Crochet in Color







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Letter from the Editors

Dear Crocheter,

It's time to bring a little color into your life. That's right, we're getting rid of the neutrals and bland designs and we're giving you designs that pop! From patterns to decorate your home with to patterns you can wear and show off your fashion sense, we have something you'll love. We even have a few kitchen crochet patterns you'll want to work up right away.

We know it's easier to work with neutral colors since those can go with just about any outfit and match any room décor, but now it's time to go out of your comfort zone. Who's ready to crochet the rainbow?

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Happy Hooking,

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Home Decor

Rainbow Ripple Pillow

By: The Merry Cherub

Add a pop of color to your home decor with this Rainbow Ripple Pillow. This free crochet pattern is great to make for any room of your house. Ripple patterns are easy to crochet and are visually appealing to look at. The pattern is written to fit large pillows, but it's easy to adjust for a smaller pillow. To do so, simply reduce the pattern in increments of 23 stitches.



Rainbow Ripple Pillow This image courtesy of sites.google.com/site/themerrycherub



Materials:

- Crochet Hook No. 5
- Wool 8ply (double knitting)

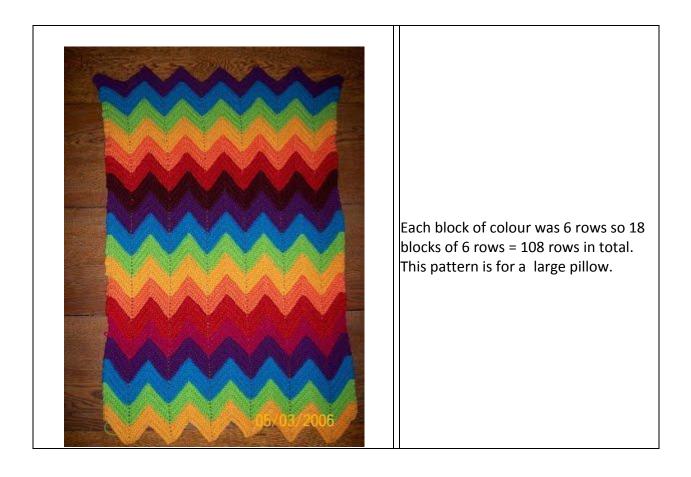
Instructions:

To begin chain 145 stitches.

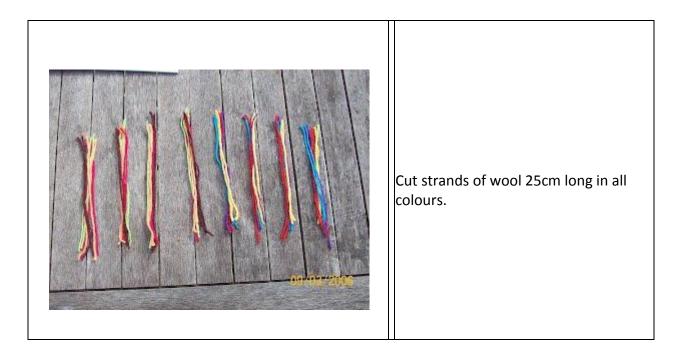
Foundation row, 1SC in second stitch from hook, then 2 sc, miss 1 stitch, 10 single crochet into next 10 stitches. *3SC into next stitch, 10sc in following stitches, then miss two stitches, 10sc in following stitches*. Repeat * to * 5 times, 3SC into next stitch, 10sc in following stitches, miss a stitch, 3SC. Turn

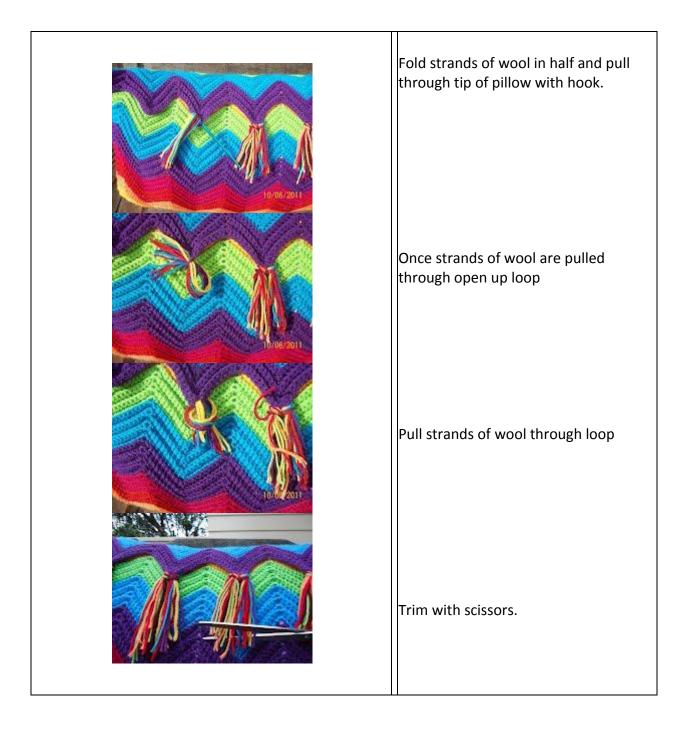
Pattern row: Ch1, 3 SC miss 1 stitch and 10 single crochet into next 10 stitches. *3SC into next stitch, 10sc in following stitches, then miss two stitches, 10sc in following stitches*. Repeat * to * 5 times, 3SC into next stitch, 10sc in following stitches, miss a stitch, 3SC. Turn

