Striped Towel Holder



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Difficulty
Easyish

Language
American Standard

Finished Size:
8.5" long x 1.75" wide (laid flat), not including wooden rings. When in use, towel will hang about 5.5" from top.

Yarn
#4 medium weight 100% cotton yarn in the following amounts:

BASE COLOR: 50 yards
STRIPE COLOR: 10 yards

My samples were crocheted with Hobby Lobby's I Love This Yarn in colors "Parchment" and "Dove". Stripes are crocheted in "White".

Hook Size
5.0mm (H) hook

Gauge
Gauge: 20 CSC x 19 rows = 4" square

You'll Also Need:
2 wooden macrame craft rings, large enough to run a towel through. I used 2.75" wide rings (with an approx. 2" wide opening).

About the Pattern

The classic crocheted towel holder gets a modern update! Choose a 100% cotton yarn and crochet your way to a handmade kitchen.

Terms and Abbreviations

ST/STS (stitch/stitches)
SL ST (slip stitch)
CH (chain)
SC (single crochet)
CSC (crossed single crochet: Insert hook into stitch. Yarn UNDER, pull through; 2 loops on hook. Yarn over, pull through both loops.)
FLO (front loop only)
JOIN (Join with a SL ST to the top loops of the first ST of the round)

Additional Notes

(1) Pattern is worked in joined, unturned rounds. CSC stitches worked into FLO stack nice and straight on top of each other, which allows the seam to stay straight and clean. If you have trouble recognizing your first and last stitches, a stitch marker can be very helpful.

(2) CH1s at the beginning of rounds do not count as stitches in final stitch counts.

(3) Unless otherwise noted, the first stitch of each round is always worked into the same ST as the CH1.

(4) The slip stitched stripes (worked in white in my sample) are labeled in the pattern as "STRIPE #1", "STRIPE #2", etc. They are not a part of the main round count because when we work these stripes after a round of CSC, the top loops of those CSCs remain exposed so that when we move on to the next round of CSC, we are still working into the loops from the previous round of CSC. (This will probably make more sense once you've gotten started!)

(5) Instructional photos are located below their respective written instructions.

Instructions

To begin: With BASE COLOR, make a slipknot (1st image). Drape working yarn over top of ring (2nd image).





Base Row: Reach hook through ring opening, yarn over, pull hook back through opening; two loops on hook (1st image -- one loop will be loose). Yarn over and pull through both loops -- this is your first SC (2nd image). Repeat 9 times for a total of 10 SC (3rd image).







Tip: If any of the strands around the ring are crossed with each other, you can use a yarn needle to uncross them for a nice clean look.

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Round 1: CH1, turn. CSC in FLO of each ST across (1st image). Turn again, and notice the 10 back loops left exposed (2nd image). CSC in each one. Join (3rd image, top view). (20)







Rounds 2-3: CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

Pull up a large loop so that your work doesn't unravel, then remove your hook.

STRIPE #1: Pull STRIPE COLOR through top loops of first ST of the round. Do not chain; instead, immediately insert hook into next stitch (1st image) and work a SL ST (2nd image). Continue to SL ST in each ST around (3rd image). Fasten off without joining (4th image). (19)









Notice how the top loops from the previous BASE COLOR round are still visible (image); that's where you'll work the next round as we continue on.

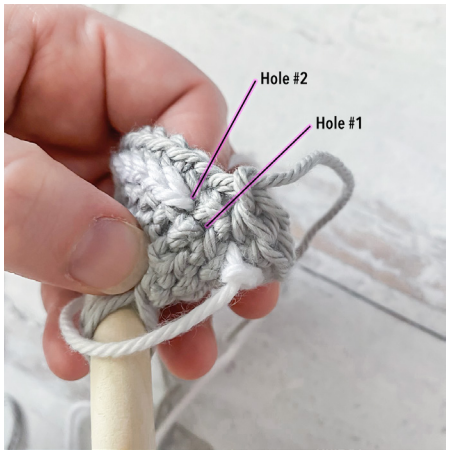




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Round 4: Reinsert hook into loop from BASE COLOR. CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

