Square potholder, two layers

US terms



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

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with increases

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet worked in rounds.

What you need

Yarn A: brick red, every round **about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the join and the loop **about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a tape measure.

Before you start

- Each square leaves 2 ends to weave in.

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet worked in rounds.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the square measures about 4 in (10 cm) across.

Hook: 5.5 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge.

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.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **st** stitch.

ch-2 sp: the hole under two chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. Ch 3 (counts as dc): it is the first dc; its top is the third chain. **Working in the round**

[ ] 3 times: 3 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps): the round now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: sp space, RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Square: make 2

Yarn A, brick red.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a slip knot and ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (28 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 7 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (44 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 3.** The square measures about 4 in (10 cm) across. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

☐ **Round 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 6 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 11 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 4 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 8 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 15 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 6 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (76 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 10 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 19 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 8 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (92 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Assembly

1. Hold the two squares with wrong sides together and join them all the way round in B, working through both squares at once: join B with a slip stitch in any corner space, chain 1, which does not count as a stitch, and work 3 single crochet in that corner space; then work 1 single crochet through both loops of both squares in each stitch and 3 single crochet in each of the other three corner spaces; slip stitch in the first single crochet to join (104 sc). Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

2. For a hanging loop, join B with a slip stitch in the middle one of the 3 single crochet at any corner, chain 12, slip

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stitch in the same single crochet and fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in all 8 ends with the yarn needle.
- Block the finished potholder: pin it to its size on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

In all: 2 pieces; 624 stitches.

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.

Notes

- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- The foundation is 4 chains joined into a ring. If you prefer, begin with a magic ring instead: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The chain 3 at the start of a round counts as a double crochet.
- From round 2 on, each corner is (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) worked in one corner space.
- The square is worked in one color throughout.
- The potholder is two layers thick.

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