This is for a big pillow if you want to make it smaller reduce pattern in increments of 23 stitches.









Bright Ripple Throw

By: Ann Regis for Red Heart Yarns

Say goodbye to the gloomy days of winter with this colorful crocheted afghan. Make this Bright Ripple Throw to bring a little bit of sunshine to your living room. This rainbow-inspired crochet afghan pattern is a wonderful way to welcome spring. This ripple pattern is an intermediate crochet afghan pattern to complete. If you'd prefer, this afghan can also be made using neutral colors.



Bright Ripple Throw This Image Courtesy of redheart.com

MATERIALS:

- RED HEART[®] With Love[®]: 1 skein each 1538 Lilac A, 1803 Blue Hawaii B, 1601 Lettuce C, 1502 Iced Aqua D, 1252 Mango E and 1703 Candy Pink F
- Susan Bates[®] Crochet Hook: 6.5 mm [US K-10.5]

Size:

Throw measures 47 x 60" (119.5 x 152.5cm)

Gauge/Tension:

GAUGE: 11 dc = 4" (10 cm) and 6 rows = 4" (10cm). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain gauge.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C etc; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; hdc = half double crochet; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch (es); [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified

Notes

 To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Fasten off old color.
 Side Edging is worked with Right Side facing; do not turn at end of each row.

Special Abbreviations

rev sc: Work single crochet in opposite direction by inserting hook in next stitch (to the right if right-handed, and to the left if lefthanded), yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

THROW

With A, ch 131.

Row 1: Dc in 5th ch from hook (counts as dc, ch 1), dc in next 10 chs, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch, dc in next 11 chs, skip next 2 chs, [dc in next 11 chs, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch, dc in next 11 chs, skip next 2 chs] 4 times, ending last repeat with skip next ch, dc in last ch; turn—5 peaks.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), skip first 2 dc, [dc in next 11 dc, (dc, ch 1, dc) in next ch-1 space, dc in next 11 dc, skip next 2 dc] 5 times, ending last repeat with skip 1 dc, dc in beginning ch-3; turn.

Rows 3-38: Repeat Row 2 in the following color sequence: 3 rows A, 5 rows C, 5 rows B, 5 rows D, 5 rows E, 5 rows F, 2 rows A, 2 rows C, 2 rows B, and 2 rows D, changing to E in last stitch.

Row 39: With E, ch 2, skip first 2 dc, [hdc in next 11 dc, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 space, hdc in next 11 dc, skip next 2 dc] 5 times, ending last repeat with skip 1 dc, hdc in beginning ch-3.

Rows 40-43: Repeat Row 39 in the following color sequence: 1 row F, 1 row E, 1 row F, 1 row E, changing to D in last stitch.

Rows 44-81: Repeat Row 2 in the following color sequence: 2 rows D, 2 rows B, 2 rows C, 2 rows A, 5 rows F, 5 rows E, 5 rows D, 5 rows B, 5 rows C, and 5 rows A. Fasten off.

FIRST SIDE EDGING

Note: Work along each straight side edge of piece, working sts around ch-3 or dc stem of each row.

Row 1: With Right Side facing, join A with slip st in corner of straight side edge, ch 2 (counts as first hdc), work 1 hdc around same st, work 2 hdc around each row end across—162 sts. Fasten off A. **Row 2**: With Right Side facing, join E with slip st in beginning ch-2 of Row 1, ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc between beginning ch-2 and next hdc of Row 1, dc between each hdc of Row 1 across. Fasten off E. **Row 3**: With Right Side facing, join D with slip st in beginning ch-3 of Row 2, ch 2, hdc

in each dc across. Fasten off D. **Row 4**: With Right Side facing and C, repeat

Row 2. Fasten off C.

Row 5: With Right Side facing and B, repeat Row 3.

Row 6: Ch 1, rev sc in each st across. Fasten off B.