At this point, we're going to PAUSE to take care of our STRIPE ends before they get buried too far inside the project and out of reach. We'll use our yarn needle to manually create two more stitches to close the gap between the first and last slip stitches, giving us an almost seamless finish for the stripes. Here's how to do it:



1. With seam area visible, notice two locations (holes) as marked on the image. Hole #1 is halfway between the first and last slip stitches of the STRIPE round; Hole #2 is where the top loops of the first slip stitch come together (the bottom of the sideways "V"). Keep these locations in mind.



2. Thread finishing tail through yarn needle, and make a loop. Hold it in place with your thumb.



3. Insert yarn needle down between the two loops of the last SL ST (same place the tail is coming from) ...

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4. ... and up through Hole #1, making sure it travels up through the loop you created.



5. Pull it through; you'll see our first manually-created stitch form.



6. Repeat the process: Make a loop, insert needle down into the same place the tail is emerging from, and up through Hole #2 this time. Pull through. Image shows what it should look like once you've finished both stitches.

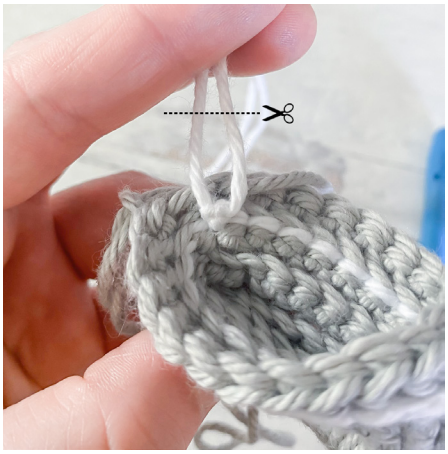
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7. We need the finishing tail on the inside of our project, so insert yarn needle into the first slip stitch of the round ...



8. ... and pull it tight.



9. Turn inside out and tie 3 or 4 knots with the yarn tails, then trim the excess yarn. (This will be hidden inside the project, but if you would rather weave in your ends, go ahead.)

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Continuing on with our pattern...

Rounds 5-8: CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

STRIPE #2: Follow instructions from STRIPE #1. (19)

Round 9: Return to BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

Take care of STRIPE #2 ends the same way you did for STRIPE #1.

Rounds 10-13: CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

STRIPE #3: Follow instructions from STRIPE #1. (19)

Round 14: Return to BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

Take care of STRIPE #3 ends.

Rounds 15-18: CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

STRIPE #4: Follow instructions from STRIPE #1. (19)

Round 19: Return to BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

Take care of STRIPE #4 ends.

Rounds 20-23: CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

STRIPE #5: Follow instructions from STRIPE #1. (19)

Round 24: Return to BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

Take care of STRIPE #5 ends.

Rounds 25-28: CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

STRIPE #6: Follow instructions from STRIPE #1. (19)

Round 29: Return to BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

Take care of STRIPE #6 ends.

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Rounds 30-31: CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (20)

Fasten off and weave in any ends.

SEAMING + ADDING SECOND RING



Lay work flat, make sure seam is straight, and align the top stitches; rejoin BASE COLOR at rightmost stitch, going through all 4 loops (2 loops from the front stitch, and two loops from the corresponding back stitch).

CH1, CSC in same ST and in each ST across. Fasten off, leaving a long finishing tail (about a yard) for attaching second ring. Weave in starting tail.



Thread finishing tail through yarn needle. Hold ring up to edge of project and begin to attach it by inserting yarn needle up through ring and down through first stitch; repeat, working through the same stitch a second time. Continue process with each stitch across the seam, being sure to work into each stitch twice. You should finish with about 20 loops around the ring.

Fasten off and weave in finishing tail.

That's it!

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