



# Striped Potholder



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**Difficulty**  
Easy

**Language**  
American Standard

**Finished Size:**  
7.25" x 7.25"

**Yarn**  
#4 medium weight 100% cotton yarn in the following amounts:

**BASE COLOR:** 135 yards  
**STRIPE COLOR:** 25 yards

My samples were crocheted with Hobby Lobby's I Love This Yarn in colors "Dove" and "Parchment". Both samples use color "White" for their stripes. You will see both base colors used interchangeably throughout the tutorial photos.

**Hook Size**  
5.0mm (H) hook

**Gauge**  
Gauge: 20 CSC x 19 rows = 4" square

**You'll Also Need:**  
10" length of leather or suede craft cord (also called craft lace) for optional hanging loop.

## About the Pattern

These double-thickness potholders are modern and functional. Choose a 100% cotton yarn and crochet your way to a handmade kitchen!

## Terms and Abbreviations

**ST/STS** (stitch/stitches)

**SL ST** (slip stitch)

**CH** (chain)

**CSC** (crossed single crochet: Insert hook into stitch. Yarn UNDER, pull through; 2 loops on hook. Yarn over, pull through both loops.)

**FLO** (front loop only)

**JOIN** (Join with a SL ST to the top loops of the first ST of the round)

## Additional Notes

(1) Pattern is worked in joined, unturned rounds. CSC stitches worked into FLO stack nice and straight on top of each other, which allows the seam to stay straight and clean. If you have trouble recognizing your first and last stitches, a stitch marker can be very helpful.

(2) CH1s at the beginning of rounds do not count as stitches in final stitch counts.

(3) Unless otherwise noted, the first stitch of each round is always worked into the same ST as the CH1.

(4) The slip stitched stripes (worked in white in my sample) are labeled in the pattern as "STRIPE #1", "STRIPE #2", etc. They are not a part of the main round count because when we work these stripes after a round of CSC, the top loops of those CSCs remain exposed so that when we move on to the next round of CSC, we are still working into the loops from the previous round of CSC. (This will probably make more sense once you've gotten started!)

(5) Instructional photos are located below their respective written instructions.

# Instructions

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**To begin:** With BASE COLOR, CH37.

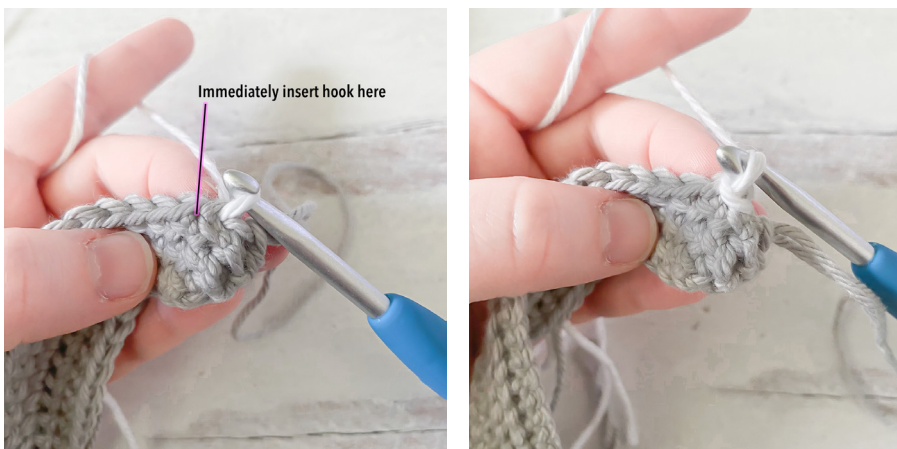
**Round 1:** CSC in 2nd CH from hook and in each remaining CH. Working around to the opposite side of the starting chain, CSC in each CH across. You have now worked in both sides of each chain. Join. (72)



**Rounds 2-3:** CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (72)

Pull up a large loop so that your work doesn't unravel, then remove your hook.

