FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Scrappy Striped Dishcloth

Practise weaving in ends on a 4-colour hdc dishcloth · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SIZE	HOOK
Beginner	**8.4 × 8.4 in**	**5 mm (US H-8)**
YARN	**ENDS**	**TIME**
Worsted cotton, 4 colours	**24 to weave in**	**About 2 hours**

Materials

- Worsted (#4) cotton: oat 22 yd, sage 15 yd, rust 15 yd, mustard 11 yd
- 5 mm (US H-8) hook, blunt tapestry needle, scissors

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**sl st**	slip stitch
hdc	half double crochet	**RS / WS**	right / wrong side
sc	single crochet		

Gauge: 14 hdc and 11 rows = 4 in. Leave a 6 in tail at every colour change; that is long enough to thread a needle.

Ways to weave in ends

Weave and turn (the standard way)	Thread the tail on a tapestry needle. On the wrong side, run it through the backs of 4–5 stitches in the same colour, turn and come back through 3–4 different strands, then turn once more. Three directions lock it.
Through the stitch posts	For hdc and dc fabric, weave up and down through the posts of the stitches in the same stripe. The tail hides inside the stitch and does not show on either side.
Split the yarn	On the last pass, push the needle through the middle of the plies of a strand. The fibres grip the tail and stop it from backing out, great for slippery cotton or acrylic.
Crochet over the ends	When you change colour, lay both tails along the top of the row and work the next 6–8 stitches over them. Trim later. Faster, but use it on solid stitches only.
Finish	Stretch the fabric gently in all directions so the tail settles, then cut it close (about 1/8 in) without cutting the fabric.

Dishcloth

Chain	With oat, ch 30.	
Row 1 (RS)	Hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook and in each ch across. Turn.	**(28)**
Row 2	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), hdc in each st across; in the last st, change to sage in the final yo. Cut oat, leaving a 6 in tail. Turn.	**(28)**

Rows 3–22	Ch 2, hdc in each st across. Turn. At the end of every even-numbered row, change colour the same way, in this order: oat, sage, rust, mustard, oat, sage, rust, mustard, oat, sage, rust. Leave every tail 6 in long. **(11 stripes)**
Border	With oat, ch 1 and sc evenly around: 1 sc in each st along the top and bottom, 1 sc in the end of each row, 3 sc in each corner. Sl st to the first sc and fasten off.

Weaving in

Step 1	Thread the 6 in tail on a blunt tapestry needle.
Step 2	On the WS, weave through 4–5 stitches of the same colour.
Step 3	Turn and weave back through 3–4 different strands.
Step 4	Turn again, splitting the yarn. Stretch the work and trim.

Striped Dishcloth · Stitch Chart

Rows 1–8 of 22 shown (first 13 of 28 sts). Change colour every 2 rows.



T = hdc · colours: oat → sage → rust → mustard, then repeat

11 stripes = 24 ends to weave in (border included)

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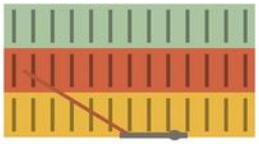
How to Weave In Ends in Crochet

Stay inside the same colour and change direction three times

Step 1



Thread the 6 in tail on a blunt tapestry needle.

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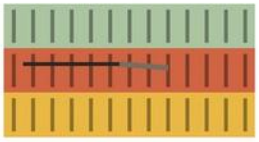

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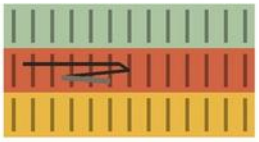
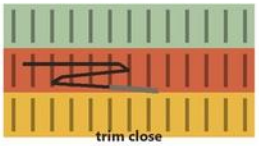


Turn and weave back through 3–4 different strands.

Step 4



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