Spike stitch potholder

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 8¼ × 8½ in (21 × 22 cm)

Skill
Easy
Long stitches and stripes

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: plum, main color, edging and loop	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac, stripes	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripes	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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)	**8¼ × 8½ in (21 × 22 cm)**	**about 85 yd (77 m)**
Large	9¼ × 9½ in (23 × 24 cm)	about 100 yd (91 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)
Rnd	round
RS	right side

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st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

lsc (Long single crochet): Insert hook from the front to the back in the st three rows below the row you are working, straight under the next st (working row 5, that is a st of row 2), yo, pull up a long loop, loose enough to reach the height of the row you are working, yo, pull through both loops on hook. The next st of the row just below stays unworked behind the long stitch and counts as used. In UK terms: long double crochet, or spike stitch. It leaves 1 stitch for the next row.

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

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 16 rows are done: the 27 stitches of a row are about 7¾ in (20 cm) wide, and the 16 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 or a round does not count as a stitch.
- The long stitches are worked in the first row of each new color, always on the right side. They reach down over three rows, and stand between those of the stripe before.
- Use it dry: a wet potholder lets the heat through.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. If the old yarn is needed again after only 2 or 4 rows of another yarn, leave it hanging at the edge and bring it loosely up the side when you need it. Otherwise cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- 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.
- 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 both loops.
- Edging: work along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. The 3 sc in one place turn a corner.
- 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.

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 yo is yarn round hook.

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Potholder

Yarns in order of use: A, plum; B, lilac; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 28.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6

Stripe in B, lilac

☐ **Row 7**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(21 sc, 6 lsc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

A box for each row, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10

Stripe in C, cream

☐ **Row 11**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in last st	**(20 sc, 7 lsc)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 14: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14

Stripe in A, plum

☐ **Row 15**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(21 sc, 6 lsc)**
☐ **Rows 16 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 18: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18

Stripe in C, cream

☐ **Row 19**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in last st	**(20 sc, 7 lsc)**
☐ **Rows 20 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

A box for each row, 20 to 22: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22

Stripe in B, lilac

☐ **Row 23**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(21 sc, 6 lsc)**

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☐ **Rows 24 to 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

A box for each row, 24 to 26: tick them off as you go.

24 25 26

Stripe in A, plum

☐ **Row 27**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in last st	**(20 sc, 7 lsc)**
☐ **Rows 28 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

A box for each row, 28 to 32: tick them off as you go.

28 29 30 31 32

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Edging

Yarn A, plum.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 27 sts of the last row, the ends of the 32 rows, the 27 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 32 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 25 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 32 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 25 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 32 rows; join with sl st in first sc	**(126 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Hanging loop: join A with sl st in the middle st of the 3 sc at one corner of the edging, ch 14, sl st in the same st to close the loop. Fasten off.

Finishing

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

In all: 2 pieces; 16 ends to weave in.

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