Swirl round dishcloth

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 8¾ in (22 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Front post stitches in rounds of half double crochet

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet in rounds.

What you need

Yarn A: teal, main color — **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, stripe — **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 40 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 yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and 1 stitch marker.

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
Standard (this file)	**8¾ in (22 cm) across**	**about 75 yd (69 m)**
Large	10¾ in (27 cm) across	about 100 yd (91 m)

Gauge

14 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet in rounds.

Check it on the dishcloth itself: rounds 1 to 3 measure about 2 in (5 cm) across, and rounds 1 to 6 about 4 in (10 cm). If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

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Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- In the rounds that do not begin with "sk next st" the first stitch goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The right side is the side that faces you as you work the rounds. Do not turn between rounds.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. 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.
- 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

Standard. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
FPdc round the stitch below, from the front, **rev sc** single crochet worked backward, **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 8 times: work what is inside 8 times in all.
(8 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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

In rounds 2 to 10 there are 8 groups in a round, and the last stitch of every group is an FPdc, the raised stitch. "FPdc around same st" goes round the post of the stitch that the hdc just before it was worked into; from round 3 on that stitch is always the FPdc of the round below. So each FPdc of the round below takes two stitches: an hdc into its top, and then the FPdc round its post.

In rounds 4 to 10 each group begins with "sk next st": pass over the first stitch of the group. At the start of the round that is the stitch of the join, so the first hdc goes into the stitch after it. The raised stitch leans over the place that was passed over. Put a marker in the first hdc of each round.

Rounds 11 and 12 are the white rim, plain rounds of hdc, round 13 is a plain round of sc, and round 14 is the corded edge. Round 14 is worked from left to right, with the right side still facing: the first rev sc goes into the stitch of the join, the next into the stitch to the right of it, and so on.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next st, FPdc around same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(8 hdc, 8 FPdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, FPdc around same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(16 hdc, 8 FPdc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sk next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, FPdc around same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(24 hdc, 8 FPdc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sk next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, FPdc around same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(32 hdc, 8 FPdc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sk next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, FPdc around same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(40 hdc, 8 FPdc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, FPdc around same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(48 hdc, 8 FPdc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, FPdc around same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(56 hdc, 8 FPdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, FPdc around same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(64 hdc, 8 FPdc)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sk next st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, FPdc around same st**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(72 hdc, 8 FPdc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	With B, ch 1, **[**hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(88 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	With A, ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 8 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(104 sc)
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, rev sc in each st around; join with sl st in first rev sc	(104 rev sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends on the wrong side with the yarn needle, each into its own color.
- Wet it, squeeze the water out, lay it flat on a towel, pull the edge round and let it dry.

In all: 14 rounds; 832 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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