# Shell stitch washcloth

Standard · US terms



Finished size
**About 7¾ × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)**

Skill
**Easy**
Skipped stitches, groups in one place

Yarn
**Medium (4), 2 colors**

Hook
**5.5 mm (US I-9)**

Gauge
**13 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In shell stitch.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: cream, main | **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: rose, stripe | **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate** |

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: 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. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

## Sizes

| Size | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **Standard (this file)** | **7¾ × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)** | **about 50 yd (45 m)** |
| **Large** | 9½ × 9 in (24 × 23 cm) | about 60 yd (55 m) |
| **Extra large** | 9½ × 10 in (24 × 25 cm) | about 70 yd (64 m) |

## Abbreviations

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

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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **dc** | double crochet (UK tr, treble) |
| **RS** | right side |
| **sk** | skip (UK miss) |
| **st** | stitch |


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## Gauge

**13 stitches and 8½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in shell stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

## Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- "5 dc in next ch" puts all 5 stitches in that one place.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn at the end of its stripe, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- For another width, add or take away 6 chains at a time: each 6 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.
- Use cotton yarn: it is absorbent and stands up to washing.

## 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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet, dc is treble and sk is miss.

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

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 26. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch**] 4 times** | **(5 sc, 20 dc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st,<br>**[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts,<br>sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st | **(21 dc, 4 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 3** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st,<br>**[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts,<br>5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch | **(5 sc, 20 dc)** |

### Stripe in B, rose

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| ☐ **Row 4** | With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st,<br>**[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts,<br>sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st | **(21 dc, 4 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st,<br>**[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts,<br>5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch | **(5 sc, 20 dc)** |


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| ☐ **Row 6** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st,<br>**[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts,<br>sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st | **(21 dc, 4 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 7 to 14** | Repeat rows 5 and 6 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 6, every odd-numbered row as row 5. | |

A box for each row, 7 to 14: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

### Stripe in A, cream

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| ☐ **Row 15** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in first st,<br>**[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts,<br>5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch | **(5 sc, 20 dc)** |
| ☐ **Row 16** | Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st,<br>**[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts,<br>sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st | **(21 dc, 4 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 17** | Ch 1, turn; sc in first st,<br>**[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next 2 sts,<br>5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch | **(5 sc, 20 dc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm). | |

## Finishing

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

In all: 17 rows; 425 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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