FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

Sedge Stitch Crochet

The sedge stitch row by row, plus a striped cotton kitchen towel in 2 sizes · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	PRACTICE	YARN
Easy	Hand towel and tea towel	Worsted (#4) cotton, 3 colors
HOOK	**STITCHES**	**TIME**
5 mm (US H-8)	ch, sc, hdc, dc	About 6 / 10 hours

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton, hand towel: 180 yd oatmeal, 35 yd denim, 20 yd mustard
- Tea towel: 325 yd oatmeal, 45 yd denim, 25 yd mustard
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook, tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**dc**	double crochet
sc	single crochet	**st(s)**	stitch(es)
hdc	half double crochet	**sl st**	slip stitch

Gauge: 15 sts and 12 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in sedge stitch. This is an assumed typical value, so swatch first: ch 20, work 14 rows and measure the middle.

The ch 1 at the start of each row doesn't count as a stitch.

Hand towel, 12.3 × 18 in (31 × 46 cm)

Foundation	With oatmeal, ch 47.	
Row 1	(Sc, hdc, dc) in the 2nd ch from the hook, *skip 2 ch, (sc, hdc, dc) in the next ch*; repeat to the last 3 ch, skip 2 ch, sc in the last ch (15 groups + 1 sc). Ch 1, turn.	**(46)**
Row 2	(Sc, hdc, dc) in the first sc, *skip the next hdc and dc, (sc, hdc, dc) in the next sc*; repeat to the last 3 sts, skip the hdc and dc, sc in the last sc. Ch 1, turn.	**(46)**
Rows 3–14	Repeat row 2 for the bottom bands, counting from row 1: 4 rows oatmeal, 2 rows denim, 2 rows oatmeal, 2 rows denim, 2 rows oatmeal, 2 rows mustard. Change color on the last yarn over of the row before a new color.	**(46)**
Rows 15–40	Repeat row 2 in oatmeal (26 rows).	**(46)**
Rows 41–54	Repeat row 2, working the bands in reverse: 2 rows mustard, 2 rows oatmeal, 2 rows denim, 2 rows oatmeal, 2 rows denim, 4 rows oatmeal. Don't turn after the last row.	**(46)**
Border	With oatmeal, ch 1 and sc round: about 72 sc down each side (4 sc for every 3 rows), 46 sc along the bottom into the foundation chain, 46 sc along the top, plus 3 sc in each corner (248 sc). Join with a sl st.	**(248)**
Tab	On the top edge, skip the 3 corner sc and the next 20 sc, join oatmeal in the next sc, ch 1, sc in the same st and the next 5 sc (6 sc). Work 13 more rows of 6 sc.	**(6)**

Finish	Fold the tab to the back and sew its end to the top of the border to make a loop. Weave in the ends along the band edges, then wash and dry flat.	

Tea towel, 16.3 × 24 in (41 × 61 cm)

Foundation	With oatmeal, ch 62.	
Row 1	(Sc, hdc, dc) in the 2nd ch from the hook, *skip 2 ch, (sc, hdc, dc) in the next ch*; repeat to the last 3 ch, skip 2 ch, sc in the last ch (20 groups + 1 sc). Ch 1, turn.	**(61)**
Row 2	(Sc, hdc, dc) in the first sc, *skip the next hdc and dc, (sc, hdc, dc) in the next sc*; repeat to the last 3 sts, skip the hdc and dc, sc in the last sc. Ch 1, turn.	**(61)**
Rows 3–14	Repeat row 2 for the bottom bands, counting from row 1: 4 rows oatmeal, 2 rows denim, 2 rows oatmeal, 2 rows denim, 2 rows oatmeal, 2 rows mustard. Change color on the last yarn over of the row before a new color.	**(61)**
Rows 15–58	Repeat row 2 in oatmeal (44 rows).	**(61)**
Rows 59–72	Repeat row 2, working the bands in reverse: 2 rows mustard, 2 rows oatmeal, 2 rows denim, 2 rows oatmeal, 2 rows denim, 4 rows oatmeal. Don't turn after the last row.	**(61)**
Border	With oatmeal, ch 1 and sc round: about 96 sc down each side (4 sc for every 3 rows), 61 sc along the bottom into the foundation chain, 61 sc along the top, plus 3 sc in each corner (326 sc). Join with a sl st.	**(326)**
Tab	On the top edge, skip the 3 corner sc and the next 27 sc, join oatmeal in the next sc, ch 1, sc in the same st and the next 6 sc (7 sc). Work 13 more rows of 7 sc.	**(7)**
Finish	Fold the tab to the back and sew its end to the top of the border to make a loop. Weave in the ends along the band edges, then wash and dry flat.	

What's exact, what's calculated

Exact	Stitch counts checked row by row; every group sits in an sc; only the hdc and dc are skipped; the bands mirror; the tab is centered.
Calculated	Stitches, rows, border count and yarn from the gauge.
Assumed	The gauge.

How to Crochet the Sedge Stitch

(sc, hdc, dc) in one stitch, skip 2 · a multiple of 3 + 1 stitches

1 · Sc



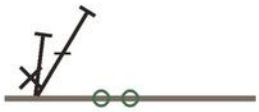
Ch 1, turn, and sc in the first stitch (on row 1, the 2nd ch from the hook).

2 · Hdc + dc, same st



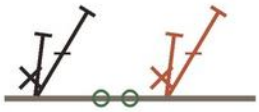
Work an hdc and then a dc into that SAME stitch: one (sc, hdc, dc) group.

