Rectangle rope rug

Mat · US terms



Finished size
About 31¾ × 21¾ in (81 × 55 cm)

Skill
Easy
One stitch, worked over a rope, and a border

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
8 stitches and 6¼ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In rope single crochet.

What you need

Yarn A: natural twine, main color — **about 220 yd (201 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: deep indigo, stripes of the rug and the border — **about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: cotton rope or clothesline about 3/8 in (1 cm) thick, in one piece: Mat about 100 ft (30 m); Door about 135 ft (41 m); Runner about 215 ft (66 m) (a little is to spare), a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, a stitch marker that opens and a non-slip rug mesh, cut about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller all round than the rug.

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
Mat (this file)	**31¾ × 21¾ in (81 × 55 cm)**	**about 360 yd (329 m)**
Door	37¾ × 24¼ in (96 × 62 cm)	about 470 yd (430 m)
Runner	61¾ × 24¼ in (157 × 62 cm)	about 760 yd (695 m)

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Gauge

8 stitches and 6¼ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in rope single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Check it on the rug itself, laid flat, when 5 rows are done: the 5 rows are about 3¼ in (8 cm) tall, and the 60 stitches of a row in Mat are about 30 in (76 cm) long, the 72 in Door about 36 in (91 cm) and the 120 in Runner about 60 in (152 cm). If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both. In the rows do it in the last stitch of a row; in the round of the edging any stitch will do.
- 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.
- Before row 1 take a length of A about 15 in (38 cm) long, wind it six times round the tip of the rope, thread its end into the yarn needle, sew through the windings and the rope twice, so that the rope cannot open, and cut off what is left.
- Row 1: lay the rope along the foundation chain with 2 in (5 cm) of its wound end beyond the chain at the side where you begin, hold it above the chain and work over it. Let the rope lie straight and flat: do not pull it and do not push it together.
- The turn at the end of every row: work the last stitch, ch 1, turn the work, bend the rope round close beside the last stitch, lay it back along the tops of the row you have just worked, and begin the next row in the first stitch. The bend stands out by the thickness of the rope and no more. The bends are covered by the border.
- Row 1 and every odd-numbered row is a right side row. In the border the right side faces you.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of a row with the new yarn. Lay both tails along the rope and work over them in the next row: they need no weaving in.
- Cut each 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.
- Use cotton or a cotton blend that can be washed.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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Instructions

Mat. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
yo yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(60 rsc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

rsc (Rope single crochet): A single crochet worked over the rope. Hold the rope along the tops of the stitches of the row below. The working yarn stays behind the rope. Insert hook in the st named, below the rope, yo, pull up a loop to the front, bring the hook up in front of the rope, yo above the rope, pull through 2 loops. The rope now lies inside the stitch. In UK terms: double crochet over the rope.

Rug

Yarns in order of use: A, natural twine; B, deep indigo.

Natural twine, with a band of indigo and a single row of indigo beside it, twice. Indigo are row 5, rows 7 to 10, rows 23 to 26 and row 28; all the other rows are natural twine.

Seen from the right side, row 1 begins at the right end, and row 32 ends at the right end. The rope hangs there when the last row is done.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 61.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Rsc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 4** 2 3 4	Ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Row 5**	With B, ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Row 6**	With A, ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Row 7**	With B, ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Rows 8 to 10** 8 9 10	Ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Row 11**	With A, ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Rows 12 to 22** 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Row 23**	With B, ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 26** 24 25 26	Ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Row 27**	With A, ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Row 28**	With B, ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **Row 29**	With A, ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)

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☐ **Rows 30 to 32** 30 31 32	Ch 1, turn; rsc in each st across	(60 rsc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off the yarn. Do not cut the rope: the border is worked over it.	

Border

Yarn B, deep indigo.

Turn, so that the right side faces you and row 32 is at the top. Bend the rope round close beside the last stitch, as at every turn, and lay it along the tops of row 32. One round of rope single crochet in indigo goes over it: along row 32 to the left, down the row ends at the left, along the foundation chain, and up the row ends at the right. The first st is the one at the right end of row 32. Put the marker into the first rsc of the round, and take it out when the round is joined. For every side turn the rug so that the edge you work along is at the top.

3 rsc in one place turn a corner: bend the rope round the corner there. Along the foundation chain the right side faces you too, and the rope lies on the outer side of the chain.

In a row end put the hook through the end stitch of that row, inside the bend of the rope, and draw the loop up round the bend and the rope of the border: both lie inside the stitch. At the right end the beginning of the rope stands out beside row 1. Lay it upward along the row ends, close to the rug, and work over it too.

When about six stitches of the round are left, lay the rope along the rest of the way and cut it where it meets the first stitch of the round. Wind a length of B about 15 in (38 cm) long six times round its tip and sew through the windings and the rope twice, as at the beginning, but do not cut off the end of the length. Work the last stitches over the rope, join, and with that end sew the tip on the wrong side to the rope under the first stitch of the round, 3 stitches.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 60 sts of the last row, the ends of the 32 rows, the 60 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 32 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 rsc in first st, rsc in next 58 sts, 3 rsc in next st, **[**rsc in end of each of next 3 rows, 2 rsc in end of next row**] 8 times**, 3 rsc in next ch, rsc in next 58 chs, 3 rsc in next ch, **[**rsc in end of each of next 3 rows, 2 rsc in end of next row**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first rsc	(208 rsc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left, with the yarn needle, along the rope and never through it.
- Lay the rug flat, wet it, pull the four edges straight and let it dry.
- On a smooth floor lay the rug on the rug mesh, so that it does not slide.

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