



stir me up potholders

Make your kitchen an even more fun and inviting place to spend your time with these colorful spiraled potholders. Double thick and double sided, they'll easily protect your hands when taking out your latest casserole and guard your table when you set it down on the table!

materials

Red Heart Crème de la Crème, 100% cotton, 126yd (115m), 2½oz (71g), worsted weight
1 skein each:

Color A: Rally Red
Color B: Scarlet (Red-Orange)
Color C: Brite Orange
Color D: Golden Yellow
Color E: White

US G/6 (4mm) crochet hook
4 split-ring stitch markers
Tapestry needle

finished measurements

8¼" diameter

gauge

Gauge is not critical. Work tightly to ensure a dense fabric.

abbreviations

ch chain
sc single crochet [this is a British double crochet]
hdc half double crochet [this is a British half treble crochet]
dc double crochet [this is a British treble]

techniques

adjustable ring Wrap the yarn around your finger and draw the yarn through the loop. Work stitches as described in the pattern into the loop, around both strands. When finishing, pull the free end of the loop to tighten the loop as much as possible. Note that because of the number of stitches and the qualities of cotton, the hole will not be fully closed.

Note: As you make your way around, you will work each color in succession. Loops will be left hanging while other colors are worked; for that reason I recommend placing a split-ring marker in loops not in use so that they do not unravel.

Potholder front

With A, make an adjustable ring.

Set-up With color A, *[ch1, sc, hdc, 2dc] in ring. Remove hook, place split-ring marker in loop (a), join color B, and repeat from *. Remove hook, place split-ring marker in loop (b), join color C, and repeat from *. Remove hook, place split-ring marker in loop (c), join color D, and repeat from * (d).

Round 1 Return to loop of A, [2dc in next st, dc in next st] 2 times. Repeat with each color in turn. (6 sts worked in each color)

Round 2 Return to loop of A, [2dc in next st, dc in next st] 3 times. Repeat with each color in turn. (9 sts worked in each color)

Round 3 Return to loop of A, [2dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts] 3 times. Repeat with each color in turn. (12 sts worked in each color)

Round 4 Return to loop of A, [2dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts] 3 times. Repeat with each color in turn. (15 sts worked in each color)

Round 5 Return to loop of A, [2dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts] 3 times. Repeat with each color in turn. (18 sts worked in each color)

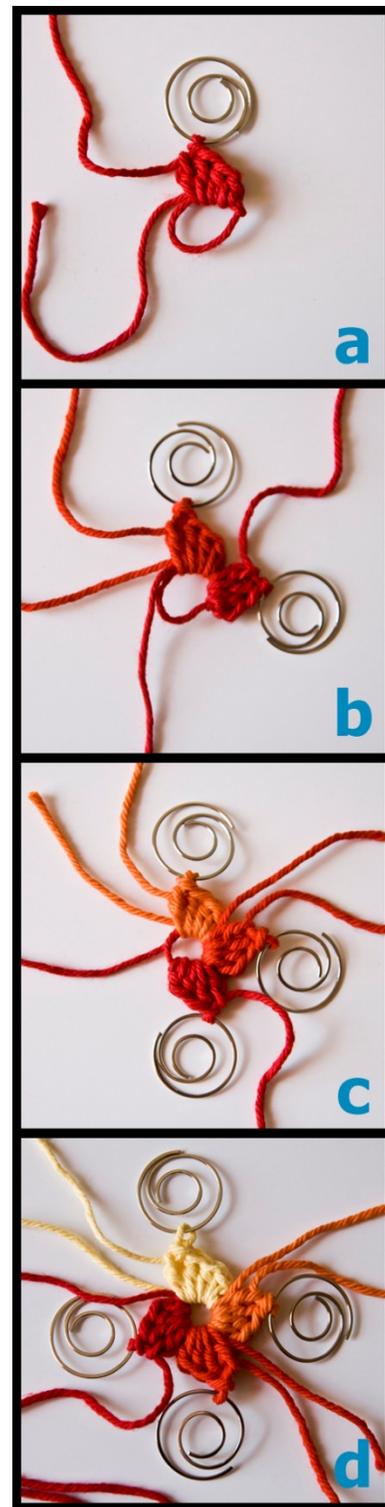
Round 6 Return to loop of A, [2dc in next st, dc in next 5 sts] 3 times. Repeat with each color in turn. (21 sts worked in each color)

Round 7 Return to loop of A, [2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts] 3 times. Repeat with each color in turn. (24 sts worked in each color)

Final Taper *Note you will work each color in the reverse order on this round, so that each band of the spiral swings around to end on one half of the potholder. The tapering will become increasingly longer with each color.* Continue with D, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, fasten off. Return to loop of C, [2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts] 2 times, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, fasten off. Return to loop of B, [2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts] 4 times, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, fasten off. Return to loop of A, [2dc in next st, dc in next 6 sts] 6 times, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, fasten off.

Potholder back

Make as for Potholder Front.



finishing

Tighten central hole as best you can without warping the fabric. It will not close up entirely, staying approximately ¼" in diameter. Weave in all ends.

Edging

Place the Potholder Front and Back together with wrong sides facing. Note that the holes will not align unless you have the potholders placed exactly right; aligning the hole is not necessary. Note that half double crochet is used for the edging, as it looks nearly identical from front or back.

With E, sl st into one edge stitch (the spot where you'd like the loop to be) of both the Front and Back at the same time. Hdc in that same space. Hdc around, working into both the Front and Back together to join them. After working the last stitch, do not break yarn. Make loop, below.

Loop

Ch 8, sl st into first stitch worked. Ch 2, turn; hdc 16 times around the chain. Sl st, hdc into edging, fasten off. Weave in ends.

Blocking

Blocking ensures that the piece lays completely flat. Let it soak for at least 30 minutes so that the cotton is fully saturated before laying out to dry.



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