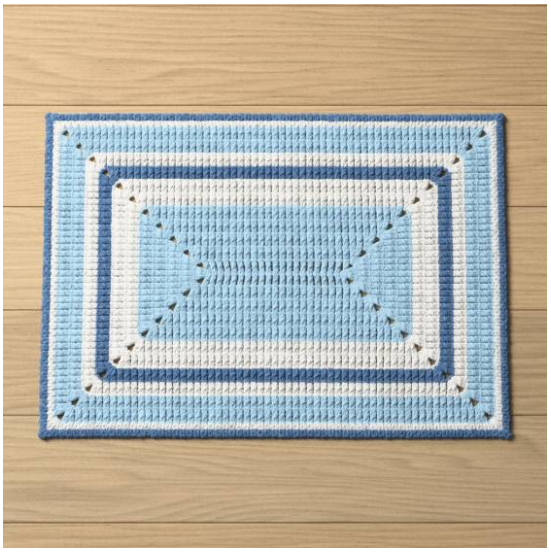
# Rectangle placemat in the round

Placemat · US terms



Finished size
**About 19 × 13¾ in (48 × 35 cm)**

Skill
**Easy**
One stitch, worked in rounds with chain corners

Yarn
**Medium (4), 3 colors**

Hook
**5 mm (US H-8)**

Gauge
**14 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)**
In double crochet in rounds.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: sky, main | **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: white, stripe | **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: denim, stripe | **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate** |

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 |
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| **Small mat** | 15½ × 10¼ in (39 × 26 cm) | about 115 yd (105 m) |
| **Placemat (this file)** | **19 × 13¾ in (48 × 35 cm)** | **about 175 yd (160 m)** |
| **Table center** | 25¼ × 17¼ in (64 × 44 cm) | about 280 yd (256 m) |


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## Abbreviations

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

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| **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) |
| **Rnd** | round |
| **sp** | space |
| **st** | stitch |
| **yo** | yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook) |

## Gauge

**14 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)** in double crochet in rounds.

Check it on the piece itself, laid flat, when 4 rounds are done: it is about 4¾ in (12 cm) from one long side to the other and, from one short side to the other, about 10 in (25 cm) in Placemat and Small mat and about 12¾ in (32 cm) in Table center. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

## Before you start

- The ch 1 or ch 2 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.
- 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.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "3 sc in next ch-2 sp" puts all 3 stitches in that one place.
- 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.
- Each corner of a round goes into the ch-2 space of the corner below. The dc before it goes into the last dc before that space, and the dc after it into the first dc after the space. The last round of all has no ch-2 space under it: there the 3 sc of a corner all go into the middle one of the 3 sc below.
- For a rectangle of another size: every round makes both sides 4 dc longer, about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm), so the long side is always longer than the short side by the same amount. Take that difference in inches times 3½ (in centimeters times 1.4), round it to a whole number and add 3: so many chains are worked into. Make 2 more for the hook. With L for the chains worked into and R for the number of the round, each short side of round R has 4 × R - 1 dc and each long side L + 4 × R - 4. Work rounds of dc until the short side is as long as you want, less 1 in (2.5 cm), which the two rounds of sc add.
- Use cotton yarn: it lies flat and it can be washed.


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## Instructions

Chosen: Placemat. 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 and dc is treble.

**Yarns in order of use: A, sky; B, white; C, denim.**

Round 1 goes all the way round the foundation chain. The 2 chains nearest the hook are skipped and do 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, under the strands that are still free. At each end the (dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2) all go into the one end chain: the 3 dc are the short side, with a corner space on each side of them.

Put a marker in the first dc of round 1 and move it up to the first dc of every round: each round begins there, in the same column of stitches.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 23. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in next 19 chs, (dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2) in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in same ch, dc in next 19 chs, (dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2) in last ch; join with sl st in first dc | **(48 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 2** | Ch 2, dc in next 21 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 21 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first dc | **(64 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 3** | Ch 2, dc in next 23 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 7 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 25 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 7 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(80 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 4** | Ch 2, dc in next 25 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 11 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 29 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 11 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(96 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 5** | Ch 2, dc in next 27 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 15 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 33 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 15 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(112 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 6** | With B, ch 2, dc in next 29 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 19 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 37 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 19 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 8 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(128 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 7** | Ch 2, dc in next 31 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 23 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 41 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 23 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 10 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(144 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 8** | With C, ch 2, dc in next 33 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 27 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 45 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 27 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 12 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(160 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |


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| ☐ **Rnd 9** | With B, ch 2, dc in next 35 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 31 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 49 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 31 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 14 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(176 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 10** | With A, ch 2, dc in next 37 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 35 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 53 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 35 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 16 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(192 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 11** | Ch 2, dc in next 39 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 39 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 57 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 39 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 18 sts; join with sl st in first dc | **(208 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 12** | With B, ch 1, sc in next 41 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 43 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 61 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 43 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 20 sts; join with sl st in first sc | **(220 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rnd 13** | With C, ch 1, sc in next 42 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 45 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 63 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 45 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts; join with sl st in first sc | **(228 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, pull the four corners square and the sides straight, and let it dry.

In all: 13 rounds; 1,856 stitches; 14 ends to weave in.

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