Easy tube dish towel, double thick

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) wide and 18½ in (47 cm) long, two layers thick, without the loop

Skill
Easy
One stitch in joined rounds, and two ends to close, and color changes

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

What you need

Yarn A: teal, main color **about 400 yd (366 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, stripe **about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 250 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 2 stitch markers.

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	12 in (30 cm) wide, 14½ in (37 cm) long	about 350 yd (320 m)
Standard (this file)	**13¾ in (35 cm) wide, 18½ in (47 cm) long**	**about 505 yd (462 m)**

Gauge

14 stitches and 14 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet in the third loop.

Check it on the towel itself, with the tube pressed flat, when 7 rounds are done: it is about 13¾ in (35 cm) wide in Standard and 12 in (30 cm) wide in Small, and the 7 rounds are about 2 in (5 cm) tall. 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.
- The third loop of a half double crochet is the bar behind its two top loops. Working into it pushes the top loops forward as a row of braids.
- 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, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st (in round 1, the same chain). The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- 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.
- Round 1 is worked into the back strand alone of every chain, as is said at the head of the rounds; from round 2 on every hdc goes into the third loop. The third loop is found by tipping the top of the stitch toward you: it is the strand that lies at the back of the stitch, just below its two top loops.
- The bands in B are 3 rounds each. They mirror each other: 6 rounds of A, then B, A and B of 3 rounds each, stand at both ends.
- Work the rounds with the right side outside and never turn.
- 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.

yo yarn over the hook.

(96 hdc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

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

Round 1 goes under one strand only of every chain: lay the chain with its row of V's toward you and put the hook under the back strand of the V, the strand farther from you, and under nothing else. The front strand of the V and the bump behind the chain stay free; the second closing row is worked into these two.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 96, join with sl st in first ch to make a loop, without twisting the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, hdc in each ch around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 6**	Ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6

Stripe in B, white

☐ **Rnd 7**	With B, ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

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☐ **Rnds 8 to 9**	Ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

8 9

Stripe in A, teal

☐ **Rnd 10**	With A, ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 11 to 12**	Ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

11 12

Stripe in B, white

☐ **Rnd 13**	With B, ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 14 to 15**	Ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

14 15

Stripe in A, teal

☐ **Rnd 16**	With A, ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 17 to 48**	Ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

Stripe in B, white

☐ **Rnd 49**	With B, ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 50 to 51**	Ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

50 51

Stripe in A, teal

☐ **Rnd 52**	With A, ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 53 to 54**	Ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

53 54

Stripe in B, white

☐ **Rnd 55**	With B, ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 56 to 57**	Ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

56 57

Stripe in A, teal

☐ **Rnd 58**	With A, ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 59 to 63**	Ch 1, hdc in third loop of each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(96 hdc)

59 60 61 62 63

☐ **End**	Make the joining sl st of this last round with B, as for a new stripe, and cut A. Do not fasten B off.

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Assembly

1. Put a stitch marker in the loop that is on the hook and take the hook out. Turn the tube wrong side out, weave in all the ends but the beginning end, and turn it right side out again. The right side, with the braids, is on the outside all round.

2. Lay the tube flat, with the last round at the top, so that the loop lies at the fold on your right. The 96 sts of the last round now lie in two layers of 48: st 1, the stitch of the join, lies at the right fold on the layer nearest to you, and st 96 lies behind it; st 48 and st 49 lie one behind the other at the left fold. Put the second marker through st 48 and st 49.

3. First closing row: put the loop back on the hook. Ch 1 (it does not count as a stitch). Put the hook under both loops of st 1 and then under both loops of st 96 behind it, and work 1 sc through the two together. Go on to the left in the same way, 1 sc through each pair, the last one through the two marked sts: 48 sc.

4. Loop: do not turn. Ch 14, then work a sl st into the top of the last sc you made, so that the chain makes a loop at the corner. Fasten off.

5. Turn the towel round, so that the foundation chain is at the top, and lay it flat again with its two folds straight. The joins of the rounds lean, so the join of the foundation chain may lie a little in from the fold: let the folds tell you where the edge is, not the joins. The 96 chains lie in two layers of 48.

6. Second closing row: weave the beginning end into the inside. Join B with a sl st through the two chains that lie one behind the other at the right fold, under the two strands of each chain that round 1 left free, the front strand of the V and the bump. Ch 1, work 1 sc through the same two chains and 1 sc through each pair of chains after them, to the left fold: 48 sc. Fasten off.

7. Weave these last ends in between the two layers.

Finishing

- Wash the towel before you use it, pull it straight while it is wet and lay it flat to dry.

In all: 63 rounds; 6,048 stitches.

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