Shell towel edging

Fingertip towel · US terms



Finished size
About 11 × 1¼ in (28 × 3 cm)

Skill
Easy
Single crochet, shells of treble crochet

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK: treble).

You will need

Yarn A: navy cotton, plain rows and outline **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white cotton, shells **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a towel with a hem, sewing needle, sewing thread to match yarn A and pins.

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, the yarn is in proportion to the length.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Fingertip towel (this file)	**11 × 1¼ in (28 × 3 cm)**	**about 25 yd (23 m)**
Hand towel	16¼ × 1¼ in (41 × 3 cm)	about 35 yd (32 m)
Bath towel	29½ × 1¼ in (75 × 3 cm)	about 55 yd (50 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
RS	right side
WS	wrong side
sk	skip
st	stitch

Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet (UK: treble).

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 1 the strip is about 10.9 in (27.7 cm) long. If yours is shorter, use a larger hook; if it is longer, use a smaller one.

Start with a chain as long as the hem, in a multiple of 6 chains plus 2; 8 repeats are in the size printed here. The other sizes follow the same rows with these numbers. Hand towel: ch 74; row 1, all the way across (73 sc); row 2, all the way across (73 sc); row 3, the brackets 12 times (13 sc, 84 tr); row 4, the brackets 11 times (86 sc). Yarn A about 20 yd (18 m), B about 15 yd (14 m). Bath towel: ch 134; row 1, all the way across (133 sc); row 2, all the way across (133 sc); row 3, the brackets 22 times (23 sc, 154 tr); row 4, the brackets 21 times (156 sc). Yarn A about 30 yd (27 m), B about 25 yd (23 m).

Before you start

- A ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Where several stitches have one place after them, as in "7 tr in next st", they are all worked into that one place.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn.
- To change color, work the last stitch of the old color until two loops are left on the hook and draw the new color through them. Cut the old color, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15.2 cm), and fasten in a fresh piece each time: the yarn amounts and the ends to weave in are counted this way.
- The edging is about 10.9 in (27.7 cm) long and 1.2 in (3 cm) deep. It is worked lengthwise, from the hem of the towel outward.

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Instructions

Chosen: Fingertip towel. 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 and tr is double treble.

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

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 50.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 49 sts	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	**Yarn B.** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 7 tr in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 8 times**	**(9 sc, 56 tr)**
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	**Yarn A.** Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts, **[**sk next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 7 times**, sc in last st	**(58 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- Sew it on: lay the foundation edge over the hem of the towel with both right sides up and pin it in place, easing it to fit. With the sewing needle and the sewing thread, sew the foundation chains down with small stitches, one in every second chain.

In all: 4 rows; 221 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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