Ribbed skillet handle cover

Long · US terms



Finished size
About 2¼ × 5¼ in (6 × 13 cm)
About 5¼ in (13.5 cm) long and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide laid flat, without the loop. To fit a handle about 6 in (15 cm) long or longer

Skill
Easy
It is one flat ribbed piece, sewn into a tube, gathered at both ends and pushed into itself.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: mustard, stripes **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripes and loop **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a wooden spoon, to hold the tips together while they are sewn.

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 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Short	a handle about 5 in (12.5 cm) long or longer	2¼ × 4¼ in (6 × 11 cm)	about 60 yd (55 m)
Long (this file)	**a handle about 6 in (15 cm) long or longer**	**2¼ × 5¼ in (6 × 13 cm)**	**about 70 yd (64 m)**

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
RS	right side

Gauge

16 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 16 stitches and 17 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.

Swatch foundation	Ch 21.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(20 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 21	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(20 sc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. Leave a starting tail of about 6 in (15 cm) at the beginning of each foundation chain.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only. The piece is turned at every row, so the front loops left free make ridges on both sides of it.
- Measure round the handle at its thickest. The cover goes on a handle of 3 in (7.5 cm) to 3¾ in (9.5 cm) round: the double fabric takes up some of the room, and the rib gives a little. For a thicker handle work 4 rows more before you fasten off, 2 rows of A and 2 rows of B, which add about 1 in (2.5 cm) round: cut A after row 22, read row 24 for row 20 and 24 row ends for 20 in the steps of putting it together, and buy about a quarter more of both yarns.
- For a longer or shorter cover make the foundation chain 2 chains longer or shorter for every ¼ in (0.5 cm) of the finished cover, one for each layer. The seam then has 2 stitches more or fewer for each time, and its yarn is 1½ in (4 cm) longer or shorter; the fold stays at the middle of the tube.
- Cotton is used because it does not melt. The cover is for lifting a warm pan and for a better hold: take it off while the pan is over a flame or in the oven, keep it dry, and where a handle is very hot use a thick potholder as well.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Join B at the end of row 2. Do not cut the color not in use: carry it loosely up the side of the two rows of the other color. Cut A after row 18, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors, row by row. Rows 1 to 2: A. Rows 3 to 4: B. Rows 5 to 6: A. Rows 7 to 8: B. Rows 9 to 10: A. Rows 11 to 12: B. Rows 13 to 14: A. Rows 15 to 16: B. Rows 17 to 18: A. Rows 19 to 20: B.

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Instructions

Chosen: Long. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Piece

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

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 45.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(44 sc)**
☐ **Rows 6 to 20**	Repeat rows 2 to 5 in order, over and over. The last row, row 20, is worked as row 4. (44 sc)	

A box for each row, 6 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Hanging loop

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the piece on the wrong side, the side that faces you in the even rows. For the seam, cut a length of A about 48 in (122 cm) long. Fold the piece along its length, its right side inside, so that row 20 lies on the foundation chain, and whip stitch the two together from one end to the other, each stitch of row 20, under both its loops, to the free loops of the chain opposite, 44 in all. Fasten off and weave in both tails on the wrong side. The piece is a tube 11 in (28 cm) long, open at both ends. Turn it so that its right side is outside.

2. Gather the end of the tube where the odd rows begin and the yarn not in use was carried up; it will be the inner tip. Cut a length of A about 24 in (61 cm) long and begin at the seam, with a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Run the needle in and out through the ends of the rows, one row after another, all 20 of them, once round to the seam. Pull the yarn until the end closes, run it through the same 20 row ends a second time, pull it tight, and tie it to its own tail with a double knot. Draw both tails through the closed tip to the inside of the tube and cut them to about 2 in (5 cm).

3. Both tails of the hanging loop hang at the same short end, where row 1 ends. Bend the loop round, flat on the table with its right side up, the foundation chain on the inside of the bend, so that its two short ends lie side by side. Thread the 12 in (30.5 cm) tail, run it through the end of row 1 down to the foundation chain, and sew the two ends together along their inner edges with two whip stitches, each through a chain of one end and the chain opposite it of the other end. Use the two chains nearest the short end that have a single crochet worked in them. Fasten off, leave both tails hanging at the ends and cut them to about 2 in (5 cm).

4. Gather the other end of the tube, the outer tip, in the same way as the inner tip, with a length of A about 30 in (76 cm)

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long, but before you pull the yarn put the two ends of the loop, now sewn together, with both tails, about ½ in (1.5 cm) into the opening. Pull the tip closed round them, run the yarn through the row ends a second time and tie it as before. With the long end take three stitches from one side of the tip to the other, each through the gathers and through both ends of the loop. Draw the short tail to the inside and leave the long end on the needle.

5. Make the cover double: push the inner tip into the tube with the wooden spoon, through the whole length, until it meets the outer tip. The tube folds at the middle of its length, 22 stitches from each tip, and the fold is the mouth of the cover. The seam of the inner layer lies against the seam of the outer one, and the wrong sides are hidden between the two layers. Hold the inner tip against the outer tip with the handle of the spoon and, with the long end of A, take three small stitches beside the loop, each through the outer tip and into the inner one. Fasten off and draw the end in between the layers.

Finishing

- Stroke the fold of the mouth smooth with the fingers. Push the cover on from the end of the handle.

In all: 2 pieces; 898 stitches (880 in the piece, 18 in the hanging loop).

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