

Crocheted Potholders

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INTRODUCTION

Do you need a last minute gift? Did Johnny come home and tell you that he needs to bring something to school for the Bazaar TOMORROW?

Reach for your scrap basket and, in just one evening, you will have a practical, pretty, potholder!

The following instructions are written for Worsted Weight yarn and that's what we used for our cover models but, if that's not handy, use Sport Weight - doubled, or even Rug yarn! Gauge doesn't really matter that much: your potholder can certainly be a little bigger, or smaller, without changing the overall effect.

Needlework should be fun and you have every right to be pleased with your results! So, don't give them all away; make some to brighten up your own kitchen. We've had fun making these and hope you do, too!

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

ABBREVIATIONS

approx	approximately	rem	remaining
ch(s)	chain(s)	rep	repeat
dc	double crochet	rnd(s)	round(s)
dec	decrease	sc	single crochet
dtr	double treble	sl st(s)	slip stitch(es)
gr	grams	sp(s)	spaces
hdc	half double crochet	st(s)	stitch(es)
inc	increase	tr	treble
MC	Main Color	tog	together
mm	millimeters	yd(s)	yard(s)

★ or ★★ - work instructions following ★ or ★★ as many more times as indicated in addition to the first time.

() or [] - work enclosed instructions as many times as specified by the number immediately following.

INCREASES

Increases are made by working two stitches of the established stitch in the same space or into the same stitch, making two stitches over one of the previous row.

FINISHING

Good finishing techniques make a big difference in the quality of the piece. Make a habit of taking care of loose ends as you work. To keep loose ends from showing, always weave them back through several stitches or work over them. When ends are secure, clip them off close to work.

HINTS

An old ironing board cover will come in very handy if you wish to make your potholders one-sided. When completed, cut the Teflon coated material to fit the shape of your potholder and sew in place. This will give added protection from the heat.

BASIC CIRCLE

Note: The number of increases may have to be changed for certain yarns or hook sizes. Following the Basic Circle, increase as necessary to keep piece lying flat.

Rnd 1: Ch 4, work 11 dc in first ch; join with sl st to 4th ch of beginning ch-4: 12 sts.

Rnds 2 and 3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc, now and throughout), dc in same sp, 2 dc in next dc (inc made), inc in each dc around; join to 3rd ch of beginning ch 3 (now and throughout): 48 dc.

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in same sp, dc in next 3 dc, ★ inc, dc in next 3 dc; rep from ★ around; join: 60 dc.

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in same sp, dc in next 4 dc, ★ inc, dc in next 4 dc; rep from ★ around; join: 72 dc.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, dc in same sp, dc in next 5 dc, ★ inc, dc in next 5 dc; rep from ★ around; join: 84 dc.

Rnd 7: Ch 3, dc in same sp, dc in next 6 dc, ★ inc, dc in next 6 dc; rep from ★ around; join: 96 dc.

Rnd 8: Ch 3, dc in same sp, dc in next 7 dc, ★ inc, dc in next 7 dc; rep from ★ around; join, finish off: 108 dc.

1. CAULIFLOWER

by Deborah Owens - Little Rock, AR

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight yarn, approx:

3 oz (90 gr) Ecu

20 yds Green

Aluminum crochet hook, size H (5.00 mm)

Yarn needle

Make 2

Stem

Row 1: With Green, ch 12, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; ch 1, turn: 11 sc.

Rows 2-5: Sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn.

Row 6: Sc in each sc across; finish off.

Flowerette

Row 1: Join Ecu in last st worked, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, sc in next sc, ★ 5 dc in next sc (Shell made), sc in next sc; rep from ★ 3 times more, 3 dc in last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Sc in same sp, ★ work Shell in next sc, sc in top of next Shell; rep from ★ 4 times more; ch 3, turn.

Row 3: 2 dc in same sp, sc in top of next Shell, ★ Shell in next sc, sc in top of next Shell; rep from ★ 3 times more, 3 dc in last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2.

Row 5: 4 dc in same sp, ★ sc in top of next Shell, Shell in next sc; rep from ★ 4 times more; ch 3, turn.

Row 6: 2 dc in same sp, sc in top of first Shell, ★ Shell in next sc, sc in top of next Shell; rep from ★ 4 times more, 3 dc in last dc of same Shell; ch 1, turn.

Row 7: Sc in same sp, Shell in next sc, ★ sc in top of next Shell, Shell in next sc; rep from ★ 4 times more, sc in last dc; turn.

Row 8: Sl st in first 3 dc, sc in same sp, ★ Shell in next sc, sc in top of next Shell; rep from ★ 4 times more; ch 3, turn.

