Waffle stitch placemat

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 12¼ × 17½ in (31 × 44 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
14½ stitches and 7½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In waffle stitch.

You will need

Yarn: gold, medium (4) **about 140 yd (128 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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. 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)	**12¼ × 17½ in (31 × 44 cm)**	**about 140 yd (128 m)**
Large	13¾ × 19¾ in (35 × 50 cm)	about 180 yd (165 m)

Abbreviations

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

ch chain stitch
dc double crochet (UK tr, treble)
FPdc front post double crochet: yo, insert hook from the front, behind the post of the st named and out to the front again, yo,
WS wrong side
st stitch

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Gauge

14½ stitches and 7½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in waffle stitch.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. In row 2 that is the top one of the 3 chains skipped at the start of row 1.
- Row 1 is the wrong side.
- The waffle forms on the side that faces you while you work the rows of (FPdc, 2 dc): those are the right-side rows.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, and weave it in at the end with the others.
- For another width, add or take away 3 chains at a time: each 3 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group, and 3 more stitches to a row that has no brackets. Measure your own gauge first.
- Use cotton yarn: it is absorbent and stands up to washing.

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 dc is treble and FPdc is front post treble, or raised treble front.

Check your width as you go: when row 6 is done, measure the width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge. It is about 12¼ in (31 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 46.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc) and in each ch across	**(44 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 14 times**, dc in top of turning ch	**(30 dc, 14 FPdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 14 times**, dc in top of turning ch	**(16 dc, 28 FPdc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 33**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

A box for each row, 4 to 33: tick them off as you go.

☐ 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 ☐ 32 ☐ 33

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm).	

Finishing

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

In all: 33 rows; 1,452 stitches; 2 ends to weave in.

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