Thermal stitch potholder

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 8¼ × 8¼ in (21 × 21 cm) without the loop

Skill
Easy
One special stitch, stripes and a border

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In thermal stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: mustard yellow, main	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dark charcoal, stripe	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. 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
Small	7¼ × 7¼ in (18 × 18 cm)	about 60 yd (55 m)
Large (this file)	**8¼ × 8¼ in (21 × 21 cm)**	**about 75 yd (69 m)**

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
BLO	back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you
Rnd	round
RS	right side

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st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

tsc (Thermal stitch): Look for two loops: the back loop of the next st, and the free loop of the st straight below it, which lies at the foot of the next st on the side of the work away from you. With the hook pointing away from you, pass it between the two top loops of the next st and under its back loop; then dip its tip down behind the work, between the cloth and that free loop, so that the free loop lies on the hook beside the back loop; yo, pull up a loop through both, yo, pull through 2 loops on hook. In UK terms: a thermal stitch, a double crochet worked through two loops. It leaves 1 stitch for the next row or round.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in thermal stitch.

Work the test piece, lay it flat without stretching it, and measure in its middle. If it has more stitches and rows to 4 in (10 cm), use a larger hook; if it has fewer, a smaller one. A potholder need not be exact.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece takes about 30 yd (28 m) of A, which the amounts do not count.

Swatch foundation	With A, ch 19.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(18 sc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(18 sc)**
Swatch rows 3 to 18	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(18 tsc)**

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The first stitch after the ch 1 goes into the first st, the one right below the hook.
- Right-side rows are the odd-numbered ones.
- Row 2 is worked in the back loop only, so that the front loops of row 1 stay free: you need them in row 3. From row 3 on every row does two things at once: it takes the free loops two rows down, and it leaves the front loops of the row it is worked into free for the next row, which takes them.
- In row 3 the free loop is the front loop of row 1, in row 4 that of row 2, and so on. After you turn it is always on the far side of the work, at the foot of the stitches you work into. Tip the top edge toward you to see it. It is of the same stitch column as the back loop: do not slide over to a neighbor.
- A tsc counts as one stitch, and it leaves a top of two loops like any sc.
- In the first rows of a stripe the loops you work into are of the color before it. That is right: work each row with the yarn it names.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. A yarn that rests for 2 rows, or for 4 rows as charcoal does in the middle of Small, is carried: leave it hanging at the edge and bring it loosely up the side, where the border covers it. In Large the charcoal rests for 8 rows after row 10: cut it there, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and join it again for row 19. In both sizes cut the charcoal after its last stripe.

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- Border: work along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows. Begin with the right side facing and the last row at the top, in the first st at the right-hand corner. The chain skipped at the start of row 1 is not worked into.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- In the border "same st as join" is the st the joining sl st was worked into; the sl st itself is not a stitch. "3 sc in next st" puts all 3 stitches in that one place and turns a corner.
- In round 1 of the border work under both loops of the stitches of the last row. The last row leaves the front loops of the row below it free; they lie on the right side, the side that faces you as you work the border, and stay as they are.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- 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 it dry: a wet potholder lets the heat through. Keep it clear of flames and hot burners.
- Use cotton yarn. Acrylic yarn can melt.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Chosen: Large. 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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and yo is yarn round hook.

Potholder

Yarns in order of use: A, mustard yellow; B, dark charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 26.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of each st across	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**

A box for each row, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Row 5**	With B, ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 7**	With A, ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 9**	With B, ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 11**	With A, ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 18: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18

☐ **Row 19**	With B, ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**

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☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 21**	With A, ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 23**	With B, ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Row 25**	With A, ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 27**	Ch 1, turn; tsc in each st across	**(25 tsc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 27: tick them off as you go.

26 27

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Border

Yarn B, dark charcoal.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 25 sts of the last row, the ends of the 27 rows, the 25 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 27 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 23 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 27 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 23 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 27 rows; join with sl st in first sc	**(112 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 29 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts; join with sl st in first sc	**(120 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Putting it together

Hanging loop: with the right side up, join B with a sl st in the middle one of the 3 sc in one place at any corner of round 2 of the border, ch 16, and work a sl st in the same st. Fasten off and weave in both ends through the border, so that the loop holds.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

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