

Scrubbing Ruffles Dishcloth



Here's a dishcloth with a feature that's both beautiful and functional: lovely ruffled edges that are perfect for scrubbing tough spots and a lacy interior that keeps the cloth light and easy to work with.



Materials: Approximately 1.5 ounces of worsted weight cotton and a size I (5.50 mm) crochet hook. Tapestry needle for weaving ends.

Abbreviations (U.S. notation):

ch...chain stitch
dc...double crochet
sc...single crochet
sl st...slip stitch
sp...space

Notes: The ruffles are formed by increasing the number of stitches at a more rapid but then constant rate: with 2 stitches where one would normally be, the fabric folds back gently on itself and forms a wonderful curvy edge.

Ch-3 at the beginning of a round counts as a dc throughout the pattern.

Finished size: approximately 7 inches (17.75 cm) across.

The Pattern:

Ch 4 and join with a sl st to form a ring.

Round 1: Chain 3. In ring: 2 dc, ch 2, *3 dc, ch 2.* Repeat from * to * 2 more times, then join with a sl st to top of starting ch-3. (12 dc, 4 ch-2 sp)

Round 2: Chain 3, turn. *(Dc, ch 2, dc) in ch-2 sp. Dc in each dc across.* Repeat from * to * 2 more times. (Dc, ch 2, dc) in ch-2 sp. Dc in each dc across to starting ch-3 and join with a sl st to top of ch-3. (20 dc)

Round 3: Chain 3, turn. *Dc in each dc across. (Dc, ch 2, dc) in ch-2 sp.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Dc in each dc across to starting ch-3 and join with a sl st to top of ch-3. (28 dc)

Round 4: Repeat Round 3. (36 dc)

Round 5: Repeat Round 3. (44 dc)

Round 6: Ch 1, turn. *Sc in each dc across, (sc, ch-2, sc) in ch-2 sp.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. Sc in each sc across to starting ch-1. Join with a sl st to initial ch-1. (50 sc, 4 ch-2 sp)

Round 7: Ch 3, turn. Dc in same sp. *2 dc in each sc across. (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in ch-2 sp.* Repeat from * to * 3 more times. 2 dc in each dc across to starting ch-3. Sl st in starting ch-3 to join. (120 dc)

Round 8: Ch 1, do not turn. *2 sc in each dc across. (2 sc, ch 2, 2 sc) in ch-2 sp.* repeat from * to * 3 more times. 2 sc in each dc across to starting ch-1. Sl st in initial ch-1. (256 sc)

Fasten off, weave in ends, and enjoy your dishcloth!