Simple solid dishcloth

Standard · US terms



Shown: a swatch of the stitch pattern.

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

Skill
Beginner
Basic stitches worked into stitches, with a turning chain

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn: any color, medium (4) **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: Cotton yarn is the usual choice for a dishcloth.

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

Gauge

13 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

To count your gauge in the middle of the test piece: 13 stitches side by side are about 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 12.

> **The swatch.** This piece is small enough to be its own test piece: you may skip the test piece, begin, and measure the width at the first place to stop. If you do make a swatch, it is a test piece to measure and pull out, not the start of the pattern. Gauge is counted over 4 in (10 cm), so make the swatch bigger than that: about 6 in (15 cm) each way, and count in the middle of it.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 21. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (20 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 23** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (20 sc) |

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For another width, chain more or fewer: each chain adds one stitch to every row. Measure your own stitches to 4 in (10 cm) first.

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **st** stitch.
The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.
(26 sc): the row now has 26; a check, not a step. Not 26? **Pull it back**.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(26 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(26 sc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 **12**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 12.** Width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge: about 8 in (20 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **Rows 13 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across *Repeat until the piece measures about 8 in (20 cm): at our gauge that is row 30. Go by the tape measure, not the count.*	(26 sc)

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.
- This pattern has no border, and every size given here is without one.

In all: 30 rows; 780 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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 and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. To measure your own: work the swatch and measure it, mark the yarn where the swatch begins and ends, pull the swatch out and measure the yarn it took; divide by the area of the swatch and multiply by the area of the piece.

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- The number of rows is our estimate: yours may differ, and the length does not change the stitch count.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- One yarn is used throughout: a variegated, self-striping or cake yarn of the same weight and length can take its place, and its colors fall where the yarn has them.

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