Ruffle edging

Round a small cloth · US terms



Finished size
Stands out about 1¾ in (4 cm)
About 9¾ × 9¼ in (25 × 23 cm) with a finished rectangle of 21 stitches by 22 rows of single crochet

Skill
Easy
Double crochet, increases in every stitch

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: the color of your piece, round 1	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, ruffle	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ivory, last round	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To work on: a finished rectangle of 21 stitches by 22 rows of single crochet, already made. It is written out under Instructions. Its yarn is not in the amount above.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. For another length of edge, the yarn for a side is in proportion to its length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Round a small cloth (this file)	**9¾ × 9¼ in (25 × 23 cm)**	**about 85 yd (77 m)**
Round a baby blanket	33¾ × 33½ in (86 × 85 cm)	about 330 yd (302 m)
Round a throw	52¼ × 52¼ in (133 × 133 cm)	about 540 yd (494 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 (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
rnd	round
RS	right side
sk	skip
sp	space
st	stitch

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 the top edge of the size printed below, measured between its two corner stitches and not counting them, is about 6.5 in (16.5 cm). If the edge ruffles, work the round again with a smaller hook; if it pulls in, with a larger one; keep the number of stitches.

To fit your own piece, round 1 may have any number of stitches on a side, and the sides may differ. Round 1: work 3 sc in each of the four corners; along the top and the foundation edge work 1 sc in every stitch or chain between (here 19, two fewer than the stitches of the piece); along the row ends work as many as keep the edge flat (here 6 to every 7 rows and one more, 19 in all). Then count the stitches between two corner stitches of each side: that number is s for that side (here 21, which is the 19 just worked and one from the corner at either end). For every side, with its own s: in round 2 "21 sts" is s, in round 3 "46 sts" is 2 × s + 4, and in round 4 "50 sts" is 2 × s + 8. The lines are written as one side and then, in the outer brackets, the corner and the side that follow it; where the brackets say 3 times, work what is in them once for each of the other three sides, with the s of that side.

Before you start

- Corner stitch: the middle one of the 3 single crochet in a corner. A round that begins with 2 sc and ends with 1 sc in the same first stitch makes its first corner of those 3 sc, and its corner stitch is the first sc of the round. In rounds after the first, "first st" means the first stitch of the round below.
- Along the row ends, round 1 takes 6 stitches to every 7 rows and one more at the end.
- The foundation edge is the underside of the starting chain: work into what each chain has left free.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch. Where a chain space is the next place named, pass over any stitches that stand before it and leave them unworked.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- When the next round begins with "Join", fasten off the yarn you have at the end of the round (cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and draw the tail through the last loop). Then join the yarn named with a slip stitch in the place named.

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- "Any corner" means any one of the four corner spaces: with the same number of stitches on every side, as in the sizes printed here, the round comes out the same from each of them. On a piece of your own with longer and shorter sides, begin every round in the same corner as round 2. Begin in that space and work along the side to its left, the way you always go (to its right if you are left handed).
- The piece is 21 stitches by 22 rows of single crochet, about 6.5 in (16.5 cm) by 5.9 in (15 cm); with the border on it is about 9.8 in (24.9 cm) by 9.2 in (23.4 cm).
- The amounts of yarn are for the edging alone. If you work the piece too, it takes about 40 yd (37 m) more of yarn A, an estimate worked out in the same way (462 single crochet and 43 chains, with 30 percent added), and leaves 2 more ends.
- With the right side facing you and the last row at the top, the first st is the one at the right-hand end of the last row (the left-hand end if you are left handed). Round 1 goes along the top, down the row ends of the next side, along the foundation edge and up the row ends of the last side.
- Round 1 leaves 21 stitches between two corner stitches on every side.

Instructions

Chosen: Round a small cloth. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, the color of your piece; B, rose; C, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	A finished piece of 21 sts by 22 rows, RS facing.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in last st, **[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 3 times**, sc in end of next row, 3 sc in first ch of foundation edge, sc in next 19 chs, 3 sc in last ch of foundation edge, **[**sc in end of each of next 6 rows, sk next row end**] 3 times**, sc in end of next row, sc in first st, sl st in first sc to join **(88 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same st, 2 dc in each of next 21 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next st, 2 dc in each of next 21 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(184 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 46 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 46 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(200 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in any corner ch-1 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in same sp, sc in next 50 sts, **[**(2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 50 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(216 sc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 4 rounds; 688 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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