SECOND SIDE EDGING

Repeat as for First Side Edging along opposite straight side edge of Throw in the following color sequence: 1 row A, 1 row F, 1 row C, 1 row B, and 2 row D. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Brightly Colored Windchime Afghan

By: Lion Brand Yarn

There is no better way to bright up a room than with a colorful crocheted afghan. Using different colors of Vanna's Choice yarn, you can make this Brightly Colored Windchime Afghan. It's an easy crochet pattern to complete for you or for a friend. This beautiful crocheted afghan would look great draped over any sofa, loveseat, or chair. Large eye blunt needles are needed to complete this free crochet afghan pattern.



Crochet Hook: J/10 or 6 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Vanna's Choice Yarn, 3.5 oz/100g
 (170 yd/156 m) balls, 4-ply worstedweight, 100% acrylic:
 - Toffee (860-124) 2 balls (A)
 - Magenta (860-144) 1 ball (B)
 - Dusty Blue (860-108) 1 ball
 (C)
 - Burgundy (860-148) 1 ball (D)
 - Brick (860-133) 1 ball (E)
 - Beige (860-123) 1 ball (F)
 - Pea Green (860-170) 1 ball
 (G)
 - Rust (860-135) 1 ball (H)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook Size J-10 (6.00mm/UK4)
- Large-Eye Blunt Needles

Size:

About 36 x 56 in. (91.5 x 142 cm)

Gauge:

12 dc + 7 rows = 4 in. (10 cm). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it akes you fewer stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Instructions:

FIRST STRIP

With A, ch 174. Row 1 (WS): Dc in 4th ch from hook (beginning ch counts as dc) and in each ch across – 172 dc at end of this row. Rows 2 and 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), turn, dc in each st across. Row 4: Ch 3, turn, dc in next 3 sts, *ch 2, sk next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts; rep from * across – 28 ch-2 sps at end of this row. Rows 5-7: Rep Row 2. Fasten off.

SECOND STRIP

Notes: Second-Eighth Strips are worked as for First Strip through Row 7, and then joined to previous Strip with a Joining Row. The Joining Row is worked back and forth between the last row of the current strip and the foundation ch of the previous strip. With B, ch 174.

Rows 1-7: Work Rows 1-7 of First Strip. Do not fasten off. With RS facing, place previous Strip above current Strip. Joining Row: Ch 1, turn, sc in first st of current Strip, ch 2, sc in first foundation ch of previous Strip, ch 3, sk next 2 sts of current Strip, *sc in next st of current Strip, ch 3, sk next 3 sts of previous Strip, sc in next st of previous Strip, ch 3, sk next 3 sts of current Strip; rep across continuing to work back and forth between the 2 Strips, ending with sc in last st of current Strip, ch 2, sk next 2 sts of previous Strip, sc in last st of previous Strip. Fasten off.

THIRD-EIGHTH STRIPS

With C, D, E, F, G, and H, work as for Second Strip.

FINISHING

Edging

With RS facing, join A with sl st in any corner.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, sc evenly around outside edge, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, working 3 sc in each corner; join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Colorful Quick Mat

By: Michael Sellick from The Crochet Crowd

The Colorful Quick Mat is a great project for all you scrap savers out there. Using a thick chunky acrylic yarn and the double crochet stitch along with the cluster stitch you can have this mat made in no time. Decorate your floor and greet your guests in style.



Colorful Quick Mat This image courtesy of thecrochetcrowd.com



Crochet Hook: K/10.5 or 6.5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (5) Bulky/Chunky (12-15 stitches for 4 inches)

Disclaimer:

I have no idea what yarn was used in this. I picked up this thick chunky 100% acrylic yarn in a discount bin. To match this, you would need 2 strands of 4 ply acrylic mixed together. If you can get two strands that have a slow transition of colour, you can pull off the same look of what you see. The repeat of the pattern is every other line. Each circle you see is a combination of 2 lines together. One line is the under side of the circle and the next line is the over side. I say this because if you want to have solid colour circles, then you may be interested to know where to change colours to achieve this look.



To help you, I will post below a close up of all four corners. This will help you with your final rotation around the mat to see where the stitches are going.

Dimensions:

• 27" width x 17.5" length

Materials:

- Size K Crochet Hook, 6.5 MM
- 2 Balls of 5 oz or 140 g

Abbreviations: CH = Chain, ST ST = SL ST, BEG = Beginning, DC = Double Crochet,

HELP Below for the circles (bottom of circles as seen in this pattern)

CL - Cluster (Begin double crochet as normal and stopping one step before finalizing the stitch. This will keep the loops adding onto the crochet hook. For this pattern, you will end up with a total of 8 loops before pulling the yarn through all loops to form the under side of the circle.)

This has multiple sets of 10. There are 8 sets of 10 stitches in this pattern. If you want a larger or smaller mat, reduce the stitch sets or add more stitch sets. At the end of the desired length of chain, add 3 extra chains.

