Rope light rug

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 36 in (91 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Single crochet worked over a rope

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 2 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

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

You will need

Yarn A: navy, main	**about 390 yd (357 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, rounds 24 to 27	**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 about 3/8 in (1 cm) thick: Standard about 100 ft (30.5 m), of which about 92 ft (28.0 m) lie in the rug; Small about 45 ft (13.7 m), of which about 40 ft (12.2 m) lie in the rug (the rest is to spare, for the cut ends and for a rug that takes more rope), an LED rope light about 3/8 in (1 cm) thick, with a plug-in low-voltage adapter at one end and a closed cap at the other: Standard 50 ft (15 m), of which about 43 ft (13.1 m) lie in the rug; Small 25 ft (8 m), of which about 23 ft (7.0 m) lie in the rug (the rest, and the cord, lead to the outlet), a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and a stitch marker, white cotton tape or sewing thread and a non-slip rug pad or 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
Small	24 in (61 cm) across	about 250 yd (229 m)
Standard (this file)	**36 in (91 cm) across**	**about 530 yd (485 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
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)
Rnd	round
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

rsc (Rope single crochet): A single crochet worked over the rope. Hold the rope along the tops of the stitches of the round 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. It leaves 1 stitch for the next round.

Gauge

8 stitches and 6¼ rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in rope single crochet in rounds.

Check it when 6 rounds are done: they measure about 7¾ in (20 cm) across. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- READ THIS FIRST. Use only an LED rope light whose maker says that it stays cool, that it may be coiled, that it may be covered while it is on and that it may be stepped on. Never use the older kind with small bulbs: it gets hot. Before you begin, coil the rope on the floor, switch it on for two hours and touch it: if any part is more than lukewarm, do not use it for a rug. Follow the rules that come with the rope, and first of all its rule for bending: in the rug it lies in curves 19 in (48 cm) across and wider, and where it leaves the rug in one about 8 in (20 cm) across. If its rules do not allow a curve as tight as these, do not use it. Nowhere fold, kink or twist it. Keep the rug away from water and out of reach of small children and of pets that chew, do not lay anything on top of it, switch it off when you leave the house or go to bed, and stop using it if the rope is cut, crushed or cracked. Do not cut the light rope.
- The rug is worked in a spiral, without joining: the first stitch of a round goes into the first stitch of the round before. Put a marker in the first stitch of every round and move it up. The ch 1 of round 1 does not count as a stitch. The right side is the side that faces you as you work; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- Round 1 is worked into the magic ring, without rope. At the start of round 2 taper the end of the cotton rope: cut away half of its strands for 1 in (2.5 cm). Hold this end along the tops of the stitches of round 1 and begin.
- Both ropes are worked over in the same way. Let the rope lie in a smooth spiral and do not pull it tight: if the edge rises like a bowl, give it more rope; if it waves, draw a little rope back. If a length of cotton rope ends before the light rope begins, cut its end straight across, lay the next length against it, wind cotton tape or thread round the meeting three times and go on.
- Where the light rope begins, cut the cotton rope straight across. Lay the closed cap of the light rope against the cut end, wind cotton tape or thread round the meeting three times, and work over both as one rope. The plug end is now the free end. Lay the light rope along the round as you go: it follows the curve of the round and is never bent more tightly than that curve until the end.

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- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the round before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn, and work over both tails together with the rope. Where the color changes, the edge of the color steps up by one round, as it does in every spiral.
- The end: after the last rsc of the last round lead the light rope out of the round: from that rsc it slants back to the wrong side and out past the edge of the rug, in a slow curve no tighter than a circle about 8 in (20 cm) across, without a fold or a kink. Let it hang there. Work the 2 sl sts without it, one in each of the first 2 sts of the last round, where no rope lies on the tops. They let the end of the round lie level.
- Keep at least 12 in (30 cm) of the light rope free at the plug. If you come to this length before the last round is complete, end at that stitch in the same way: lead the rope out to the wrong side in the same slow curve and work 1 sl st in each of the next 2 sts. The rug is then a little smaller.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and one of about 18 in (46 cm) when you fasten off.
- Use cotton yarn only. Acrylic yarn can melt.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and yo is yarn round hook.

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

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring	**(8 sc)**

Begin to work over the cotton rope

☐ **Rnd 2**	2 rsc in each st around	**(16 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next st**] 8 times**	**(24 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**	**(32 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**rsc in next st, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 2 sts**] 8 times**	**(40 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 4 sts**] 8 times**	**(48 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**rsc in next 2 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 3 sts**] 8 times**	**(56 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**	**(64 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**rsc in next 3 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 4 sts**] 8 times**	**(72 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 8 sts**] 8 times**	**(80 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**rsc in next 4 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**	**(88 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 10 sts**] 8 times**	**(96 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**rsc in next 5 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 6 sts**] 8 times**	**(104 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 12 sts**] 8 times**	**(112 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**rsc in next 6 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 7 sts**] 8 times**	**(120 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 14 sts**] 8 times**	**(128 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**rsc in next 7 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 8 sts**] 8 times**	**(136 rsc)**

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☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 16 sts**] 8 times**	**(144 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	**[**rsc in next 8 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 9 sts**] 8 times**	**(152 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 18 sts**] 8 times**	**(160 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**rsc in next 9 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 10 sts**] 8 times**	**(168 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 20 sts**] 8 times**	**(176 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**rsc in next 10 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 11 sts**] 8 times**	**(184 rsc)**

Begin to work over the light rope

☐ **Rnd 24**	With B, **[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 22 sts**] 8 times**	**(192 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**rsc in next 11 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 12 sts**] 8 times**	**(200 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 24 sts**] 8 times**	**(208 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**rsc in next 12 sts, 2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 13 sts**] 8 times**	**(216 rsc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	With A, **[**2 rsc in next st, rsc in next 26 sts**] 8 times**	**(224 rsc)**
☐ **End**	Sl st in next 2 sts. Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 18 in (46 cm).	

Finishing

- The plug end of the light rope stays free: it leaves the rug just after the last rsc. Thread the 18 in (46 cm) tail, which hangs at the second sl st, on the needle and take it on the wrong side under the 2 sl sts to that last rsc. There sew three times round the rope and through the base of the last rsc, so that the rope cannot slip out, and fasten the tail on the wrong side.
- Weave in the ends that are left with the yarn needle, round the rope and never through it.
- Clean the rug with the plug pulled out: shake it and wipe it with a cloth that is almost dry. Do not wash it.
- On a smooth floor lay the rug on the rug pad, so that it does not slide.

In all: 28 rounds.

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