Row 9: 2 dc in same sp, sc in top of next Shell, ★ Shell in next sc, sc in top of next Shell; rep from ★ 3 times more, 3 dc in last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 10: Sc in same sp, Shell in next sc, ★ sc in top of next Shell, Shell in next sc; rep from ★ 3 times more, sc in last dc; turn.

Row 11: Sl st in next 3 dc, sc in same sp, ★ Shell in next sc, sc in top of next sc; rep from ★ 3 times more; turn.

Row 12: Sl st in next 3 dc, sc in same sp as last sl st, ★ Shell in next sc, sc in top of next Shell; rep from ★ twice more; turn.

Row 13: Sl st in next 3 dc, sc in same sp as last sl st, ★ Shell in next sc, sc in top of next Shell; rep from ★ once more; turn.

Row 14: Sl st in next 3 dc, sc in same sp as last sl st, Shell in next sc, sc in top of next Shell; finish off.

FINISHING

With wrong sides tog and working through both loops of both pieces, join Green at Row 2 of Flowerette, sc around the Stem to Row 2 of the other side; finish off.

Join Ecu in same space, work 67 sc around Flowerette as follows: ★ 2 sc in next row, sc in next row; repeat from ★ twice more, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next row, sc in next 41 sts, sc in next row, sc in next 3 sts, ★ ★ sc in next row, 2 sc in next row; repeat from ★ ★ twice more; ch 1, turn.

Edge: Sl st in first sc, ★ Shell in next sc, skip next sc, sc in next sc, skip next 2 sc; repeat from ★ 5 times more, Shell in next sc, skip next sc, sc in next 2 sc, ch 7, sl st to first ch to form a ring, work 14 sc in ring, sl st to first sc, ★ ★ sc in next sc, skip next sc, Shell in next sc, skip next 2 sc; repeat from ★ ★ 5 times more, sc in next sc, sl st to last sc; finish off.

Join Green with a sl st to last st worked, work 1 Shell and sl st to first row of Stem; finish off. Work same for other side.

2. APPLE

by Bobbie Frazier - Benton, AR

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight yarn, approx:

2 oz (60 gr) Red

5 yds Green

1 yd Brown

Aluminum crochet hook, size H (5.00 mm)

1 purchased eye or button Yarn needle

Make 2

Work Basic Circle for 4 Rounds, do **not** finish off.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in same sp, hdc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 23 dc, 3 dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, sc in next 3 dc, hdc in next dc, 3 dc in next dc, dc in next 23 dc, 2 dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, sc in next 2 dc; join to first sc, finish off.

FINISHING

Worm: Ch 10, work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; finish off. Sew on eye. Using cover picture as guide for placement, sew Worm onto Apple.

With **wrong** sides together and working through **both** loops of **both** pieces, join front and back by working sc in each st around, increasing as necessary to keep piece lying flat; finish off.

Stem: Join yarn at top of apple, ch 9, sc in 7th ch from hook, sc in next 2 sc, sl st to join; finish off.

Leaf: Ch 10, dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, 2 sc in last ch, working back over unused loops of beginning ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 5 chs, ch 2, sl st in next ch.

Next Rnd: Ch 1, 2 sc in first ch-3 sp, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next 2 sc, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sl st to first ch. Work sl sts down center of Leaf; finish off. Sew onto Apple.

3. WATERMELON

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight yarn, approx:

43 yds Dark Pink

15 yds each of Light Pink and Green

5 yds Dark Green

1 yd Black or small amount of Black Felt (optional)

Aluminum crochet hook, size H (5.00 mm)

Yarn needle

Note: Finish off after each color. Join new color in same stitch.

Work Basic Circle for 8 Rounds as follows: 6 Rounds Dark Pink, next Round Light Pink, last Round Green.

FINISHING

Seeds: Using cover picture as guide for placement, work Lazy Daisy sts with Black (see Fig. 1).

Optional: Cut seeds from felt and glue or sew on.

Fold Circle in half with **wrong** sides together. Join Dark Green in first dc and, working through **both** loops of **both** halves, sc in each st across, ch 10, join with a sl st to first ch to form a ring; finish off.

Fig. 1 Lazy Daisy



4. CHICKEN

by Bobbie Frazier - Benton, AR

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight yarn, approx:

2.5 oz (70 gr) Main Color

8 yds each of 2 Accent Colors

Aluminum crochet hook, size H (5.00 mm)

1 purchased eye or button Yarn needle

BODY (Make 2)

Work Basic Circle for 6 rounds, do **not** finish off.

Tail: Ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, hdc) in same sp, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc) in next dc, sc in next dc, (2 dc, 3 tr) in next dc, (dc, hdc) in next

dc, (dc, 2 tr, 2 dtr, 2 tr) in next dc, (dc, tr, 2 dtr, tr) in next dc, dc in next dc, sc in next dc, sl st in next dc; finish off.