Instructions:

Use 2 strands of yarn at the same time to increase the thickness of yarn. Pattern below is for the identical version for what is seen in this picture. You can use this pattern for a throw, afghan or any other creative idea you may have. Change colours as you want to.

- 1. CH 83
- 2. CH 1, SC in stitch 2nd from hook, SC in next. *SKIP 2 stitches, 7 DC into the next stitch. SKIP 2 Stitches, 1 SC into the next three stitches, Repeat from *. Very End of line will finish with only 2 SC's in a row and not three. Turn.
- 3. If desired, this is where you would change your colour to ensure the

circles stay the same colours if desired. If pulling off the same effect you see in my pictures, don't worry about it and carry on.

- 4. Ch 3, Form CL with only 3 DC's. This creates a partial circle on the edging that is required. CH 2, 1 SC into the next three stitches. *CH 3, CL using the next 7 stitches together, (you will have 8 loops on your hook before forming the cluster.) SC the next three stitches which is over the circle in the line below, Repeat from * all the way across until the final partial circle. End of line will finish off with a partial cluster by CH 3, CL using next 3 Stitches. Turn
- 5. CH 3, 3 DC into the same stitch under the CH 3. *SC in each of the next three stitches (where SC's are in the line under it). 7 DC's into the centre of the circle in the line below. Repeat from * all the way across. Finish the final partial circle with 4 DC's into the centre of the partial circle on the end. Turn.
- 6. If desired, this is where you change the colour again if wanting solid colour circles.
- CH 1, 1 SC into the first two stitches.
 *CH 3, CL the next 7 Stitches
 Together, CH 2, 1 SC into each of the next three Stitches. Repeat from *.
 Final will end with only 2 single crochets in a row to match the starting side.
- Repeat lines 2 7. There are a total of 12 complete circles working up the mat in a zig zag formation. First line is a partial and you will finish using a partial so both starting and ending lines leave a flat edge. There

will be a total of 13 circles shown after finishing the borders.

9. Repeat line 2 for the border colour. If wanting a new colour this is where you will add it in. This will be the same colour all the way around the mat. DO NOT TURN AROUND MAT WHEN COMPLETED. We are going to continue working in the same direction all the way around.

Border Edge

 DO NOT TURN. LOOK AT CORNER 1 Below Picture. Immediately *7 DC's into the centre as you clearly see on your mat in between the two rows. Then 2 SC in a row only where the SC's are seen between the rows. Then repeat from * all the way down. At corner, place 3 SC's at the very end stitch to allow materials to turn.

- LOOK AT CORNER 2 Below Picture, 1 SC into the 2nd Stitch over, then *7 DC's into the centre as you clearly see. Then 2 SC in a row where the SC's are seen between the rows to the next corner. Finish off line with 1 SC 2nd stitch in, final stitch gets 3 SC's.
- By this point, you can see what I am trying to get you to do with your stitches to make them even and consistent all the way around.
- LOOK AT CORNER 3 Below Picture, 7 DC's into the next centre as you clearly see. Final stitch gets 3 SC's to be able to turn the corner.
- 5. LOOK AT CORNER 4 Below Picture, Repeat step 3. Then fasten off and weave in ends.

Corner Views



CORNER 1

CORNER 4



CORNER 2

CORNER 3

Patterns to Accessorize

Colorful Spring Hat

By: Lorene Eppolite from Cre8tion Crochet

Celebrate the warm weather with this Colorful Spring Hat. Use the shell stitch to complete this free crochet hat pattern. It's a lightweight hat that's perfect for springtime. This pattern is written for a toddler, but it can be easily adjusted for other ages, as well. The floral design also makes it a great gift idea for Mother's Day.



Colorful Spring Hat This image courtesy of cre8tioncrochet.com



Crochet Hook: I/9 or 5.5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (3) Light/DK (21-24 stitches to 4 inches)

This pattern is written it toddler size (ages 12-24mo) but can easily be adapted to any size. This <u>sizing chart</u> is easy to follow and can help you customize this hat to the size of your choice. Just be sure that the increasing rounds end in increments of 4.

Materials:

- 5.5mm (I) hook for hat
- 4.00mm (G) hook for appliqués
- <u>leaves</u>
- <u>rossettes</u>
- 100% cotton yarn in your choice of colors
- Embroidery needle

Abbreviations and Stitches used:

st- stitch sp-space mc/r- magic circle/ring ch- chain sl st- slip stitch insert hook, yarn over, pull through, (two loops on hook), pull loop closest to hook through other loop hdc- half double crochet yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through (three loops on hook), yarn over, pull through all three loops dc- double crochet yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull through (three loops on hook), yarn over, pull through first two loops on hook, yarn over and pull through last two loops

Gauge:

1st 2 rounds- 2.5" Flat Circle- 5.0"

Finished Hat Size:

Length (not including brim)- 6.0" Brim- 1.5" Circumference- approx 15.5"

Notes:

Use minimal tension when making this hat Be sure to gauge your work.

