Shell cotton thread dishcloth

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 8¼ in (21 cm) square, without the loop

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with the stitches named

Yarn
Super fine (1), 2 colors

Hook
2.25 mm (US B-1)

Gauge
29 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: robin egg blue, main color — **about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cherry, color B — **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 2.25 mm (US B-1), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and rust-proof pins for blocking.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**8¼ in (21 cm) square**	**about 120 yd (110 m)**
Large	10 in (25.5 cm) wide, 9¾ in (25 cm) high	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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round

Gauge

29 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

One shell and one sc of the pattern measure about 0.83 in (2.1 cm) across: 4 repeats are 3¼ in (8.5 cm). The first 8 rows are about 1 5/8 in (4 cm) high. The border adds about 3/8 in (1 cm) on each side. Check on the piece after row 8; if yours is wider or higher, use a smaller hook; if it is narrower or lower, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- A ch 1 at the start of a row or round does not count as a stitch.
- When the next stitch or space of a kind is named, pass over anything else that comes before it. Work into a space round the chain, not into it.
- Join a new color with a sl st in the place named. Fasten off a color only where the round says so; where it does not, the same color goes on into the next round.
- After turning, "same st" is the first stitch, the one the beginning chain stands on; the next stitches named come after it.
- The last sc of row 3 and of every row like it goes in the top of the ch 3 that began the row below; so does the last sc of the last row, which is one sc in every stitch.
- A row that ends in sc takes 1 sc in its row end, a row that ends in dc takes 2. A row end is the side of the first or the last stitch of a row.

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Cloth

Yarn A, robin egg blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 56.
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**sk next 2 chs, 5 dc in next ch, sk next 2 chs, sc in next ch**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**

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☐ **Row 20**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc **(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 9 times** **(45 dc, 10 sc)**

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☐ **Row 36**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn, 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 5 dc in next sc**] 8 times**, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, 3 dc in last sc	**(46 dc, 9 sc)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each of next 55 sts. Fasten off A	**(55 sc)**
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Border

Yarns in order of use: A, robin egg blue; B, cherry.

☐ **Foundation**	Do not turn. With the right side toward you begin at the end of row 37, where A was fastened off, and work down that side, along the foundation, up the other side and across row 37. Along the foundation put one sc in every chain, those under the shells too.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in next row end, ch 1, sc in same place, 2 sc in next row end, **[**sc in next row end, 2 sc in next row end**] 17 times**, sc in next row end, ch 2, sc in each of next 55 chs, ch 2, **[**sc in next row end, 2 sc in next row end**] 18 times**, sc in next row end, ch 2, sc in each of next 55 sts, ch 2, join with sl st in first sc	**(220 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc**] 9 times**, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, **[**sk next 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc**] 9 times**, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, **[**sk next 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc**] 9 times**, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next sc, **[**sk next 2 sc, 5 dc in next sc, sk next 2 sc, sc in next sc**] 9 times**, 7 dc in next ch-2 sp, join with sl st in first sc	**(208 dc, 40 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Hanging loop: with the 2.25 mm (US B-1) hook and B, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and with the front toward you, join with a slip stitch in the middle (4th) dc of any corner shell, ch 16, and slip stitch in the same place again without twisting the chain. Work 24 single crochet (UK double crochet) into the ring this makes, over the chain, pushing them close together; slip stitch in the same place once more. Fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Weave both tails in along the shell on the wrong side.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends with the yarn needle.
- To block: wet the piece, lay it right side up on a towel, pin it out to size with every shell drawn evenly, and let it dry.

In all: 2,503 stitches (2,035 in the cloth, 468 in the border).

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