

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Simple Striped Mug Cozy

A two-color mug cozy in rows of half double crochet with a button closure — a gentle introduction to changing colors, carrying yarn and making a button loop.



SKILL LEVEL Easy	FINISHED SIZE About 9 × 3.25 in (23 × 8 cm), to fit a mug about 10–11 in (25–28 cm) around	YARN WEIGHT Medium / Worsted
HOOK 5 mm (US H-8)	TIME About 1.5 hours	TERMS US terms

Gauge: 13 hdc and 10 rows = 4 in (10 cm). Check the length against your mug after Row 1.

Materials

- ☐ Worsted-weight (medium — About 25 yd (23 m))
- ☐ Worsted-weight (medium — About 20 yd (18 m))
- ☐ 5 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- ☐ One button, 3/4–1 in (20–25 mm) across (Sew it on with yarn if the holes are large enough, or with sewing thread)
- ☐ Tapestry needle and scissors

Abbreviations

ch — chain

sl st — slip stitch

rep — repeat

hdc — half double crochet

st(s) — stitch(es)

Notes before you start

- The chain 2 at the start of each row does not count as a stitch.
- To change color, work the last hdc of the row until 3 loops are on the hook, then finish it with the new color.
- Don't cut the yarn between stripes. Carry the unused color loosely up the side edge.
- Measure around your mug just below the handle. The cozy should be about 1.5 in (4 cm) shorter than this measurement.

The pattern

Foundation chain

- ☐ **Start:** With color A, make a slip knot, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and ch 31.

Stripes

- ☐ **Row 1 (A):** Hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn. **(29)**

Tip: Wrap the strip around your mug now. The ends should sit on either side of the handle with a small gap. If you need it longer or shorter, start again, adding or removing 3 chains for every inch (2.5 cm).

- ☐ **Row 2 (A):** Ch 2 (does not count as a st). Hdc in each st across, changing to color B in the last st. Turn. **(29)**
- ☐ **Row 3 (B):** Ch 2. Hdc in each st across. Turn. **(29)**
- ☐ **Row 4 (B):** Ch 2. Hdc in each st across, changing to color A in the last st. Turn. **(29)**
- ☐ **Row 5 (A):** Ch 2. Hdc in each st across. Turn. **(29)**
- ☐ **Row 6 (A):** Ch 2. Hdc in each st across, changing to color B in the last st. Turn. **(29)**
- ☐ **Row 7 (B):** Ch 2. Hdc in each st across. Turn. **(29)**
- ☐ **Row 8 (B):** Ch 2. Hdc in each st across. Cut both colors, leaving 6 in (15 cm) tails, and fasten off. **(29)**

Button loop

- ☐ **Make the loop:** Join color A with a sl st in the side of Row 4 at one short edge. Ch 20, then sl st in the side of Row 5 at the same edge to form a loop. Fasten off.

Tip: Put the cozy on the mug and pass the loop through the handle. It should reach about 1/2 in (1 cm) past the other short edge with a gentle stretch. Add or remove a few chains if needed.

Finishing

- ☐ **Sew on the button:** With the cozy on the mug, mark where the loop reaches on the other short end — centered, about 1/2 in (1 cm) in from the edge. Sew the button securely at that spot.
- ☐ **Weave in ends:** Weave each tail into stitches of its own color, and trim.

Tip: To use the cozy, wrap it around the mug with the ends on either side of the handle, pass the loop through the handle and fasten it over the button.

Tips

- Keep the carried yarn relaxed at the edge. If it is pulled tight, the edge will pucker.
- Change colors on the last stitch of the row, not at the start of the next one, for crisp stripe lines.
- Cotton cozies can go in the wash with your dish towels; take the cozy off the mug first.

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