Instructions:

- 1. Mc/r with 12dc, join round with sl st
- Ch 2. skip 1st st. 2dc in next st and in every st around. Last 2dc will be placed into the sp previously left empty. Sl st into next dc to join round <24> Should measure 2.5"
- Ch 2. skip 1st st. *1dc in next st.
 2dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Last 2dc will be placed into the st previously left empty. Sl st into next dc to join round <36>
- Ch 2. skip 1st st. *1dc in next st. 1dc in next st. 2dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Last 2dc will be placed into the st previously left empty. Sl st into next dc to join round <48> Flat circle should measure 5"
- Ch 2, 3dc in same st. *Skip 3st. 4dc in next st. Repeat from * around. Join round with sl st <12 shells>
- SI st into next st, then sI st into the space between the next two posts (you will be in the center of the 4dc shell). Ch 2, 3dc in same space.
 *Skip next 3 sp. 4dc in next sp. Repeat from * around. Join round with sI st <12 shells>
- SI st into next st, then sI st into the space between the next two posts. Ch 2, 3dc in same space. *Skip next 3 sp. 4dc in next sp. Repeat from * around. Join round with sI st <12 shells>
- SI st into next st, then sI st into the space between the next two posts. Ch 2, 3dc in same space. *Skip next 3 sp. 4dc in next sp. Repeat from *

around. Join round with sl st <12 shells>

- SI st into next st, then sI st into the space between the next two posts. Ch 2, 3dc in same space. *Skip next 3 sp. 4dc in next sp. Repeat from * around. Join round with sI st <12 shells>
- 10. SI st into next st, then sI st into the space between the next two posts.
 Ch 2, 3dc in same space. *Skip next 3 sp. 4dc in next sp. Repeat from * around. Join round with sI st <12 shells>
- 11. Change to border color *1hdc in to each of the next three st. Hdc in hole between shells. Repeat from * around, join round with sl st <48>
- 12. Ch1, skip 1 st. 1hdc in ever st around, last hdc will be stitched into the st previously left empty. Join round with sl st <48>
- 13. Change back to hat color. ch 2. skip next st. *2dc in each of next 7 sp.
 3dc in 8th sp. Repeat from * around. Last 3dc will be placed into the space previously skipped, sl st into the next dc to join round <102>
- 14. Ch 2. skip next st, 1dc in each sp around. Last dc will be placed into the sp previously skipped, sl st into the next dc to join round <102>
- 15. SI st around entire hat in back loops only. Fasten off and weave in all ends

Bloody Mary Bag

By: Birgit Tchsen for Number 19

Spice up your wardrobe with the Bloody Mary Bag crochet pattern. This crochet bag pattern requires crochet, felting, and sewing skills. The finished bright red bag will catch everyone's attention.



Bloody Mary Bag This image courtesy of number19.wordpress.com



Materials:

- 2 skeins Istex *Plötulopi*. For this bag I chose the colour #1430 *Carmine Red Heather*. 100% wool unspun, 100g/300m-328 yards.
- Hook 7mm
- Tapestry needle and sewing needle
- Sewing thread in red and black
- 1 Button
- 1 Snap Button

Finished size

Width 33 cm/13 inches, height 16cm/6½inches.

Instructions:

The bag is worked with 2 strands of yarn worked together.

Front Panel

The bag is not worked from the top or the bottom. Instead one starts crocheting at the widest point of the bag, which is at the lower mid. From there one crochets up to the top of the panel.

Chain 53

Row 1 Chain 3, 52 double crochets.Row 2 Chain 1, 1 single crochet, 50 double crochets.

Row 3 Chain 1, 2 single crochets, 46 double crochets.

Row 4 Chain 1, 2 single crochets, 42 double crochets.

Row 5 Chain 1, 2 single crochets, 38 double crochets.

Row 6 Chain 1, 1 single crochet, 36 double crochets.

Row 7 Chain 1, 1 single crochet, 34 double crochets.

Row 8 Chain 1, 1 single crochet, 32 double crochets.

You have now reached the top of the front panel. Now you have to finish the lower part of the front panel. Start crocheting where you started the front panel, working upside down:

Row 1a Chain 1, 2 single crochet, 48 double crochets.

Row 2a Chain 1, 1 single crochet, 46 double crochets.

Row 3a Chain1, 1 single crochet, 44 double crochets.

Row 4a Chain1, 1 single crochet, 42 double crochets.

Back Panel

Work as front panel. At the top of the bag continue working for 3 more rows as row 8.

The half circle where the button is sewn onto is crocheted this way: Start working at the center of the top: The first row you chain 3 and work 13 double crochets into the same place. The second row you start with 3 chains and the work 2 double crochets into each of previous rows double crochets. Fasten the half circle to the main body, so it will felt evenly to the main body of the bag.