3 · Skip 2



Skip the next 2 stitches. From row 2 on they're always the hdc and dc of a group.

4 · Repeat, end with sc



(Sc, hdc, dc) in the next sc, skip 2, across. Skip the last 2 and sc in the last sc.

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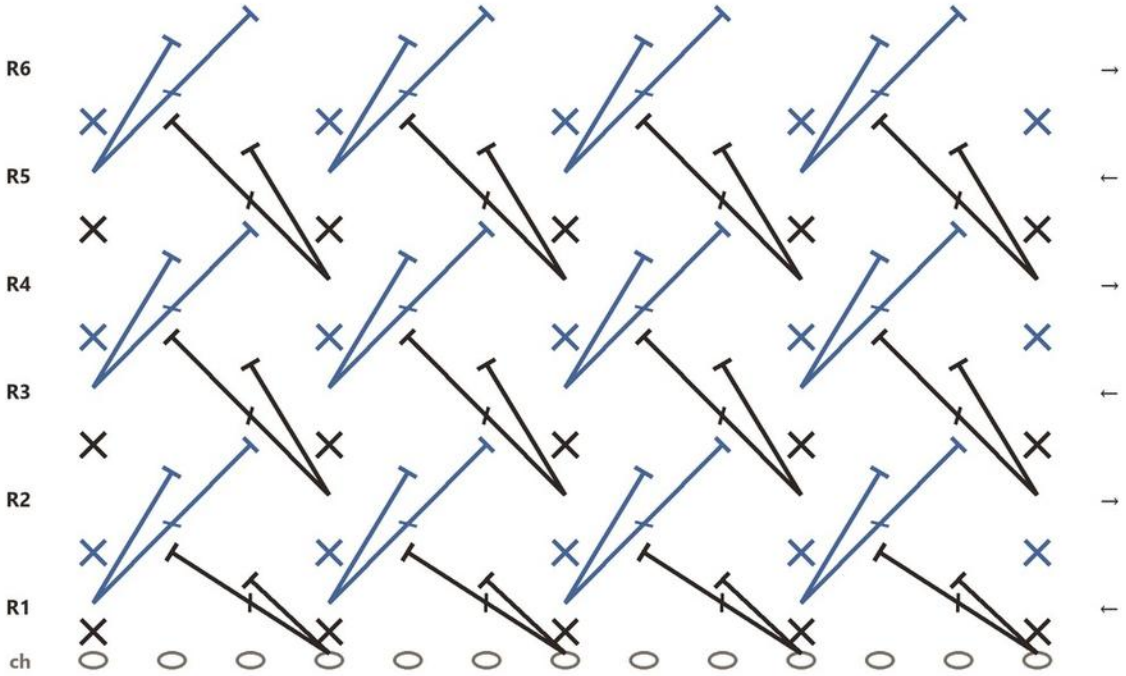
Sedge Stitch · Chart

13 sts (4 groups + 1) × 6 rows · ch 14 to start · each fan = (sc, hdc, dc) in one sc



X = sc · T = hdc · T with a bar = dc · lines meet where the 3 stitches share one base

Every fan sits in the short sc of a fan below; the hdc and dc in between are skipped. Each row ends with 1 sc.

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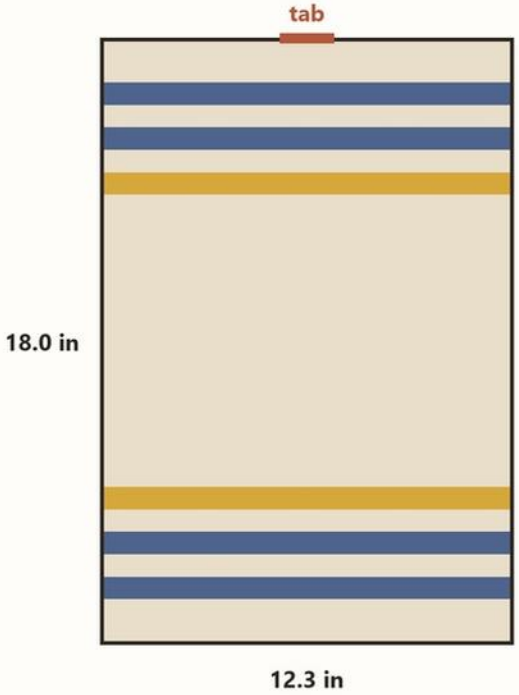
Sedge Stitch Kitchen Towel · Hand towel

46 sts × 54 rows · denim and mustard bands near each end, mirrored



Border: 1 round of sc in oatmeal, 248 sc. Tab: 6 sc wide, 14 rows, centered on the top edge, folded to the back. Change color on the last yarn over of the row before; every band is an even number of rows.

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Sedge Stitch Kitchen Towel · Sizes

Worsted (#4) cotton · 5 mm (US H-8) hook · assumed gauge 15 sts × 12 rows = 4 in in sedge stitch

Size	Finished	Start	Sts per row	Rows	Border sc	Oatmeal / denim / mustard
Hand towel	12.3 × 18 in (31 × 46 cm)	ch 47	46 (15 groups + 1)	54	248	180 / 35 / 20 yd
Tea towel	16.3 × 24 in (41 × 61 cm)	ch 62	61 (20 groups + 1)	72	326	325 / 45 / 25 yd

Sizes before the border (it adds about 1/4 in all round). Any width: ch a multiple of 3 + 2.

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