Strawberry tea towel edging

Towel about 18 in (45.7 cm) wide · US terms



Finished size
About 18 × 2½ in (46 × 6 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Working in back and front loops, decreases, small embroidery

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: leaf green cotton, leaf strip and leaves **about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: strawberry red cotton, strawberries **about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white cotton, seeds **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 30 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: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, a tea towel with a hem, its width is given below, a sewing needle, green sewing thread and pins.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A and B: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn C: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Towel about 16 in (40.6 cm) wide	15¾ × 2½ in (40 × 6 cm)	about 65 yd (59 m)
Towel about 18 in (45.7 cm) wide (this file)	**18 × 2½ in (46 × 6 cm)**	**about 70 yd (64 m)**
Towel about 20 in (50.8 cm) wide	20¼ × 2½ in (51 × 6 cm)	about 85 yd (78 m)

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Gauge

18 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 1 the strip is about 18 in (45.7 cm) long. If yours is shorter, use a larger hook; if it is longer, use a smaller one.

For another width count about 2.2 in (5.6 cm) for each strawberry: with q strawberries ch 10 × q and 2 more. Row 1 is then 10 × q + 1 sc; the bracket of rows 2 and 3 is worked 5 × q less 1 times, and the bracket of rows 4 and 5 q less 1 times. Work q strawberries and q lines of strawberry leaves.

Notes

- Of the two loops at the top of a st the back loop is the one farther from you and the front loop the one nearer to you. BLO is the back loop only. Row 1 of a strawberry is worked in the back loops all along: the "sc in first st" too goes into the back loop only, so that 6 front loops stay free. Join the yarn in the back loop as well.
- Every part is worked in one yarn: the strip and the strawberry leaves in green, the strawberries in red, the seeds in white.
- The small leaf in row 5 of the strip is the group (hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc), worked in the middle one of the 5 sc between two arches.
- Sc2tog: insert the hook in the next st, yo and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the st after it, yo and pull up a loop, yo and draw through all 3 loops on the hook. It makes one st of two. At the end of row 7 cut the yarn, draw it through the last st and run the tail up along the edge of the strawberry on the wrong side.
- The ch 4 at the start of a row counts as a dc and a ch-1 sp. The stitch that closes over it goes into its 3rd chain. The chain stands on the first stitch of the row, so "next st" right after it is the second stitch.
- A ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- A stitch worked into a chain space goes into the open space under the chain, not into a chain stitch.
- Stitches in round brackets with a place after them, or several of one stitch with one place after them, are all worked into that one place. The brackets at the end of a row hold its count.
- What is in square brackets is worked as many times as the number after them says, in all.
- Row 1 is a right side row. Turn once between rows: the word "turn" near the start of each row is that turn.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- For a towel with a hem: the strip comes to about 18 in (45.7 cm), and it can be eased to a towel a little wider or narrower. It is about 2.5 in (6.4 cm) deep from the foundation edge to the points of the strawberries: the leaf strip about 1.2 in (3 cm) and a strawberry about 1.3 in (3.3 cm).
- There are 8 strawberries, one under each arch of row 4, and 7 small leaves of row 5 between them.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch.

sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows, **WS** wrong side, the back.

2 sc in next st: both in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 39 times: work what is inside 39 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(81 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook. Nothing is worked into the picot, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

sepal: Ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch. It is a small pointed leaf that stands out between two stitches. Nothing is worked into the sepal, and it uses no stitch of the row below.

Leaf strip

Yarn A, leaf green cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 82.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(81 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 39 times**	(41 dc, 40 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 39 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(81 sc)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**ch 7, sk next 5 sts, sc in next 5 sts**] 7 times**, ch 7, sk next 5 sts, sc in next 3 sts	(41 sc, 8 ch-7 sps)
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**6 sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next st, sk next st, (hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc) in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**, 6 sc in next ch-7 sp, sc in next 3 sts	(68 sc, 14 hdc, 14 dc, 7 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Strawberry: make 8

Yarn B, strawberry red cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	The outer edge of the leaf strip: 6 sts across, the back loops of the 6 sc of row 5 in one arch, with the right side facing you, as told under Assembly.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 8 sts	(8 sc)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog	(6 sc)

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☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog	(4 sc)
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc2tog	(2 sc)
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Strawberry leaves: make 8

Yarn A, leaf green cotton.

☐ **Foundation**	The outer edge of the leaf strip: 6 sts across, the free front loops of the 6 sc of row 5 in one arch, with the right side facing you, as told under Assembly.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sepal, sc in next 2 sts, sepal, sc in next 2 sts, sepal, sc in next st	(6 sc, 3 sepals)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Strawberries: hold the leaf strip with its right side facing you and row 5 at the top. Each arch of row 4 holds 6 sc of row 5. Work one strawberry into the back loops of the 6 sc of every arch (its first st is the right-hand one; the left-hand one if you are left handed).

2. Strawberry leaves: with the right side of the leaf strip facing you again and the strawberries at the top, folded back away from you, work a line of leaves into the 6 front loops that stay free in front of every strawberry, from the right-hand one to the left (from left to right if you are left handed). Then let the strawberry down: the three sepals lie over the top of it. With a small stitch of the green sewing thread fasten the point of each sepal to row 4 of the strawberry, straight below the place it stands at: the middle sepal between the 3rd and 4th of the 6 sts of row 4, the other two between its first 2 sts and between its last 2 sts. A sepal that is a little long may arch up.

3. Seeds: with about 16 in (40.6 cm) of yarn C for each strawberry and the yarn needle sew 6 straight stitches on the red of its right side, beside and below the sepals, each one row tall, up and down (straight stitch: out at one place, in at the next): two over row 3, one between its first 2 sts and one between its last 2 sts; three over row 5, one in each gap between its 4 sts; one over the st of row 7. Fasten the ends on the wrong side.

4. Sew it on: lay the foundation edge of the strip over the hem of the towel, both with the right side up, so that row 1 covers the fold of the hem, and pin it. With the sewing needle and green sewing thread sew the foundation chains down with small stitches, one in every second chain, and sew the two short ends of row 1 down where they lie on the towel.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends.

In all: 17 pieces; 668 stitches (340 in the leaf strip, 35 in each strawberry, 6 in each strawberry leaves).

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