Darn in all ends with tapestry needle.

Handle

Chain 4

Row 1 Chain 3, 4 double crochets.

Repeat row 1 until work measures 45cm/17 inches. (The handle is made a little longer than needed to be sure it is long enough).

Put the 3 pieces into the washing machine at 60 Celsius/140 Fahrenheit.

Sew the front panel together with the bottom panel with red sewing thread. Turn the bag inside out, so the seams will be hidden inside.

Sew the handle to the outside of the bag. That way you are still able to close the bag neatly. Sew button and snap button on the bag.

Breath of Fresh Air Scarf

By: Becky from Swirls and Sprinkles

Crocheted scarves are not just for winter. This Breath of Fresh Air Scarf is the perfect accessory to wear this spring. The bright blue color is breathtaking and will add the perfect pop of color to any outfit. Plus, it's quick to crochet and only requires less than one skein of yarn. Free crochet patterns don't get much better than this.



Breath of Fresh Air Scarf This image courtesy of swirlsandsprinklesblog.blogspot.com



Crochet Hook: K/10.5 or 6.5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Scissors
- Yarn needle

Abbreviations:

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ch-chain
sc-single crochet
sp-space
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Instructions:

Ch 17

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *ch 2, skip 2 ch's, sc in 3rd ch*, repeat across. Turn

Row 2: ch 2, sc in first ch 2 sp, *ch 2 sc in next ch 2 sp* Repeat 3 more times. Ch 2, sc in the first ch from the previous row. Turn

Repeat row 2 until your scarf measures the length you want. I usually make my scarves approx 60 inches long. 60-70 inches seems to be about the average length.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Patterns for the Kitchen

Colored Squares Potholder

By: Doni Speigle from Whiskers & Wool

Although we love the bright colors used for this crochet pattern, feel free to customize this Colored Squares Potholder to match your kitchen decor. Use worsted weight yarn and a G hook to complete this free crochet pattern. It's a great gift for new homeowners.



Colored Squares Potholder This image courtesy of whiskersandwool.blogspot.com



Crochet Hook: G/6 or 4 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Worsted Weight Cotton Yarn:
 - 1 ball white 2.5 oz.
 - 7 yds green
 - 18 yds orange
 - 7 yds yellow
 - 7 yds blue
- Size G Crochet Hook
- Yarn Needle
- 1" Cabone Ring

Finished Size: 8 ½" x 8 ½" (not including ring at top)

Gauge: 4 sc = 1 inch

Pattern Notes:

Following Color Charts: When following a color chart, each square represents one single crochet. Each piece will have a wrong side and a right side, the right side being the side that will show. Work all the right side rows by following the color chart from right to left and work all the wrong side rows by following the color chart from left to right. Each row number on the chart will have an "R" beside it to indicate a right side row, or a "W" beside it to indicate a wrong side row. Ch 1, turn at the end of each row. Changing Colors: To change colors: when completing the stitch prior to the start of a new color, complete the stitch through until the last yo (yarn over). On the last yo, pick up new color, yo and pull through loops to complete stitch. You now have the new color on the hook and are ready to continue stitching.

Using Row Count Instructions: To use row counts, the number of stitches is followed by the color abbreviation. For example if a row reads 5W, 3B, 4W, 11B, 7W. This means with white, sc in the first 5 stitches, change to blue and sc in next three stitches, change to white and sc in next four stitches, change to blue and sc in next 11 stitches, change to white and sc in last 7 sts. Ch 1, turn at the end of each row. Potholder Front:

Row 1) With white, Ch 27, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each st across, ch 1, turn (26 sc) Continue following either the color chart or the row count instructions below.

Instructions:

(See pattern notes for instructions on following row counts) Symbols: W = White, B = Blue, O = Orange, G = Green, Y = Yellow Row 1 – 5) 26W, ch 1, turn Row 6) 4W, 9Y, 9B, 4W, ch 1, turn (This will be considered right side) Row 7) 4W, 9B, 9Y, 4W, ch 1, turn Row 8) 4W, 9Y, 9B, 4W, ch 1, turn Row 9) 4W, 9B, 9Y, 4W, ch 1, turn **Row 10**) 4W, 9Y, 9B, 4W, ch 1, turn Row 11) 4W, 9B, 9Y, 4W, ch 1, turn Row 12) 4W, 9Y, 9B, 4W, ch 1, turn **Row 13**) 4W, 9B, 9Y, 4W, ch 1, turn Row 14) 4W, 9Y, 9B, 4W, ch 1, turn Row 15) 4W, 9B, 9Y, 4W, ch 1, turn

