

Crochet Dishcloth Pattern

Easy Cotton Washcloth — Free Beginner Pattern

A classic crochet dishcloth worked in nothing but single crochet rows: one foundation chain, one repeated row, and a neat edging round. Most beginners finish their first dishcloth in an evening and end up with a thick, absorbent cloth the kitchen actually needs.

Materials

- Worsted weight (medium, size 4) 100% cotton yarn
- 5.0 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- Yarn needle with a large eye
- Small scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

Finished Size & Gauge

Approximately 8 inches wide x 7 inches tall (20 x 18 cm). Gauge is not critical; as a guide, 15 single crochet stitches measure about 4 inches (10 cm).

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch = chain **sc** = single crochet **sl st** = slip stitch **st** = stitch

Step-by-Step Instructions

Foundation Chain and Row 1. Chain 31. Single crochet in the 2nd chain from the hook, then single crochet in each chain across. **Stitch count: 30 single crochet.** Turn your work.

Rows 2 to 34: Building the Body. Chain 1 (does not count as a stitch), turn, single crochet in each stitch across. **Stitch count: 30 single crochet in every row.** Repeat this row until you have worked 34 rows in total. Count your stitches every few rows — every row must have exactly 30.

The Neat Edging Round. After Row 34, chain 1 but do not turn. Single crochet evenly around the entire cloth: sc in each stitch across the top edge (30), 3 sc in the corner, sc down the side working 1 stitch into the end of each row (34), 3 sc in the corner, sc across the bottom edge (30), 3 sc in the corner, sc up the other side (34), 3 sc in the corner. Slip stitch to the first sc to join. **Stitch count: approximately 140 single crochet around the edge.** Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Tips

- Use 100% cotton — acrylic does not absorb water.
- Wavy edges mean the stitch count changed; count to 30 at the end of each row.
- Weave ends back and forth through the stitches for at least two inches so they survive the wash.
- Block lightly: soak in cool water, lay flat, shape into a rectangle, and let dry.

Care & Uses

Machine wash warm and tumble dry or lay flat — cotton dishcloths get softer and more absorbent with every wash. Make sets of three or four in matching colours for thoughtful housewarming gifts, or change colour every 6 rows for cheerful striped scrap-busters.

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