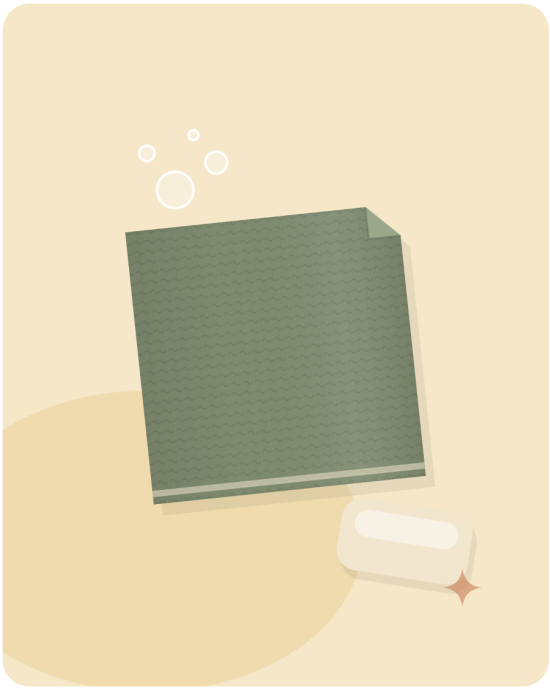


FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Easy Single Crochet Dishcloth

A square cotton dishcloth in rows of single crochet — the ideal first real project for practicing turning, counting stitches and keeping edges straight.



SKILL LEVEL Absolute Beginner	FINISHED SIZE About 7.5 × 7.5 in (19 × 19 cm)	YARN WEIGHT Medium / Worsted
HOOK 5 mm (US H-8)	TIME About 2–3 hours	TERMS US terms

Gauge: 14 sc and 16 rows = 4 in (10 cm). Gauge isn’t critical — a slightly larger or smaller cloth works just as well.

Materials

- ☐ Worsted-weight (medium — About 80–90 yd (73–82 m) (Estimated. One 2.5 oz (70 g) ball of about 120 yd (110 m) is enough.)
- ☐ 5 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- ☐ Tapestry needle and scissors
- ☐ 2 stitch markers (optional) (Scraps of contrasting yarn work too)

Abbreviations

ch — chain

st(s) — stitch(es)

sc — single crochet

rep — repeat

Notes before you start

- The chain 1 at the start of each row does not count as a stitch.
- Work each stitch under both loops at the top of the stitch below.
- Place a stitch marker in the first and last stitch of the row and move them up as you go, so you never miss an edge stitch.
- The stitch count after each row is the number of single crochet in that row.

The pattern

Foundation chain

- ☐ **Start:** Make a slip knot, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and ch 27.

Rows

- ☐ **Row 1:** Sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn. **(26)**
- ☐ **Row 2:** Ch 1 (does not count as a st). Sc in the first st and in each st across, making sure the last sc goes into the very last st. Turn. **(26)**
- ☐ **Rows 3–30:** Rep Row 2 until the cloth measures about 7.5 in (19 cm) from the foundation chain, or you have worked 30 rows. Count your stitches at the end of every row. **(26)**

Tip: To check that the cloth is square, fold it in half diagonally, corner to corner. If the corners meet exactly, it's square; if not, add or remove a row or two.

Finishing

- ☐ **Fasten off:** Cut the yarn, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and pull it through the loop on your hook.
- ☐ **Weave in ends:** Weave both tails along the side edges in two directions, splitting the yarn on the last pass so they stay put through many washes. Trim.

Tip: Cotton dishcloths can go in the washing machine. Expect the cloth to shrink slightly the first time it is washed in hot water.

Tips

- If the first rows pucker, make the foundation chain with a 5.5 mm (US I-9) hook, then switch to 5 mm for Row 1.
- Losing track of rows? Make a tally mark on paper at the end of each row, or use a row counter.
- The last stitch of a row sits right at the edge and is easy to miss. Look for its V before you turn.

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