Row 16) 4W, 9O, 9G, 4W, ch 1, turn **Row 17**) 4W, 9G, 9O, 4W, ch 1, turn **Row 18**) 4W, 9O, 9G, 4W, ch 1, turn **Row 19**) 4W, 9G, 9O, 4W, ch 1, turn **Row 20**) 4W, 9O, 9G, 4W, ch 1, turn **Row 21**) 4W, 9G, 9O, 4W, ch 1, turn **Row 22**) 4W, 9O, 9G, 4W, ch 1, turn Row 23) 4W, 9G, 9O, 4W, ch 1, turn Row 24) 4W, 9O, 9G, 4W, ch 1, turn Row 25) 4W, 9G, 9O, 4W, ch 1, turn Rows 26 – 30) 26W Flower:

Round 1) With yellow, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join with sl st to first sc. End off, leaving tail for stitching.

Round 2) With white, join with sl st in any of the 6 sc from 1st round. (ch 2, dc, hdc) in same stitch, *(sl st, ch 2, dc, hdc) in next stitch*. Repeat * to * in each stitch around, join with sl st to beg sl st. End off, and weave in ends.

Using long yellow tail from round one, join to center of potholder, and stitch around the yellow center to attach to potholder. End off.

Potholder Back:

Row 1) With white, ch 27, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, ch 1, turn. (26 sc)

Row 2-30) sc in each st across, ch 1, turn. (26 sc)

End off .

Border:

Hold front and back pieces together, wrong sides together, use orange, and join with sl st through both thicknesses at top center of potholder, ch 1, sc in same stitch, sc in each st around potholder, with 3 sc in each corner. Join with sl st to beg sc, end off. Ring:

With orange, join with sl st around 1" plastic cabone ring, ch 1, 17 sc around ring (or until ring is covered), join with sl st to beg sc, end off, leaving tail for sewing. Sew ring to top center of potholder.

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When following color chart, work all right side rows by following color chart from right to left and work all wrong side rows by following color chart from left to right. Ch 1, turn at the end of each row.

"R" beside the row number indicates right side row. "W" beside row number indicates wrong side row.

Striped Summer Coasters

By: Doni Speigle Whiskers & Wool

These brightly colored Striped Summer Coasters are a must-do for the summer months. They are perfect for outdoor parties and picnics. This is an easy crochet pattern to complete. Make one in every color of the rainbow!



Striped Summer Coasters This image courtesy of whiskersandwool.blogspot.com



Crochet Hook: G/6 or 4 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- Worsted Weight 100% Cotton Yarn
- (for green coaster)
 - 10 yards green
 - 7 yards white
- Size G (4.25mm) Crochet Hook
- Yarn Needle

- Small Piece White Felt
- White Sewing Thread
- Sewing Needle

Finished Size: 3 ½" x 3 ¾" **Gauge:** 4 sc & 4 rows = 1 inch

Stitches Used:

ch = chain sl st = slip stitch sc = single crochet **Pattern Notes:**

Changing Colors: To change colors: when completing the stitch prior to the start of a new color, complete the stitch through until the last yo (yarn over). On the last yo, pick up new color, yo and pull through loops to complete stitch. You now have the new color on the hook and are ready to continue stitching.

Following Color Charts: When following a color chart, each square represents one sc. Work all odd numbered rows by following the chart from right to left and work all even numbered rows by following the chart from left to right. Ch 1, turn at the end of each row.

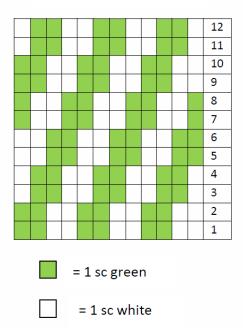
Using Row Count Instructions: To use row counts, the number of stitches are followed by the color abbreviation. For example: Row 1 reads 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G. This means with white, sc in the first 2 stitches, change to green and sc in next 2 stitches, change to white, and sc in next 2 sts, etc. Ch 1, turn at the end of each row.

Coaster:

Instructions are written for the green coaster.

With white, ch 13, sc in 2nd ch from hook, continue by following either the color chart or the row count instructions below. When complete, end off and weave in ends.

Color Chart Instructions



Border:

With green, join with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st and in each st around, with 3 sc in each corner st. End off, weave in ends.

Finishing: (optional)

I choose to stitch my coaster letting the unused color "strand" across the back. To cover this, I made a backing piece out of felt. Cut a square piece of white felt 3 ¼" x 3 ½". Trim to round off each corner. Use sewing thread and needle to whip stitch felt piece to back of coaster.

