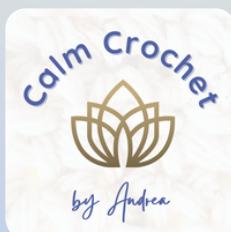


Pretty Potholder

Ideal for newbies or those in need of some simple brain-clearing crochet.



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Materials needed:

- Medium Weight Acrylic Yarn
I used *I Love This Yarn* 100% Acrylic Yarn in *Cinnamon Cedar*
- US I-9 (5.5 mm) Crochet Hook
- Scissors
- Tapestry Needle
- Tape Measure
- Stitch holders (optional but recommended)

Gauge:

4"x4" square = 15 rows of 12 single crochet stitches

Note that for this project a precise gauge is not required.

Abbreviations:

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- st(s) = stitch(es)



Standard Crochet Instructions:

1) **Foundation:**

Ch 21 (this includes 1 turning chain), or however many sts required for the foundation row to measure 6", plus 1 chain. Add stitch holders to the first chain and the second to last chain (not the turning chain).

2) **Row 1:**

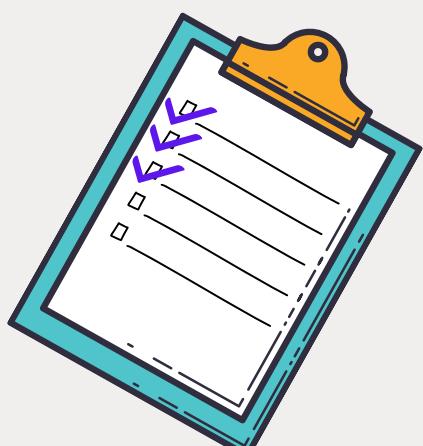
Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (20 sc). Put a stitch holder in the first and last st of the row.

3) **Row 2:**

Ch 1, turn. Sc in the 2nd ch from hook where st holder is located and in each st across to the final st holder. (13 sc)
Move stitch holders to first and last stitch in each row.

4) **Finish:**

Repeat Row 2 until your piece measures 6 inches (about 21 rows). Fasten off and weave in ends.



Detailed Crochet Instructions:

1) **Foundation:** Create a slip stitch loop and insert hook. Crochet 21 stitches, or however many stitches are required for the foundation row to measure 6", then add 1 chain.

- After creating your first chain stitch, slip a stitch holder through it. When you complete the foundation row, add a stitch holder to the **second to last** chain (the turning chain does not count as a stitch).



2) **Row 1:** Single crochet in the 2nd chain from the hook where the stitch holder is located and then in each chain until the end where the final stitch holder is located. Chain 1. You should have 20 stitches, or however many stitches you counted during step 1. Chain 1.

Move the stitch holders to the first and last stitches of the row (not the turning chain).



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Detailed Crochet Instructions (continued):

- 3) **Remaining rows:** Turn your work, and repeat row 1, beginning and ending in the single crochets with the stitch holders. Move the stitch holders up to the first and last stitches of the row you just completed (not the turning crochet)
- Continue until your piece measures 6 inches long, approximately 21 rows. You know you are done when the tape measure shows the width and length are the same.



- 4) **Finish Up:** Cut the yarn, pulling it through the last turning chain. Use the tapestry needle to weave in any loose ends.



Customization Ideas:

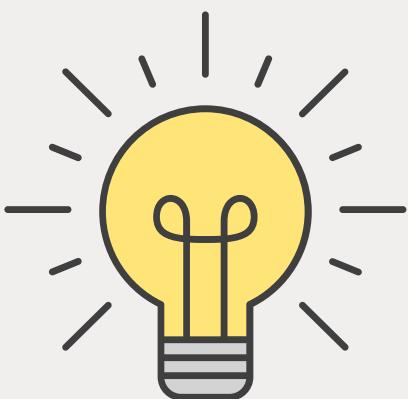
- **Quicker Version:** Use a thicker yarn and a larger hook to make fewer stitches and rows.

Most yarn labels have the gauge for the recommended hook size on the label so that you can adjust the number of stitches and rows.



Alternatively, you can make foundation row stitches until the row of chains measures 6" or desired width. Then do 1 more chain (turning chain). Measure the length as you complete each row until you reach 6" or desired length.

- **Stripes:** Change to a different color of yarn after each row or set of rows, such as 2 rows of 1 color, then 2 rows of another. Weave in all ends.
- **Border:** Add a simple border by single crocheting around the edges when you're done. You can use the same yarn as the rest of the work or use a contrasting color for the border.
- **Utility:** Crochet a small loop at one corner to hang your potholder.
 - Attach yarn or use the tail that is left when you finish the final row and chain 10. Then join with a slip stitch to the starting point of the chain, and fasten off. Weave in any remaining ends.



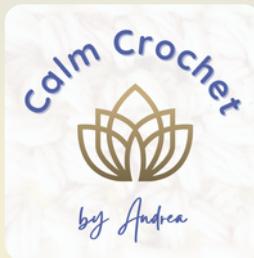
Tips:



- If you find your foundation chain row is too tight and you are having difficulty getting your crochet hook into them for the first single crochet row, use a larger hook for the chain row; try a half or whole size larger than the one you are using for the body. Then switch to your usual hook for the single crochet rows.
- There are different ways to create a foundation row that you might prefer, especially as you get more experience with crochet. Go to my YouTube channel for some demonstrations. Go to my [webpage](#) for direct links to the videos.
- I highly recommend using stitch holders to mark the beginning and ends of each row. When I make my first single crochet in a row, I usually move my stitch holder to it right away and then finish the row, placing the last stitch holder before I do my turning chain.
- It's **OKAY** if it's not perfect!

Thank you for following my pattern instructions.
I hope you had as much fun making your
potholder as I did making mine!

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