Two-sided scrubby dishcloth

US terms



Finished size
About 8¾ × 9 in (22 × 23 cm), without the loop

Skill
Easy
Moss stitch, loops, and two strands held together

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In moss stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: cream **about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: moss green, the dishcloth, rows 20 to 33 and the edging, round 1 **about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 40 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and scrubbing yarn in green, about 35 yd (33 m), an estimate: a polyester yarn with short stiff fibers, sold for pot scrubbers (if you have none, use a second strand of the moss green cotton in its place: it scrubs more gently).

Gauge

16 stitches and 18½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch.

Check it on the dishcloth itself, laid flat and not stretched, when row 9 is done: the 31 stitches of a row are about 7¾ in (20 cm) wide, and the 9 rows about 2 in (5 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. With the two strands 12 stitches come to about 4 in (10 cm): the 23 stitches of row 21 are about as wide as row 19. And with the two strands 14 rows come to about 4 in (10 cm): rows 20 to 33 are about 4 in (10 cm) tall, about as tall as rows 1 to 19. If rows 20 and 21 are wider or narrower than row 19, work rows 20 to 33 with the next hook down or up.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sk** skip, **sc2tog** 2 sc made into one, **st** stitch.

3 sc in first st: **all three in that one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.

[ ] 15 times: 15 times in all. (16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: RS right side, sp space, yo yarn over.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

lp st (Loop stitch): Insert the hook in the st. Keep a finger on the far side of the work and lay the two strands over it to make a loop about ¾ in (2 cm) long. With the hook catch the strands that run on behind the finger, pull them through the st (2 loops on hook), yo, pull through both loops, and only then slip the finger out. The loop hangs on the far side of the work, the side away from you. In UK terms: loop stitch, worked as a UK dc.

Dishcloth

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 32.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 15 times**	(16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 14 times**, sc in last st	(17 sc, 14 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 14 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	(16 sc, 15 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 4 to 18**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

The next row is plain single crochet and ends the moss stitch. Work the last yarn over of its last sc with two strands: B and the scrubbing yarn

☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 14 times**, sc in next 2 sts. Change to yarn B on the last pull through.	(31 sc)

Rows 20 to 33 are worked with the two strands, B and the scrubbing yarn, held together as one; they are on the hook already

☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 7 times**, sc2tog	(15 sc, 8 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(23 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, lp st in next 21 sts, sc in last st	(2 sc, 21 lp st)
☐ **Rows 23 to 33**	Repeat rows 21 and 22 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 22, every odd-numbered row as row 21.	

23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33

☐	Fasten off.	

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Edging

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Start**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 23 sts of the last row, the ends of the 33 rows, the 31 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 33 rows.
☐ **Round 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, 2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, 2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of each of next 19 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 29 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 19 rows, 2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of each of next 6 rows, 2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of each of next 6 rows; join with sl st in first sc (140 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	With A, ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 37 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 31 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 36 sts; join with sl st in first sc (148 sc)
☐	Fasten off.

Putting it together

Hanging loop: hold the dishcloth with the right side up and the loops at the top. Find the middle one of the 3 sc at the upper left corner of round 2, join A with a sl st in it, ch 14, sl st in the same stitch, and fasten off. Weave in the ends.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

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.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- 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 join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Edging: work along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. The 3 sc in one place turn a corner.
- Row 1 is the right side. The loops form on the side away from you, so they are worked on wrong-side rows and hang on the right side.
- In the moss stitch each sc is worked into a chain space of the row below, and the first and the last sc of a row into a stitch.

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- At the end of row 19 work the last yarn over of the last sc with the two strands, B and the scrubbing yarn. Leave tails of about 6 in (15 cm) on both, and cut A with a tail of the same length. Keep to the two strands until row 33 is done, then fasten off both. The edging is worked with B alone and with A alone.
- The 8 sc2tog of row 20 make the row narrower in stitches, not in inches: the two strands make larger stitches.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

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