdc around next st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 12 times**, FPdc around next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(16 dc, 4 ch-1 sps, 52 FPdc, 48 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 14 times**, FPdc around next st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 14 times**, FPdc around next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(16 dc, 4 ch-1 sps, 60 FPdc, 56 BPdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join C with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, sc in next 33 sts, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 33 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(144 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 5 rounds; 10 ends to weave in.

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