Wing: Using cover picture as guide for placement, join Accent Color at 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 of Rnd 3, sl st in next 48 dc, work sl sts over Rnd 3 in a straight line and then work sl sts back to the beginning sl st; join, finish off.

HEAD (Make 2)

Work Basic Circle for 3 rounds, do **not** finish off.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in next 20 dc, 2 dc in next dc (Beak), hdc in rem dc; join to 2nd ch of beginning ch 2, finish off.

FINISHING

Sew Heads to Bodies above wing with hdc at top. Join front and back by working sc in each st around, increasing as necessary to keep piece lying flat.

Comb: Join 2 strands Accent Color in 4th sc from end of last round of head, ch 3, sc in next sc, (ch 4, sc in next sc) 2 times, (ch 5, sc in next sc) 3 times, (ch 6, sc in next sc) 8 times, sl st in each hdc to Beak; finish off.

Join 2 strands Accent Color in first sc under Beak, ch 4, sc in next sc, (ch 5, sc in next sc) twice; finish off.

Work long straight stitches to accent Beak; sew on eye.

5. PIG

by Deborah Owens - Little Rock, AR

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight yarn, approx:

2.5 oz (70 gr) Light Pink

15 yds Dark Pink

Aluminum crochet hook, size H (5.00 mm)

1 purchased eye or button Yarn needle

Note: Finish off after each color. Join new color in same stitch.

BODY (Make 2)

With Light Pink, work Basic Circle for 6 Rounds; do **not** finish off.

Feet: Ch 1, sc in same sp, sc in next 36 dc, ★ ch 3, dc in next 2 dc, (dc, ch 3, sl st) in next dc (foot made) ★, sl st in next 9 dc; rep from ★ to ★ once, sc in rem dc; finish off.

HEAD (Make 2)

Work Basic Circle for 3 Rounds as follows, 1 Round Dark Pink (cheek), 2 Rounds Light Pink; do **not** finish off.

Snout: Ch 1, sc in same sp, sc in next 32 dc, ch 3, dc in same sp, dc in next dc, (dc, ch 3, sl st) in next dc (snout made), sc in rem dc; join, finish off.

Next Row: Join Dark Pink, sc in same sp, sc in next 19 sc (back of Head); finish off.

EAR (Make 2)

Row 1: With Light Pink, ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook (hdc, dc, tr, ch 3, sl st to first ch (Picot made), tr, dc, hdc) in next ch, sc in next ch; finish off.

Row 2: Join Dark Pink and sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 4 sc in Picot, sc in last 5 sts; finish off.

FINISHING

Using cover picture as guide for placement, sew Ears to Heads and Heads to Bodies.

Join Dark Pink for tail, ch 7, 4 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 4 sc in next 5 chs, sl st in next sc; do **not** finish off. With same yarn, join front and back by working sc in each st around, increasing as necessary to keep piece lying flat, finish off. Sew on eye.

6. RAINBOW

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight yarn, approx:

19 yds White

14 yds each of 5 Rainbow Shades

Aluminum crochet hook, size H (5.00 mm)

Yarn needle

Note: Finish off after each color. Join new color in same stitch.

Work Basic Circle for 8 Rnds as follows: 2 Rnds White, 1 Rnd each of 5 Rainbow Shades and last Rnd White. Do **not** finish off.

FINISHING

Fold Circle in half with **wrong** sides together; working through both loops of both halves, ch 1, sc in next 27 sts, ch 7, sl st to first ch to form a ring, work 14 sc in ring, join with sl st to first sc of ring, sc in rem sts; finish off.

7. BRAIDED RUG

by Christel Shelton - Little Rock, AR

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight yarn, approx:
1 oz (30 gr) each of Main Color, A and B
Aluminum crochet hook, size H (5.00 mm)
Yarn needle

Note: Work with 2 strands of yarn throughout. Finish off after each color. Join new color in same stitch.

