Striped tissue box cover

US terms



Finished size
About 9¼ × 3¼ in (23 × 8 cm)

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds with corners.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: misty blue, rounds 1 to 10, 13 to 14 and 17 to 19 **about 100 yd (91 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, rounds 11 to 12 and 15 to 16 **about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 65 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 30 percent added.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 7.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 14 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 22. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (21 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 22** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (21 sc) |

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Notes

- Join the foundation chain into a ring with a slip stitch, and take care that it is not twisted; laid flat it is the slit. The chain of 1 at the start of round 1 does not count as a stitch. Work the first 3 single crochet of round 1 into the first chain, the one that has the slip stitch in it; the slip stitch itself is not worked into.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- In each round of the top, the middle stitch of every group of 3 is a corner. The next round works 3 into it.
- For a longer or shorter box, begin with 4 chains more or fewer for every ½ in (1.5 cm), and work 2 more or fewer single crochet along each of the two long sides in every round of the top. For a taller or lower one, work more or fewer rounds of A at the end: 4 rounds are about 1 in (2.5 cm).
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 10: A. Rounds 11 to 12: B. Rounds 13 to 14: A. Rounds 15 to 16: B. Rounds 17 to 19: A.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
BLO: only the loop away from you. **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 19 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(48 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, misty blue; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 40, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next ch, sc in next 17 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next ch**] 2 times**	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sc in next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts	(72 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 4 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	(96 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 7.** The top should be about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) by 4½ in (11.5 cm), 96 stitches round.

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Sides

☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in BLO of each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnds 9 to 10** 9 10	Sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 15**	With B, sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnd 17**	With A, sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **Rnds 18 to 19** 18 19	Sc in each st around	(96 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the inside.

In all: 19 rounds; 1,656 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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