CROCHET HOT PAD: STRIPED DOUBLE STRAND SQUARE

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Skill level: Easy

Finished size: approximately 8 x 8 in (20 x 20 cm), one size

Worked flat in rows, with two strands of yarn held together throughout.

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (4) 100 percent cotton yarn, about 120 yd (109 m) in total: Color A (cream), about 60 yd (55 m); Color B (dusty rose), about 60 yd (55 m).

Or work the whole pad in one color: 120 yd (109 m), split into two balls.

- US I-9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook
- Yarn needle, scissors

GAUGE

About 9 single crochet stitches and 10 rows = 4 in (10 cm), worked with two strands of yarn held together. Gauge is not crucial for this project; if your square comes out a little larger or smaller, it will still work as a hot pad.

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch = chain

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

PATTERN NOTES

- Hold TWO strands of yarn together throughout the whole pad, including the hanging loop. Change BOTH strands at each color change.
- The chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Work into the back ridge (the bump) of the foundation chain, so the starting edge looks the same as the finishing edge.
- Stitch counts are given at the end of every row.

INSTRUCTIONS

With two strands of Color A held together, ch 18.

Row 1 (Color A): Work 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across, turn. (17 sc)

Rows 2 to 5 (Color A): Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st across, turn. (17 sc)

Rows 6 to 9 (Color B): Change to two strands of Color B. Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st across, turn. (17 sc)

Rows 10 to 14 (Color A): Change to two strands of Color A. Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st across, turn. (17 sc)

Rows 15 to 19 (Color B): Change to two strands of Color B. Ch 1, work 1 sc in each st across, turn. (17 sc)

Hanging loop: Do not fasten off. With the two strands of Color B still attached, ch 10, then sl st into the last sc of Row 19 to form a loop. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends with the yarn needle. If you like, block the pad lightly: dampen it, press it flat into a square, and let it dry.

CARE

Machine wash warm with like colors. Lay flat to dry.

STITCH COUNT SUMMARY

- Foundation chain: 18 ch
- Every row: 17 sc
- Total rows: 19 (Rows 1 to 5 Color A, Rows 6 to 9 Color B, Rows 10 to 14 Color A, Rows 15 to 19 Color B)
- Color A: 10 rows x 17 sc = 170 sc
- Color B: 9 rows x 17 sc = 153 sc
- Total single crochet stitches in the body: 323 sc
- Hanging loop: ch 10

Design note: this pattern is an original CrochetRooms design. The idea of a square hot pad worked flat in single crochet with two strands of cotton yarn held together, using a 5.5 mm hook and about 120 yards of worsted cotton for

an 8 by 8 inch pad, comes from the free "Easy Crochet Hot Pad Pattern" by Petals to Picots. The stripe sequence, the hanging loop, and all wording here are original.

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