

Simply Square Log Cabin Dishcloth



Perfect for using up odd scraps of yarn. Also perfect for washing dishes. :-)

Materials

- Approximately 1.5 ounces of worsted weight cotton scraps in 5 different colors.
- Size H (5.00 mm) crochet hook.
- Tapestry needle for weaving ends.

Abbreviations (U.S. notation)

ch...chain stitch
sc...single crochet
sl st...slip stitch
sp...space
yo...yarn over

Notes

Instead of joining with a slip stitch and chaining, I often do what I call "flying sc," where I simply sc into the first stitch as though it were part of an established row. I like the way it looks, it simplifies things a bit for me, and it seems to work particularly well with this sort of pattern.

This stitch will make a mesh-like fabric that is great for scrubbing but light and flexible, too.

I don't generally worry about gauge with dishcloths, but I wound up with 4 stitches and 4 rows per inch in pattern. If you would like to substantially alter the size of the finished cloth, you can easily add rows in multiples of 2.

Finished size: approximately 6.75 inches (17 cm) square.

The Pattern

Center:

With your first color, ch 12.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across: 11 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, *ch 1, skip next sc and sc in next sc* across.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, sc in first ch-1 sp. *Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across, sc in last sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, *ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across. Ch 1, sc in last sc.

Rows 5 through 11: Repeat rows 3 and 4 (ending on a row 3). Fasten off.

First side:

Turn your work clockwise 90 degrees, so that you'll be working down one of the edges of your center piece. You'll be working the scs between the posts of these edge stitches, spaced evenly down the side of the work.

With your second color,

Row 1: Join with a sl st and ch 1 (or use a "flying sc"), *ch 1, sc into next appropriate st* 5 times, ending with the last sc at the corner of the work: 6 sc and 5 ch-1 sp.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, sc in first ch-1 sp. *Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across, sc in last sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, *ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across. Ch 1, sc in last sc.

Row 4 through 8: Repeat rows 2 and 3 (ending on a row 2). Fasten off.

Second side:

Turn your work clockwise 90 degrees as before. This side will be worked across the edge of your second color, then will continue across the stitches from the last row of your center square.

With your third color,

Row 1: Join with a sl st and ch 1 (or use a "flying sc"), *ch 1, sc into next st as described* 9 times, ending with the last sc worked into the last sc at the corner of the work: 10 sc and 9 ch-1 sp.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, sc in first ch-1 sp. *Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across, sc in last sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, *ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across. Ch 1, sc in last sc.

Row 4 through 8: Repeat rows 2 and 3 (ending on a row 2). Fasten off.

Third side:

Flip your work over left to right and turn it clockwise 90 degrees, so that you'll be working across your third color, then your first color.

With your fourth color,

Row 1: Join with a sl st and ch 1 (or use a "flying sc"), *ch 1, sc into next appropriate st* 9 times, ending with the last sc worked into the last sc at the corner of the work: 10 sc and 9 ch-1 sp.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, sc in first ch-1 sp. *Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across, sc in last sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, *ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across. Ch 1, sc in last sc.

Row 4 through 8: Repeat rows 2 and 3 (ending on a row 2). Fasten off.

Fourth side:

Flip your work over left to right and turn it clockwise 90 degrees, so that you'll be working across your last unworked side.

With your fifth color,

Row 1: Join with a sl st and ch 1 (or use a "flying sc"), *ch 1, sc into next appropriate st* 13 times, ending with the last sc worked into the last sc at the corner of the work: 14 sc and 13 ch-1 sp.

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, sc in first ch-1 sp. *Ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across, sc in last sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Sc in first sc, *ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp* across. Ch 1, sc in last sc.

Row 4 through 8: Repeat rows 2 and 3 (ending on a row 2). Fasten off.

Weave in your ends and enjoy your dishcloth!