Ruffled cotton bath pouf

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ × 4¾ in (12 × 12 cm)
About 4¾ in (12 cm) across when shaped, with a loop about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) long, measured from the ring to its fold

Skill
Beginner
It is chains, double crochet and a little single crochet, with the same number of stitches in every stitch of a round; nothing has to lie flat or fit.

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: aqua, the ruffles	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the edge and the loop	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: scraps of yarn in another color, to mark every fiftieth stitch, 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	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	3¾ × 3¾ in (10 × 10 cm)	about 80 yd (73 m)
Large (this file)	**4¾ × 4¾ in (12 × 12 cm)**	**about 165 yd (151 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)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

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

16 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet. The pouf cannot be measured flat, because it ruffles from round 2 on; the gauge is taken on the swatch.

> **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.
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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 each st across	**(24 sc)**

Before you start

- Each round of the pouf is joined with a slip stitch. The chain of 3 at the start of a round counts as its first double crochet (UK treble), and the slip stitch that ends that round goes into the top chain of those 3. The next chain of 3 stands on that same chain. So the first stitch of a round gets the new chain of 3 and, where the line says so, one or two double crochet more into the same place; after that each of the remaining stitches of the round, with none passed over, gets as many double crochet as the line names.
- In a round that says 2 dc or 3 dc in each stitch the fabric soon curls and folds. That is right. Both sides of it are seen in the end, so neither is the right side. Turn each ruffle up as you come to it, and put a scrap of yarn in every fiftieth stitch to keep count.
- The last round of the pouf is one single crochet (UK double crochet) in every stitch in B, the first of them in the top of the chain of 3. The chain of 1 before it does not count as a stitch.
- 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 where a joined round begins, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends the round before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Colors of the pouf, round by round. Rounds 1 to 5: A. Round 6: B.

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Instructions

Chosen: Large. 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.

Pouf

Yarns in order of use: A, aqua; B, white.

Round 1 is worked into the ring: put the hook through the middle of the ring, not into the chains. Leave the starting tail free at the back. Push the stitches close together as you go: all of them go into the ring, which gives way and is drawn up later.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 23 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same st, 3 dc in each of next 23 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same st, 3 dc in each of next 71 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(216 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 215 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(432 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in each st around, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(432 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(432 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Loop

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 43.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 14 in (35.5 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails. Run the starting tail of the pouf once round the ring through the chains, pull it gently so that the ring is a firm small circle, and weave it in. At the outer edge there are two tails of B and one of A: run each of them through the stitches of its own color for about 2 in (5 cm). Weave in the starting tail of the loop along the loop; its long tail is left.

2. Fold the loop in half across, without twisting it, so that its two short ends lie one on the other, right side outside. With the long tail, whip stitch the two short ends together: 3 stitches through both ends, close together, and back over them with 3 more. Do not cut the tail.

3. Open the ruffles with your fingers until you see the ring in the middle of the pouf. Lay the sewn ends of the loop against the ring, on any two chains that lie next to each other. With the rest of the long tail sew them there: each stitch goes through the middle of the ring, round one of the two chains with the feet of the double crochet that are worked over it, and then through both ends of the loop. Work 8 such stitches, all in those two chains. Fasten off and weave the end in through the stitches just made.

4. Draw the fold of the loop out between two ruffles. Then shape the ball: take the ruffles one after another between finger and thumb, and pull each one outward. Where several ruffles next to each other all lie to the same side, turn the second of them over to the other side, leave the third as it is, turn the fourth over, and so on. Go on until the ruffles stand out on

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every side and the pouf is round.

Finishing

- After each use squeeze the water out and hang the pouf up by its loop to dry. Wash it as the band of the yarn says.

In all: 2 pieces; 1,650 stitches (1,608 in the pouf, 42 in the loop).

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