Striped mop cover

Standard · US terms



Finished size

About 10½ in (27 cm) long by 5 1/8 in (13 cm) wide with the pockets folded, each pocket about 3 1/8 in (8 cm) deep

To fit for a flat mop head about 10 × 4 in (25 × 10 cm)

Skill

Easy

Two stitches in turn, stripes and four short seams

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In lemon peel stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: aqua, main	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm white, stripe	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: navy, stripe	**about 15 yd (14 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	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**for a flat mop head about 10 × 4 in (25 × 10 cm)**	**10½ in (27 cm) long, 8 in (13 cm) wide**	**about 85 yd (78 m)**
Wide	for a flat mop head about 14 × 4 in (36 × 10 cm)	14½ in (37 cm) long, 8 in (13 cm) wide	about 110 yd (100 m)

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Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
st	stitch

Gauge

14 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in lemon peel stitch.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Lemon peel stitch is a sc and a dc in turn. Each row begins with a sc, worked into the dc that ended the row below, so that every sc stands on a dc and every dc on a sc.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Whip stitch: thread the yarn on a yarn needle. The edges here are the ends of rows, which have no loops on top: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one layer and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other, pull the yarn through, and bring it over the edge to begin the next stitch. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Cotton shrinks a little in a hot wash: wash it cool and dry it flat.
- 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 and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Use cotton yarn: it takes up water and stands up to washing.
- The strip is 48 rows. The first 9 and the last 9 are the pockets, and the 30 rows between them lie under the mop head.

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 sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, aqua; B, warm white; C, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 8 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 4**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 6**	With C, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 8**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 10**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Rows 11 to 15**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**

A box for each row, 11 to 15: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15

☐ **Row 16**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 18**	With C, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 20**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 22**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Rows 23 to 27**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**

A box for each row, 23 to 27: tick them off as you go.

☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27

☐ **Row 28**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 30**	With C, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 32**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 34**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Rows 35 to 39**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**

A box for each row, 35 to 39: tick them off as you go.

☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39

☐ **Row 40**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 42**	With C, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**

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☐ **Row 44**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Row 46**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**
☐ **Rows 47 to 48**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 9 times**	**(9 sc, 9 dc)**

A box for each row, 47 to 48: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends on the wrong side.

2. Lay the strip flat with its right side down. Fold rows 1 to 9 over onto rows 10 to 18: the fold lies between rows 9 and 10, and the foundation chain is the mouth of the first pocket. Fold rows 40 to 48 over onto rows 31 to 39 in the same way: row 48 is the mouth of the second pocket. The right side is on the outside of both pockets, so nothing is turned.

3. Cut four lengths of A, each about 26 in (66 cm) long, one for each side of each pocket. Starting at the fold, sew the end of each row of the pocket to the end of the row that lies against it, 2 whip stitches to each pair of rows: 18 stitches a side. Fasten off at the mouth.

4. Slip one end of the mop head into one pocket, stretch the cover a little, and slip the other end into the other pocket. The head lies between the two layers of each pocket and its handle comes up between the two mouths.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the sewing lengths.

In all: 48 rows; 864 stitches; 34 ends to weave in.

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