Toilet tank lid cover with pockets

Standard · US terms



Finished size

About 18 × 9½ in (46 × 24 cm)

About 18 in (45.5 cm) wide and 8¼ in (21 cm) from front to back, with a side 1¾ in (4.5 cm) deep and a front 9½ in (24 cm) long and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) wide. To fit a tank lid about 18 in (45.5 cm) wide and 8¼ in (21 cm) from front to back

Skill

Intermediate

It is single crochet with one wave stitch, worked in rows and joined rounds.

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: sea glass, the top, the side and some of the waves	**about 325 yd (297 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: deep sea glass, the other waves and the pocket tops	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: white, the wave lines, the scallops and the pockets	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: pins, a tape measure, 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.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**a tank lid about 18 in (45.5 cm) wide and 8¼ in (21 cm) from front to back**	**18 × 9½ in (46 × 24 cm)**	**about 455 yd (416 m)**
Wide	a tank lid about 20¾ in (52.5 cm) wide and 8¾ in (22 cm) from front to back	20¾ × 9½ in (53 × 24 cm)	about 540 yd (494 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
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
BLO	back loop only
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side
WS	wrong side

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

15 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. 15 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet. Two rows of waves lie into each other, the tall stitches of one against the short stitches of the other, with a row of single crochet between them. Together the two rows of waves measure ¾ in (2 cm), the height of one single crochet and one double crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 31.

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 and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 15 stitches and 16 rows. 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.

Swatch foundation	Ch 23.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(22 sc)**
Swatch rows 2 to 24	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**

Before you start

- Round 1 of the side goes all round the top: along the last row, down the row ends, along the foundation chain, and back up the other row ends. Round 1 still lies flat and makes the top ¼ in (0.5 cm) larger at each of its four edges. The side turns down in round 2, and its depth is that of rounds 2 to 8.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch. The chain of 2 at the start of a row of the front does not count as a stitch either: in every row the first stitch goes into the first stitch of the row before.
- Every round of the side is joined with a slip stitch in its first stitch, and the work is not turned after round 1 has begun. The chain of 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch; work the first stitch into the stitch the round before was joined in. The sc2tog at the corners are darts: they draw the side in under the lid.
- sc2tog, single crochet 2 together: draw up a loop in each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 3 loops on the hook.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge. In round 2 of the side the front loops are left free for the front.

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- Waves: in a row of waves the stitches are short at one place and tall at another, so its edge rises and falls. The next row of waves has its tall stitches over the short ones and makes the edge straight again.
- In the front and in the pockets change color at the end of a row: draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the last stitch. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Measure the lid of the tank, across and from front to back. A lid up to ½ in (1.5 cm) larger than the one named with the size can be covered too. At each end of the front the top edge is left free, 3¼ in (8 cm) in the standard and 2¾ in (7 cm) in the wide, so that a lever at the side of the tank stays clear.
- Colors. The top, the side and the cord are A. A pocket, row by row. Rows 1 to 13: C. Rows 14 to 15: B. The front, row by row. Rows 1 to 2: A. Row 3: C. Rows 4 to 6: B. Row 7: C. Rows 8 to 10: A. Row 11: C. Rows 12 to 14: B. Row 15: C. Rows 16 to 18: A. Row 19: C. Rows 20 to 22: B. Row 23: C. Rows 24 to 26: A. Row 27: C. Rows 28 to 29: B. Row 30: C.

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, sc2tog is dc2tog and sk is miss.

Top

Yarn A, sea glass.

Row 1 is a wrong side row, so row 31 is one too: when the piece is turned at the end of row 31, its right side faces you for the side.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 67.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(66 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 31: tick them off as you go. The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 **31**

Stop and measure now, after row 31. The top should measure about 17½ in (44.5 cm) wide and 7¾ in (19.5 cm) long.

☐ **End** Do not fasten off. Round 1 of the side makes it about 18 in (45.5 cm) wide and 8¼ in (21 cm) from front to back.

Side

Yarn A, sea glass.

☐ **Foundation**	The top just worked, 66 stitches and 31 rows; turn it at the end of row 31 as for a new row.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in next 66 sts, sc in end of each of next 31 rows, sc in next 66 chs, sc in end of each of next 31 rows, sl st in first sc to join	**(194 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in BLO of each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(194 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(194 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 64 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 29 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(190 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(190 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 63 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 28 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(186 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 62 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(124 sc, 62 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 62 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(186 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Front

Yarns in order of use: A, sea glass; C, white; B, deep sea glass.

Choose for the front the long edge with the last row of the top. Its 66 loops are the first 66 of round 1. Hold the cover with the right side of the top toward you and the top below the edge, the side folded away behind. Join A in the 13th of the 66 loops and work to the left, through the front loops only. From row 2 on work through both loops.

☐ **Foundation**	The front loops of round 1 of the side that round 2 left free, along one long edge of the top, RS facing: the 42 stitches in the middle of that edge, 12 stitches left free at each end of it.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 41 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	With B, ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 dc, 12 hdc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Row 7**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	With A, ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 dc, 12 hdc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Row 11**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 12**	With B, ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 dc, 12 hdc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Row 15**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**

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☐ **Row 16**	With A, ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 dc, 12 hdc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Row 19**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	With B, ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 dc, 12 hdc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Row 23**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	With A, ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 dc, 12 hdc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Row 27**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	With B, ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 dc, 12 hdc, 12 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(42 sc)**

Scallops

☐ **Row 30**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, **[**6 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sk next 2 sts**] 5 times**, 6 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st	**(12 sc, 36 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Pocket: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, white; B, deep sea glass.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 13**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**

A box for each row, 8 to 13: tick them off as you go.

☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13

☐ **Row 14**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side. On the front, weave each tail of a color into rows of its own color.

2. The pockets. Lay the front flat with its right side up and the scallops toward you. Row 25, a plain row of A, is level, and the pockets stand on it. Lay a pocket on the front with its right side up and the two rows of B away from you, its foundation chain on row 25. Its 16 chains lie over 16 stitches of row 25: 4 stitches of row 25 are left free between the pocket and the side edge of the front. Pin the two lower corners. Pin its two side edges straight up, at right angles to row 25, 15 rows of the pocket over about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) of the front, with the top edge of the pocket level. The pocket is wider above than below, so it stands out a little from the front. Pin the second pocket at the other side in the same way; 2 stitches of row 25 lie between the two.

3. For each pocket cut a length of C about 44 in (112 cm) long. Begin at one upper corner of the pocket with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) and sew down the side edge, along the lower edge and up the other side edge: bring the needle up through the pocket one stitch in from its edge and down through the front beside the edge, one stitch for each row or chain. Take two stitches over each upper corner. Fasten off on the wrong side, weave in both tails and take out the pins.

4. The cord. With A, ch 320, about 68¼ in (173.5 cm) long, and fasten off with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) at each end. Find the two spaces of round 7 of the side at the middle of the back, the long edge opposite to the front: lay the cover flat and fold it so that its two short ends meet; they are the two spaces nearest to the fold. From the outside put the cord in at one of them, and out and in through all 62 spaces, away from the fold and all the way round, so that it comes out to the outside at the other one. Knot each end and trim its tail to about ½ in (1.5 cm).

Finishing

- Lift the lid off the tank, lay the cover on it with the pockets at the front, draw the cord up under the lid at the back and tie it in a bow. Tuck the ends in and put the lid back. The pockets are for light things: a small folded guest towel, a packet of tissues or a comb. A lid with a push knob in its top cannot be covered.

In all: 3 pieces; 5,382 stitches (2,046 in the top, 1,458 in the side, 1,266 in the front, 306 in each pocket).

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