

Squaring the Spiral Dishcloth



The spiral has been one of my favorite motifs since long before I understood how to form one in crochet. And what better to wash dishes with than something that makes you smile just to look at it? I hope this dishcloth brings a lightness of heart to your dishwashing the way it does to mine. Enjoy!

Materials: Approximately 1.5 ounces of worsted weight cotton (about .75 ounce of each color) and a size H (5.00 mm) crochet hook. Tapestry needle for weaving ends.

Abbreviations (U.S. notation):

ch...chain stitch
dc...double crochet
hdc...half double crochet
sc...single crochet
sl st...slip stitch

Notes:

This pattern is worked in a spiral. Do not join rounds.

Each round is worked half in one color and half in the other, so that there are two live stitches at all times and they are opposite each other at the end of the round. Be sure to pull up a big enough loop when you drop one color that you don't lose stitches while you're working with the other color. You can secure your live stitch further by knotting your loop or fastening a large safety pin or similar item through it so that it can't be pulled through the stitch.

Starting with Round 7 (the first "squaring" round), all increases are worked as ch-2s at the corners, so the rest of the round is worked even; that is, each stitch is worked into the next stitch as you proceed around.

Finished size: Approximately 7.5 inches (19 cm) square.

The Pattern:

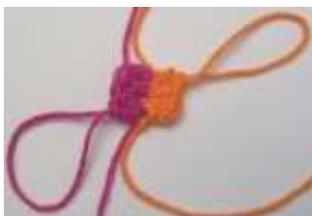
With color A, ch 4. Join with sl st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 2. 3 hdc in ring. Drop color A, and with color B sl st into the starting ring to join. Ch 2, 3 hdc.

Round 2: 2 hdc in top of color A's starting chain. Drop color B, and with color A, 2 hdc in top of color B starting chain. 2 hdc in each of next 3 hdc. Drop color A, and with color B make 2 hdc in each of next 3 hdc.

Round 3: (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next hdc) 4 times. Drop color B, and with color A, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next hdc) 4 times.

Round 4: (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 2 hdc) 4 times. Drop color A, and with color B, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 2 hdc) 4 times.



Round 5: (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 3 hdc) 4 times. Drop color B, and with color A, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 3 hdc) 4 times.

Round 6: (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 4 hdc) 4 times. Drop color A, and with color B, (2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in next 4 hdc) 4 times.

Round 7: [This is the first "squaring" round. Each stitch in this round will be worked in a separate (the next) hdc from the previous round.] Continuing with color B, *3 hdc, 6 sc, 3 hdc. Ch 2. 3 hdc, 6 sc, 3 hdc, ch 2*. Switch to color A and repeat from * to *.

Round 8: 3 hdc, 6 sc, 3 hdc. In ch-2 space, 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc. Then 3 hdc, 6 sc, 3 hdc. Switch to color B.*3 hdc, 6 sc, 3 hdc. In ch-2 space, 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc.* Repeat from * to * one more time. Switch back to color A and work 2dc, ch 2, 2 dc in next ch 2 space.

Round 9: *Hdc across side. In ch-2 space, 2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc.* Repeat one more time. Drop color A, pick up color B, and repeat from * to * twice.

Round 10: *Skip next st, then hdc across. In ch-2 space, 2 hdc, ch 2, 2 hdc.* Repeat one more time. Drop color B, pick up color A, and repeat from * to * twice.

Round 11: * Skip next hdc, then sc across. In ch-2 space, sc, ch 2, sc.* Repeat from * to * one more time. Drop color A, pick up color B, and repeat from * to * twice.

Intermission Half-Round: Sc across one side as in Round 11. In ch-2 space, sc, ch 2, sc. Fasten off color B. Pick up color A and sc across one side. In ch-2 space, sc, ch 2, sc.

Round 12: Continuing with color A, *skip next sc, then sc across. In ch-2 space, sc, ch 2, sc.* Repeat from * to* two more times. For last side, skip next sc, then sc across. In ch-2 space, sc and fasten off.

Weave in the ends and you're done! Enjoy your dishcloth!



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