Ridged soap saver with a wrist loop

Standard bar · US terms



Finished size
About 4¼ × 3¼ in (11 × 8 cm)
About 4¼ in (11 cm) wide and 3¼ in (8.5 cm) tall when closed, with a loop about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) long. To fit a bar up to 3¼ in (8.5 cm) long, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) thick

Skill
Easy
It is one flat piece, folded and sewn, and a narrow strip.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

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

You will need

Yarn A: natural linen, stripes — **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: terracotta, stripes — **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a button about ¾ in (2 cm) across, of plastic, shell or another stuff that may be wet, with sewing thread and a sewing needle, a yarn needle and scissors.

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
Standard bar (this file)	**a bar up to 3¼ in (8.5 cm) long, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) thick**	**4¼ × 3¼ in (11 × 8 cm)**	**about 65 yd (59 m)**
Large bar	a bar up to 4 in (10 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3 cm) thick	5¼ × 4 in (13 × 10 cm)	about 85 yd (78 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
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
RS	right side

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

The rows are worked through the back loop only, and the gauge is taken with the piece lying loose, not stretched.

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 18 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 25.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(24 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 27	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(24 sc)**

Before you start

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- Soap bars differ. Measure yours. The standard bar size is for a bar up to 3¼ in (8.5 cm) long, 2¼ in (5.5 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) thick. The large bar size is for a bar up to 4 in (10 cm) long, 2¾ in (7 cm) wide and 1¼ in (3 cm) thick.
- 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. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors of the panel, row by row. Rows 1 to 10: A. Rows 11 to 12: B. Rows 13 to 18: A. Rows 19 to 20: B. Rows 21 to 24: A. Rows 25 to 26: B. Rows 27 to 40: A. Rows 41 to 42: B.
- For a bar of another size. The sleeve is as wide as the length and the thickness of its bar together, and as tall as the width and the thickness of its bar together, so a thicker bar needs a sleeve that is both wider and taller. Wider: for every ½ in, about 1.3 cm, begin with 2 chains more. Every row then has 2 stitches more, one on each side of the buttonhole. Taller: for a little less than ½ in, about 1.1 cm, work 4 rows more in A, like the others, after row 14. Two of them belong to the front and two to the back, so the fold lies 2 rows further on, between rows 16 and 17, the front has 16 rows and the back 17, each side seam has 2 rows more, and all the rows after them keep their order.

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Instructions

Chosen: Standard bar. 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 and sk is miss.

Panel

Yarns in order of use: A, natural linen; B, terracotta.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 10: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10

☐ **Row 11**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rows 14 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**

A box for each row, 14 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Row 19**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

☐ **Row 25**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Rows 28 to 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(17 sc)**

A box for each row, 28 to 38: tick them off as you go.

☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38

☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 7 sts	**(14 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)**
☐ **Row 41**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 7 sts	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Wrist loop

Yarn A, natural linen.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 47.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(46 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the stripes and of the wrist loop on the wrong side. Lay the panel right side down with the foundation chain toward you. Fold the first 14 rows up over the next 15, so that the fold lies between rows 14 and 15. The right side is now outside. The last 13 rows are the flap.

2. Fold the wrist loop in half, its two ends level and one on the other. Put both ends between the two layers of the panel at the right hand side, as it lies before you, so that about ½ in (1.5 cm) of the loop is inside and the rest lies out to the side. The two rows of the loop lie along rows 4 and 5 of the front, counted from the foundation chain.

3. For each side cut a length of A about 20 in (51 cm) long. Beginning at the fold with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the two layers together up that side to the foundation chain, row to row (14 rows a side). On the right hand side go through the two ends of the loop as well where they lie between the layers, twice in each row. Draw the tails inside and weave them in.

4. Fold the flap down over the front. Sew the button to the front, through one layer, under the buttonhole with sewing thread.

Finishing

- After use unbutton the sleeve, take the soap out and hang the sleeve up by its loop to dry.

In all: 2 pieces; 803 stitches (711 in the panel, 92 in the wrist loop).

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