- Rnd 1:** With MC, ch 15, 2 dc in 4th ch from hook, dc in next 10 chs, 5 dc in next ch, working in unused loops of beginning ch, dc in next 10 chs, 2 dc in next ch; join to last ch of starting ch (now and throughout on all dc rows): 30 dc
- Rnd 2:** Ch 1, working in **Front Loop Only**, sc in each dc around; join to beginning ch 1 (now and throughout on all sc rows), finish off.
- Rnd 3:** With 1 strand each of Colors A and B and working in **unused loop of previous** dc row, ch 3, dc in same sp. 2 dc in next dc (inc made), dc in next 10 dc, inc in next 5 dc, dc in next 10 dc, inc in next 3 dc; join: 40 dc.
- Rnd 4:** Repeat Round 2.
- Rnd 5:** With MC and working in **unused loop of previous** dc row, ch 3, dc in same sp, inc in next 2 dc, dc in next 11 dc, inc in next 9 dc, dc in next 11 dc, inc in next 6 dc; join: 58 dc.
- Rnd 6:** Repeat Round 2.
- Rnd 7:** With Color A and working in **unused loop of previous** dc row, ch 3, dc in same sp, dc in next dc, inc in next dc, dc in next 17 dc, inc in next dc, (dc in next dc, inc in next 2 dc) 3 times, dc in next dc, inc in next dc, dc in next 17 dc, inc in next dc, (dc in next dc, inc in next 2 dc) twice, dc in next dc, inc in next dc; join: 74 dc.
- Rnd 8:** Repeat Round 2.

8. HEART

by Cathy Hardy - North Little Rock, AR

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight yarn, approx:
1.5 oz (40 gr) Main Color
13 yds Accent Color
Aluminum crochet hook, size H (5.00 mm)
Yarn needle

- Make 2**
- Row 1:** With MC, ch 4, work 3 dc in 4th ch from hook; ch 3 (counts as first dc, now and throughout), turn: 4 sts.
- Row 2:** Dc in same sp, 2 dc in next dc (inc made), inc in next 2 dc; ch 3, turn: 8 dc.
- Row 3:** Dc in same sp, dc in next 2 dc, inc twice, dc in next 2 dc, inc; ch 3, turn: 12 dc.
- Row 4:** Dc in same sp, dc in next 4 dc, inc twice, dc in next 4 dc, inc; ch 3, turn: 16 dc.
- Row 5:** Dc in same sp, dc in next 6 dc, inc twice, dc in next 6 dc, inc; ch 3, turn: 20 dc.
- Row 6:** Dc in same sp, dc in next 8 dc, inc twice, dc in next 8 dc, inc; ch 3, turn: 24 dc.
- Row 7:** Dc in same sp, dc in next 10 dc, inc twice, dc in next 10 dc, inc; ch 3, turn: 28 dc.
- Row 8:** Dc in same sp, dc in next 12 dc, inc twice, dc in next 12 dc, inc; ch 3, turn: 32 dc.
- Row 9:** Dc in next 15 dc; ch 3, turn: 16 dc.
- Row 10:** Dc in next 6 dc, dec, dc in next 7 dc; ch 3, turn: 15 dc.

- Row 11:** Dec, dc in next 9 dc, dec, dc in last dc; ch 3, turn: 13 dc.
- Row 12:** Dec, dc in next 7 dc, dec, dc in last dc; ch 3, turn: 11 dc.
- Row 13:** Dec, dc in next 5 dc, dec, dc in last dc; ch 3, turn: 9 dc.
- Row 14:** Dec, dc in next 3 dc, dec, dc in last dc; finish off: 7 dc.
- Return to Row 8, skip 1 dc from right side, join yarn in next st, ch 3; repeat Rows 9-14 for left side.

FINISHING

With **wrong** sides together and using Accent Color, join with sl st to point, ch 2, hdc in same sp, work 2 hdc in each edge of next 14 rows, hdc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, hdc in next dc, 2 hdc in each edge of next 5 rows, hdc in next row, pull up a loop in same row, pull up a loop in next row, YO, draw through all 3 loops (dec made), hdc in same row, 2 hdc in each edge of next 5 rows, hdc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc, hdc in next dc, 2 hdc in each edge of next 14 rows, hdc in point; join with a sl st to first hdc; finish off.

Ring: Ch 5, join with a sl st to form a ring. Work 10 sc in ring; sl st to first sc, finish off. Attach to heart, using cover picture as guide for placement.

9. FOLK ART

by Deborah Owens - Little Rock, AR

MATERIALS: Worsted Weight yarn, approx:
2 oz (60 gr) Main Color
25 yds Color A
10 yds Color B
1 yd Color C
Aluminum crochet hook, size H (5.00 mm)
Yarn needle

Note: Work with 2 strands of yarn throughout.

- Row 1:** With MC, ch 24, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; ch 1, turn: 23 sc.
- Rows 2-20:** Sc in each sc across; ch 1, turn.
- Row 21:** Sc in each sc across; finish off.
- Edge:** With Color A, sc in each sc across, 3 sc in corner sp, sc in edge of each row, 3 sc in corner sp, sc in unused loop of beginning ch, 3 sc in corner sp, sc in edge of each row, join to first sc, ch 7, sl st to first ch to form a ring, 14 sc in ring, sl st to first sc; finish off.
- Following chart below, work cross stitch design onto finished potholder. One square = one sc.

- * A
- △ B
- C
- French Knot (A)
- ▣ Backstitch (B)