Row Count Instructions

Row 1) 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, ch 1, turn Row 2) 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, ch 1, turn Row 3) 1W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 1W, ch 1, turn Row 4) 1W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 1W, ch 1, turn Row 5) 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, ch 1, turn Row 6) 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, ch 1, turn Row 7) 1G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 1G, ch 1, turn Row 8) 1G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 1G, ch 1, turn Row 9) 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, ch 1, turn Row 10) 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, ch 1, turn Row 11) 1W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 1W, ch 1, turn Row 12) 1W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 2W, 2G, 1W

Fabulous Fish Dishcloth

By: Jennifer Dickerson from Fiber Flux

The bright and bold colors of this Fabulous Fish Dishcloth makes this the perfect crochet pattern for summer. It can be used as either a dishcloth, coaster, or trivet. This would make a great hostess gift. Plus, it's also a great stash buster project.



Fabulous Fish Dishcloth This image courtesy of fiberflux.blogspot.com



Crochet Hook: H/8 or 5 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Materials:

- H Crochet Hook (5.0 mm)
- Small amounts of cotton yarn (I used Peaches n' Creme solids in apple green, pink, and peacock)
- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Sizing:

- 7.5 inches from lips to tail
- 6.5 inches from fin to fin

To begin, start with a basic round:

Foundation: Chain 6 and slip stitch into the first chain to form a ring. Round 1: Make 12 dc into center of ring, join with a sl st to join round. Round 2: Ch 2, *2 dc into the next stitch, repeat from * to end of round. Round 3: Ch 2, *1 dc into next stitch, ch 1, repeat from * to end of round. Round 4: Ch 2 *2 dc into the next stitch, repeat from * to end of round. Fasten off...now time to begin the tail...



To make the tail, choose a starting point (anywhere you like), tie on your tail color, and make 1 sc in each of the next 9 spaces, here's what it will look like below...then chain 3 and turn.



Work 1 dc in first space, 2 dc in next space, 1 dc in next space and so on in this sequence until you come to the last space, then ch 3 and turn. Repeat for the next row (omitting the ch 3 and turn part) and fasten off...voila! A tail!



To make the lips, flip your fish over so that the wrong side/back side is facing. Then I simply folded the green circle in half and found my center across from the tail (if you want to be more precise than that you could count the stitches to find your center). Again, this part will be on the "wrong" or back side of the green circle.

The foundation of our lips will be 4 sc wide, so after you find your center, hop over two

spaces to the right and tie your lip color on (as shown below) Remember we will be stitching from right to left to place accordingly.

Important! We will be making our sc row on the back side/wrong side of the circle, so be sure that the placement of your knot looks like this when it is flipped over,



Here's what it looks like unfolded and on the back side/wrong side,



Now, working from right to left, sc in each space 4 times as shown,



Now flip your fish back over to the front side/right side, and in the first sc space, ch 4 and work 4 dc all in the same space. In the next space, work 1 sc, and in the next space work, 5 dc. Fasten off...and now you have cute fish lips!



Repeat for the other fin, fasten off, weave in the ends, and you're all finished!



The fins are worked the same way we did the tail, but are just a little smaller. To work the fins, I folded the circle to find my center (as I did before) and working right to left, did 5 sc, turn, ch 3 and work 1 dc in the first space, 2 dc in next space, 1 dc in next space and so on in this sequence until you come to the last space, then ch 3 and turn. Repeat for the next row (omitting the ch 3 and turn part) and fasten off.

Colorfully Delicious Patterns

Bake Me a Cake Crocheted Cupcakes

By: Hannah Kaminsky from Bittersweet

These Bake Me a Cake Crocheted Cupcakes are completely adorable! Set these out under a glass cake plate as placeholders between baking days, then simply replace when you have fresh baked goods to display. When your goodies are eaten up, you can put this long lasting yarn treats out again since they're cute enough to eat!



Bake Me a Cake Crocheted Cupcakes This image courtesy of bittersweetblog.wordpress.com



Crochet Hook: F/5 or 3.75 mm hook

Yarn Weight: (4) Medium Weight/Worsted Weight and Aran (16-20 stitches to 4 inches)

Cake:

With brown worsted weight yarn and an F hook, sc6 in a circle Sc twice into each st (12 sts) Sc1, sc twice into next st* around (18 sts) Sc2, sc twice into next st* around (24 sts) Sc into back loops of each st Sc around Sc11, sc twice into next st* around (26) Sc6, sc twice into next st, sc12, sc twice into next st, sc6 (28) Sc13, sc twice into next st* around (30) Sc around Break yarn

Frosting:

Sc6 in a circle Sc twice into each st (12 sts) Sc1, sc twice into next st* around (18 sts) Sc2, sc twice into next st* around (24 sts) Sc around Sc3, sc twice into next st* around (30 sts) Sc around for 3 rounds Skip one st, 5 dc into next st, skip one st, sl st* around Break yarn, leaving a long tail to sew with

To assemble, simply sew bugle beads or embroider multicolored "sprinkles" on top of the frosting as desired, stuff, and sew the cake to the edge of the frosting just inside of the scalloped edge.



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