

Dishcloth

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A small yet practical project to get you started with crochet. Making this cloth is the ideal way to practice the basic crochet stitch, single crochet. While the main cloth is worked in single crochet, the contrasting stripes are added to the cloth's surface in slip stitch, a very easy form of crochet embroidery.

Skill level...



BEGINNER

In this project you will learn...

Practicing single crochet
Working slip stitch surface embroidery

Stitches used...

Single crochet; Surface slip stitch

Size

Approximately 10in/25cm wide x 11³/₄in/30cm long

Materials

Double-knitting weight cotton yarn, such as Rowan Handknit Cotton (3) LIGHT in 2 colors:

- A 2 x 1³/₄oz/50g balls (93yd/85m per ball) in taupe
 - B 1 x 1³/₄oz/50g ball (93yd/85m per ball) in black
- Size H-8 (5mm) crochet hook

Gauge

14 sc and 19 rows to 4in/10cm measured over single crochet using an H-8 (5mm) hook.

Abbreviations

See page 45.

To make dishcloth

Foundation chain Using an H-8 (5mm) hook and A, chain 36.

Row 1 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in each of remaining ch to end, turn. 35 sc.

Row 2 Ch 1 (does NOT count as a stitch), 1 sc in each sc to end, turn. 35 sc.

Repeat row 2 until work measures 11³/₄in/30cm (approximately 56 rows).

Fasten off.

To finish

Weave in any loose ends.

Lay work out flat and gently steam on wrong side.

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Adding surface stripes

First stripe Work the first stripe in surface slip stitches between the 2nd and 3rd rows from the bottom edge of the dishcloth as follows: Using an H-8 (5mm) hook and B, make a slip knot. Remove the hook from slip knot, then insert hook through the dishcloth from the right side of your work one stitch in from the edge, pick up the slip knot again and pull it through to the right side. Keeping the yarn at the wrong side of your work, continue as follows—*insert hook through dishcloth between next 2 stitches, yarn over hook at back of work and pull yarn through dishcloth and loop on hook in one movement. Repeat from * across width of dishcloth, finishing one stitch in from the edge. Fasten off.

Second stripe Work as for the first stripe, but between the 3rd and 4th rows from the top edge of the dishcloth.

Third stripe Work as for the first stripe, but between the 5th and 6th rows from the top edge of the dishcloth.

