CROCHET KITCHEN TOWELS: A MATCHING SET OF THREE

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Crochet Dreamz Block Stitch Kitchen or Tea Towel design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms. Make the same towel three times, changing the main color each time, for a matching set.

SKILL LEVEL

Not stated by the source, so no skill level is claimed here. The pattern uses single crochet, double crochet, chain stitches, and single crochet two together, and it is worked in rows.

MATERIALS (FOR ONE TOWEL)

- Worsted weight cotton yarn, in two colors: a main color and a cream contrast color
- About 110 yards of the main color per towel
- Crochet hook: size H (5 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- One button per towel

MATERIALS (FOR THE SET OF THREE)

- About 330 yards of main color yarn in total (3 towels x about 110 yards each; simple multiplication from the source figure)
- Cream contrast yarn for all three towels (amount not stated by the source, see sources.txt)
- Three buttons, one per towel

GAUGE

5 block stitches in 4 inches, as stated by the source.

FINISHED SIZE (EACH TOWEL)

Approximately 17 and a half inches long by 10 and a half inches wide, after buttoning up.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

dc: double crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

sc2tog: single crochet two together

beg: beginning

COLORS

The source refers to the colors of its green towel: cream as the contrast color and green as the main color. The source also shows the same towel in red and cream. For a set of three, make one towel in green and cream, one in red and cream, and one in a third main color of your choice with cream, for example mustard.

PATTERN NOTES

- Each towel is worked sideways, so the foundation chain runs along the length of the towel.
- The foundation chain follows a multiple of 3 plus 1 stitches.
- The two colors are carried up the side without fastening off every row: when you finish a row in one color, drop that yarn, pick up the other color, and carry on. Place a marker in a dropped loop so your work does not unravel.
- The turning chain at the start of a row does not count as a stitch unless the pattern says it counts as a double crochet.
- Weave in ends as you go or at the end, keeping the back as flat as possible.

MAIN BODY (REPEAT FOR EACH TOWEL)

With the H hook and cream yarn, chain 52.

Row 1: Work 1 single crochet in the second chain from the hook, then 1 single crochet in the next chain. Then work the following repeat across: chain 2, skip 2 chains, 1 single crochet in the next chain. Keep repeating to the last stitch, then work 1 single crochet in the last chain while picking up the main color yarn. Do not fasten off the cream yarn, just drop it to pick up later. Turn. You will have 16 chain loops.

Row 2: Chain 3 (this counts as a double crochet here and throughout), then work 3 double crochets in each chain 2 space across to the end, skip the next stitch, and work 1 double crochet in the last stitch. Take your hook out of the last loop and place a marker in that loop so your work does not unravel. Do not turn. You will have 50 double crochets.

Row 3: This row is worked on the same side as the previous row, using the cream yarn you dropped at the edge. Insert your hook through the top of the beginning chain 3 of the previous row and pull the cream yarn through, then chain 1 with the joined yarn. Work 1 single crochet on top of the beginning chain 3, in the same place as the chain 1, then 1 single crochet in the space between the beginning chain 3 and the next double crochet. Then work the following repeat across: chain 2, skip 3 double crochets, 1 single crochet in the next space between the groups of 3 double crochets. Finish with 1 single crochet in the last marked stitch while joining the main color yarn back in. To join the main color back, start the single crochet, and when 2 loops are left

on your hook, take out the marker and pull the main color loop through. Turn. You will have 16 loops.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3 eleven more times, ending with a Row 3 repeat. Fasten off the cream color after you pick up the main color loop.

GATHERING THE TOP OF THE TOWEL

Work across the row ends, in the main color.

Row 1: Chain 1 with the main color, and work across the row ends: 1 single crochet in the same corner as the chain 1, 2 single crochets in the space under the next beginning chain 3, 3 single crochets in the space under each beginning chain 3 across until 1 space is left, 2 single crochets in the last space, 1 single crochet in the corner. Turn. You will have 36 stitches.

Row 2: Chain 1 (not counted as a stitch), single crochet two together in the same stitch as the chain 1 and the next stitch, then repeat (1 single crochet, single crochet two together) to the end. Turn. You will have 24 stitches.

Row 3: Chain 1, single crochet two together in the same stitch as the chain 1 and the next stitch, then single crochet two together across to the end. Turn. You will have 12 stitches.

Rows 4 and 5: Chain 1, 1 single crochet in the same stitch as the chain 1 and 1 single crochet in each stitch across. Turn. You will have 12 stitches.

Row 6: Chain 1, 1 single crochet in the same stitch as the chain 1, then repeat (single crochet two together, 1 single crochet) to the end. Turn. You will have 8 stitches.

Row 7: Chain 1, 1 single crochet in the same stitch as the chain 1 and 1 single crochet in each stitch across. Turn. You will have 8 stitches.

Row 8: Chain 1, 1 single crochet in the same stitch as the chain 1, single crochet two together, 1 single crochet, 1 single crochet, single crochet two together, 1 single crochet. Turn. You will have 6 stitches.

Row 9: Chain 1, 1 single crochet in the same stitch as the chain 1 and 1 single crochet in each stitch across. Turn. You will have 6 stitches.

Repeat Row 9 until the gathered top part measures 6 and a half inches from the beginning. If you want it longer, just keep repeating this row before moving on to the buttonhole row below.

BUTTONHOLE ROW

Chain 1, 1 single crochet in the same stitch as the chain 1, 1 single crochet in the next stitch, chain 2 tightly, skip 2 stitches, 1 single crochet in the last 2 stitches. Turn. You will have 4 stitches and 2 chains.

Next Row: Chain 1, 1 single crochet in the same stitch as the chain 1, skip the next stitch, 3 single crochets in the chain 2 loop, skip the next stitch, 1 single crochet in the last stitch. Turn. You will have 5 stitches.

Last Row: Chain 1, skip the next stitch, 5 double crochets in the next stitch (the third stitch), skip the next stitch, slip stitch into the last stitch. Fasten off.

ADDING THE BOTTOM BORDER

Work the first row on the wrong side of your towel. It is up to you which side you want to pick as the wrong one.

Row 1: Join cream yarn with a slip stitch at the bottom corner and work across the row ends: 1 single crochet in the same corner as the slip stitch, 2 single crochets in the next space under the beginning chain 3, then repeat (1 single crochet on top of the cream stitch between the block groups, 2 single crochets in the next space under the beginning chain 3) to the last space, 1 single crochet in the corner. Turn. You will have 37 stitches.

Row 2: Chain 1, 1 single crochet in the same stitch as the chain 1, 1 single crochet in each stitch across to the end. Fasten off.

FINISHING (EACH TOWEL)

- Make a round of slip stitch around the top gathered main color part of your towel to even out the edges.
- Weave in any ends left and sew on the button.
- Repeat the whole pattern for towels two and three, changing the main color each time, so the set matches in stitch and size with a different main color on each towel.

CARE

Machine wash with similar colors and lay flat or hang to dry so the towels keep their shape. Cotton can shrink a little on the first wash.

Source credit: adapted from Crochet Dreamz, Block Stitch Kitchen or Tea Towel, Free Crochet Pattern. See sources.txt for the full link.

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