Waffle stitch square

US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

What you need

Yarn A: clay, rows 1 to 14	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the rounds and rows that name it	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 30 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

In waffle stitch, 14 stitches and 9½ rows measure 4 in (10 cm).

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The 2 chains skipped at the start of row 1 do not count as a stitch.

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- The ch 2 at the start of a row counts as the first hdc and stands at the edge; the last hdc of a row is worked in the top of the ch 2 that began the row before, or, in row 2, in the first dc of row 1. The stitch at the foot of the ch 2 is already used: the next st after a ch 2 is the one beside it.
- Row 1 is the wrong side. Row 2 and every even row are the right side: the front post stitches of the even rows are the upright walls of the boxes, and those of the odd rows push the tops of the row below forward, so that they are the walls that lie across.
- Work every FPdc round the post of the stitch below it and not in its top, whether that stitch is a dc or an FPdc. Every dc is worked in the top of its stitch.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5½ in (14 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9 in (23 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **rem** remaining, **st** stitch.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all.
(21 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

FPdc (Front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back to front round the post of the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice.

Yarn A, clay.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 23.
☐ **Row 1**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook, dc in each rem ch across (21 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**, FPdc around next st, hdc in last st (2 hdc, 7 FPdc, 12 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, ch 2 (counts as hdc), **[**dc in next st, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, dc in next st, hdc in last st (2 hdc, 7 dc, 12 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 14**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.
	4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

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Finishing

- Block: pin the square out, right side up, 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) tall, without pressing the boxes flat, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Border, round 1: Lay the square right side up with row 14 at the top and join B with sl st in the top right-hand corner stitch, which is the top of the ch 2 that began row 14. Work with the right side facing you, round the square to the left. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), 3 sc in that stitch, sc in each of the next 19 sts, 3 sc in the hdc that ended row 14; down the left side, 2 sc in the end of each of rows 13, 10, 7, 4 and 1 and sc in the end of each of the other rows, in order from row 14 down to row 1 (19 sc); along the bottom, 3 sc in the chain under the first dc of row 1, sc in each of the next 19 chs, 3 sc in the chain under the last dc of row 1; up the right side, 2 sc in the end of each of rows 1, 4, 7, 10 and 13 and sc in the end of each of the other rows, in order from row 1 up to row 14 (19 sc); sl st in the first sc to join (88 sc: 3 in every corner and 19 between the corners along each side).
- Border, round 2: Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc in the same st, [3 sc in the next st, which is the middle one of the 3 in a corner, sc in each of the next 21 sts] 3 times, 3 sc in the next st, sc in each of the last 20 sts, sl st in the first sc to join (96 sc). Fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 14 rows; 2 ends to weave in.

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