Ring towel holder

US terms



Finished size
Ring about 4¼ in (11 cm) across with its shells; strap about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide and 8¼ in (21 cm) long before it is folded; for a rail up to 1¼ in (3 cm) thick

Skill
Easy
Single crochet over a ring, and one round of shells

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

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

You will need

Yarn A: storm, main	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the ring	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a round metal or wooden craft ring, 3 in (7.5 cm) across on the outside and about ¼ in (6 mm) thick, a flat button, ¾ in (2 cm) across and sewing thread for the button, a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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.

Abbreviations

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

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)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, dc
Rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

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

Begin with the strap and check it there, laid flat, when 18 rows are done: the 7 stitches of a row are about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide and the 18 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. On the ring the 48 stitches lie closer together: there they only have to cover the ring, with no bare place.

Before you start

- 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 and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same 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.
- To begin, make a slip knot, put the loop on the hook and hold the ring in front of the yarn. Put the hook through the middle of the ring from front to back, catch the yarn behind it and pull it back through the middle and through the loop on the hook: the yarn is joined.
- Round 1 is worked over the ring: for each sc put the hook through the middle of it, so that the ring lies inside the stitches. Push the stitches along it as you work, so that they all fit.
- The ring is worked with its right side facing you in both rounds. "5 dc in next st" puts all 5 stitches in that one place.
- Use cotton yarn: it stands up to washing.

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together and sk is miss.

Strap

Yarn A, storm.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 33: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts	**(4 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 2 sts	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(7 sc)**

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☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(3 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Ring

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Join B to the ring with a sl st.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 48 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 7 times**, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(13 sc, 35 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the ring and of the strap.

2. The ring has 7 shells. Between the last shell and the first there are 7 sc side by side with no shell: this is the flat part of the rim, and it is the top of the ring.

3. Lay the ring with its right side up and the flat part at the top. Lay the strap above it with its right side up (row 1 is a right side row) and its foundation chain toward the ring. Pass the foundation end through the ring from the front to the back, round the flat part of the rim and up behind it, until the foundation chain lies on the wrong side of row 10. Rows 1 to 9 now make a loop, about 2 in (5 cm) all round, and the rim lies inside it, the 7 stitches of the strap over the 7 sc of the flat part. Do not pull the loop tight. Cut a length of A about 18 in (46 cm). Whip stitch the foundation chain to the backs of the 7 stitches of row 10, then go back over the 7 stitches once.

4. Button: with sewing thread, sew it to the right side of the strap between rows 14 and 15, over the fourth of the 7 stitches.

5. To hang it, pass the shaped end of the strap up behind the rail, over it and down in front, and button it. Pull one end of a towel through the ring from the back to the front, so that half of it hangs on each side.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 350 stitches (254 in the strap, 96 in the ring).

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