Simple square potholder

Standard · US terms



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.

You will need

Yarn: cornflower, medium (4) **about 120 yd (110 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
Standard (this file)	**8 × 8 in (20 × 20 cm)**	**about 120 yd (110 m)**
Small	7 × 7 in (18 × 18 cm)	about 90 yd (82 m)

Abbreviations

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

ch chain stitch
sl st slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
RS right side
st stitch
yo yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

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

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. Check it on the potholder itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 15 rows are done: the 26 stitches of a row are about 8 in (20 cm) wide, and the 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, at every join of yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given, and weave in every tail that is not sewn with.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- This potholder is two layers thick.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- 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.
- Use it dry: a wet potholder lets the heat through.
- 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.
- Use cotton yarn. Acrylic yarn can melt.
- Slip stitch (sl st): insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 30 rows for each face, 60 rows in all.

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Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 yo is yarn round hook.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 27.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 60**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(26 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 60: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30
☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44 ☐ 45 ☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48 ☐ 49 ☐ 50 ☐ 51 ☐ 52 ☐ 53 ☐ 54 ☐ 55 ☐ 56 ☐ 57 ☐ 58 ☐ 59
☐ 60

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew the seam with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails on the wrong side now, all but the long one: they cannot be reached after the sewing.

2. Fold the piece in half across its rows with the wrong sides together, so that row 60 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 30 and 31.

3. The sides come next. Sew each side with a separate length of the yarn, about 30 in (76 cm) long.

4. First side: starting at the fold, whip stitch the end of each row to the end of the row that lies against it, rows 30 and 31 first, rows 1 and 60 last: 30 stitches.

5. Second side: sew the other side the same way: 30 stitches.

6. With the long tail, whip stitch row 60 to the foundation chain, stitch for stitch: 26 stitches.

7. Hanging loop: join the yarn with a sl st through both layers at the corner where the last seam ends, ch 12, sl st in the same place to close the loop. Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in the tails that are left with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 60 rows; 1,560 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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