



Mini Meadow Washcloth Set

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Brighten up your cleaning routine by using these adorable flower-shaped cloths! Half-way between a small scrubbie and a dishcloth, these small washcloths fit nicely in your hand and make cleaning more manageable for little hands. A matching sturdy basket keeps them organized, and allows you to keep a stack of cloths on the kitchen or bathroom counter for easy use.



Sizes

One size

Finished Measurements

Each cloth measures about 4.5" in diameter (at widest point- from petal across to opposite petal), basket measures about 5.5" in diameter x 3" tall

Materials

- Approximately 120 yds of main color (A) used primarily for basket (see notes), and about 75 yds each of the three contrast colors (B, C, and D) used primarily for flowers.
- US H [5.0 mm] crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge for flower cloth
- US J [6.0 mm] crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge for basket
- Large Yarn Needle
- · Removeable stitch marker

Abbreviations

Beg = beginning

BPS = Beginning Puff Stitch

(see notes)

BPSC = Back Post Single Crochet

(see notes)

Ch = chain

DC = double crochet

PS = Puff Stitch (see notes)

Rnd = round

SC = single crochet

SI st = slip stitch

St(s) = stitch(es)

YO = yarn over

Yarn Used for Washcloth Set Shown

Lily Sugar 'n Cream (worsted weight, CYCA #4, 100% Cotton; 120 yards [70.9 grams]: Hot Green #01712 (A), Tangerine #01699 (B), Seabreeze #01201 (C), Hot Purple #01317 (D), one skein each.

Gauge

For flower washcloth, make 1 flower and check diameter measurement. Washcloth should measure 4.5" across.

For basket, work through Rnd 6 of Basket directions. Piece measures 4" in diameter.



Notes

Nearly all of color A is used in this washcloth set- there were only 4 yds left. In order to make sure you have enough yarn choose one of the following options:

Make basket first, then if you run out of color A yarn while making flowers, substitute with one of the contrast colors. As an alternative, you may make the very last rnd of the basket (the sl st round) with one of the contrasting colors to make sure you have enough color A yarn. Or you might choose to make one fewer SC round in the basket to conserve color A yarn.

Sometimes beginning chains count as a stitch in this pattern, and sometimes they do not. Be sure to read pattern carefully to know whether they count in the round you are working.

For extra structure, basket is crocheted tightly with yarn held double. The bottom of the basket is worked in the round without joins, the sides of the basket are worked in joined rounds. Stripes are added to basket using surface crochet after basket has been made. Flowers are all made in the round from center out.

Special stitches

Back Post Single Crochet (BPSC): Insert hook from WS to RS in space just before the post of indicated stitch, then from RS to WS in space just after post, YO and draw loop across the front of post through to the WS of work, YO and pull through 2 loops on hook to complete SC.

Beginning Puff Stitch (BPS): [Yo, insert hook into indicated space and pull up loop] 2 times, yo and pull through all loops to complete st.

Puff Stitch (PS): [Yo, insert hook into indicated space and pull up loop] 3 times, yo and pull through all loops to complete st.



Instructions

Flower washcloth (make 12):

Colors used in sample for each flower are listed below in order beginning with Round 1 and ending with Round 4.

Flower 1: A, B, D

Flower 2: A, C, B

Flower 3: A, D, C

Flower 4: B, A, D

Flower 5: B, C, D

Flower 6: B, D, C

Flower 7: C, D, B

Flower 8: C, A, B

Flower 9: C, A, D

Flower 10: D, A, C

Flower 11: D, B, C

Flower 12: D, C, B

With first color Ch 3. SI st in first ch to join.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as first DC of rnd), 11 DC in ch-loop, sl st to top of ch-3 to join. Fasten off. 12 DC.

Rnd 2: Beg with a second color slip knot on hook, sl st in space between last DC of Rnd 1 and beg ch-3 of Rnd 1, ch 1, BPS, [ch 1, PS] in next 11 spaces between DC sts, ch 1, sl st to BPS to join, fasten off. 1 BPS, 11 PS with 1 sl st between each BPS or PS. 24 sts total.

Rnd 3: Beg with a third color slip knot on hook, insert hook in space between last PS of Rnd 2 and BPS, pull up loop, YO and pull through both loops on hook to complete 1st SC of rnd, [ch 1, 2 SC in next ch-1 sp] 11 times, ch 1, SC in same sp as 1st SC of rnd, do not join, do not fasten off. *24 SC, 12 chs.*

Rnd 4: [7 DC in next ch-1 sp, SC in next ch-1 sp] 6 times, sl st in 1st DC of rnd. Fasten off. 42 DC, 6 SC.

Weave in all ends.



Bottom of basket:

Rnd 1: With yarn A held double throughout, make an adjustable loop, 6 SC into loop, pull on beginning yarn tail to close loop. Do not join. 6 SC.

Rnd 2: 2 SC into each st around. 12 SC.

Rnd 3: [2 SC into next st, SC into next st] 6 times. 18 SC.

Rnd 4: [SC into each of next 2 sts, 2 SC into next st] 6 times. 24 SC.

Rnd 5: [SC into next st, 2 SC into next st, SC into each of next 2 sts] 6 times. 30 SC.

Rnd 6: [SC into next 4 sts, 2 SC into next st] 6 times. 36 SC. Remember to check gauge.

Rnd 7: [SC into next 2 sts, 2 SC into next st, SC into each of next 3 sts] 6 times, sl st to 1st SC of rnd to join. *42 SC.*

Do not fasten off. Bottom of basket measures approximately 5.5".

Sides of basket:

Rnd 1: Ch 1 (beg ch does not count as a st throughout basket) BPSC into each st around, sl st to 1st SC of rnd to join. 42 sts.

Work 7 rnds of SC, beginning with a ch-1 and joining at the end of each rnd with a sl st. Continuing with color A, sl st into each st around. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Adding contrasting stripes (use contrasting colors held double)

Insert hook between Rnds 7 and 8 near join and pull up a loop of C (held double), sl st into each st around. Fasten off.

Insert hook between Rnds 6 and 7 near join and pull up a loop of D (held double), sl st into each st around. Fasten off.

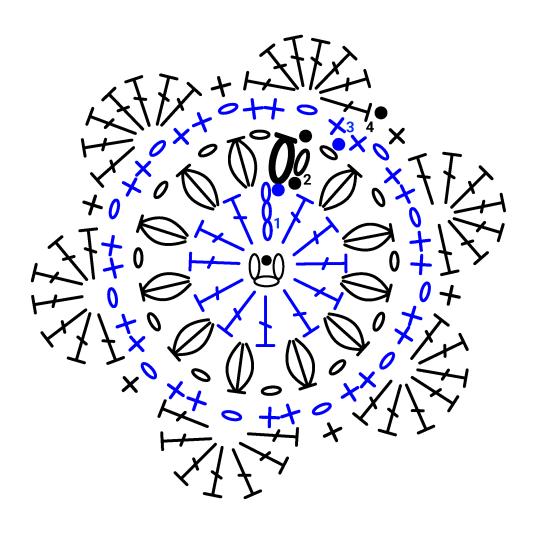
Insert hook between Rnds 5 and 6 near join and pull up a loop of B (held double), sl st into each st around. Fasten off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Block if necessary.



Mini Meadow Washcloth Chart



• join (sl st) • ch









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