Square cotton face pads

Standard · US terms



Finished size
Each about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) square, with a border of picots about 1/8 in (0.3 cm) deep outside it

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in rows, and a picot edge

Yarn
Light (3), 4 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
17 stitches and 19½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: oat, color A	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, color B	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage, color C	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, main color	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	3¼ in (8.5 cm) square, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) deep	about 105 yd (96 m)
Standard (this file)	**3¾ in (9.5 cm) square, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) deep**	**about 130 yd (119 m)**

Gauge

17 stitches and 19½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the first square, laid flat, when 6 rows are done: the 12 stitches of a row are about 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) wide in Standard and the 10 in Small about 2 3/8 in (6 cm), and the 6 rows are about 1¼ in (3 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

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Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is a right side row, and so is every odd row.
- A picot is not counted as a stitch: it stands on the sc before it. After a picot the sc goes into the next st of round 1, but in (sc, picot, sc), at the four corners, both sc go into the same st.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "3 sc in next st" puts all 3 stitches in that one place.
- sc in end of row: put the hook through the stitch at the end of the row, under two strands of it.
- To change yarn between the two rounds, make the joining sl st of round 1 with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- 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.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
yo yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 10 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Square: make 8

Yarn A, oat.

Two squares make a pad. The squares are printed in A: work two in A, two in B, two in C and two in D.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Edging: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, oat; D, cream.

Weave in the ends of two squares of one color. Lay them wrong sides together, foundation chain on foundation chain, and hold them with the last row at the top: one square faces you. Round 1 is worked in the color of the pad and goes through both layers: put the hook through the stitch, the row end or the chain of the square in front and through the one that lies behind it. Begin in the stitch at the right-hand end of the last row and work to the left.

Round 2 is the picot edge. On the pads in A, B and C it is worked in D, as printed; on the pad in D work it in C. Its first sc goes into the stitch of the join, which is the first of the 3 sc of a corner. "(sc, picot, sc) in next st" goes into the middle one of the 3 sc of each corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 12 sts of the last row, the ends of the 14 rows, the 12 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 14 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 10 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 14 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 10 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 14 rows; join with sl st in first sc	(60 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	With D, ch 1, sc in same st as join, (sc, picot, sc) in next st, sc in next st, picot, **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot**] 5 times**, sc in next st, (sc, picot, sc) in next st, sc in next st, picot, **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot**] 7 times**, sc in next st, (sc, picot, sc) in next st, sc in next st, picot, **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot**] 5 times**, sc in next st, (sc, picot, sc) in next st, sc in next st, picot, **[**sc in next 2 sts, picot**] 7 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(64 sc, 32 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Hanging loop: join D with a sl st in the picot at any corner of the pad, under two strands of it, ch 12, sl st in the same picot to close the loop, and fasten off. Do this on three pads. On the cream pad work it with C.

Finishing

- Hide the ends of the edge and of the loop between the two layers with the yarn needle.
- Wet the pads, pull them square and press each picot flat with a fingertip. Let them dry flat.

In all: 8 pieces.

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