**STRIPE #1:** Pull STRIPE COLOR through top loops of first ST of the round. Do not chain; instead, immediately insert hook into next stitch (1st image) and work a SL ST (2nd image). Continue to SL ST in each ST around (3rd image). Fasten off without joining (4th image). (71)



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Notice how the top loops from the previous BASE COLOR round are still visible (1st image); that's where you'll work the next round as we continue on (2nd image).



**Rounds 4-8:** With BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (72)

**STRIPE #2:** Follow instructions from STRIPE #1.

**Rounds 9-13:** With BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (72)

**STRIPE #3:** Follow instructions from STRIPE #1.

**Rounds 14-18:** With BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (72)

**STRIPE #4:** Follow instructions from STRIPE #1.

**Rounds 19-23:** With BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (72)

**STRIPE #5:** Follow instructions from STRIPE #1.

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**Rounds 24-28:** With BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (72)

**STRIPE #6:** Follow instructions from STRIPE #1.

**Rounds 29-32:** With BASE COLOR, CH1 (do not turn). CSC in FLO of each ST around. Join. (72)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for seaming the top of the potholder closed (but don't do it yet). Weave in all other BASE COLOR ends.

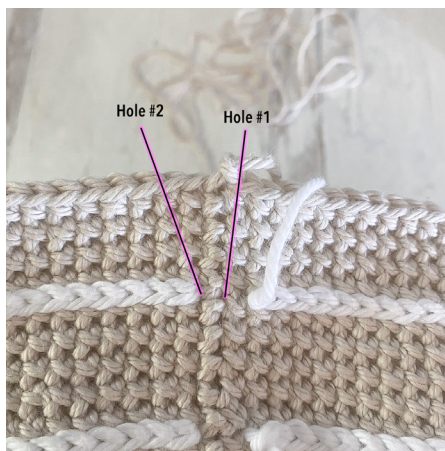
Here's what you should have so far:



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## FINISHING THE STRIPES

To finish the stripes and create an almost seamless look, we'll use our yarn needle to manually create two more "stitches" to close the gap between the first and last slip stitch of each stripe. Here's how to do it:



1. With seam area visible, notice two locations (holes) as marked on the image. Hole #1 is halfway between the first and last slip stitches of the STRIPE round; Hole #2 is where the top loops of the first slip stitch come together (the bottom of the sideways "V"). Keep these locations in mind.



2. Thread finishing tail through yarn needle, and make a loop. Hold it in place with your thumb.



3. Insert yarn needle down between the two loops of the last SL ST (same place the tail is coming from) ...



4. ... and up through Hole #1, making sure it travels up through the loop you created.



5. Pull it through; you'll see our first manually-created stitch form.



6. Repeat the process: Make a loop, insert needle down into the same place the tail is emerging from, and up through Hole #2 this time. Pull through. Image shows what it should look like once you've finished both stitches.

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7. We need the finishing tail on the inside of our project, so insert yarn needle into the first slip stitch of the round ...



8. ... and pull it tight.

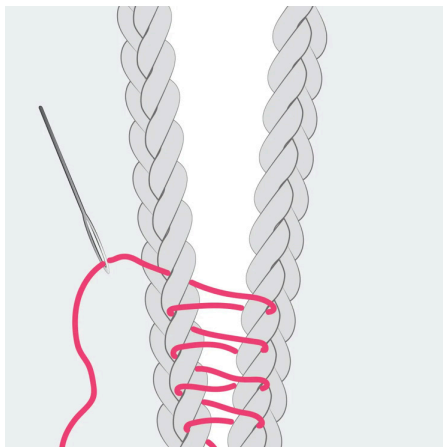


9. Turn inside out and tie 3 or 4 knots with the yarn tails, then trim the excess yarn. (This will be hidden inside the project, but if you would rather weave in your ends, go ahead.)

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## SEAMING THE POTHOLDER

Once all ends except the finishing tail are taken care of, thread finishing tail through yarn needle and whip stitch the top closed (or use your own chosen seaming method). Here's how to whip stitch:



Line up the top edges of the potholder. Insert your needle up through the inner loop of the first stitch on one edge. Then insert your needle up through the inner loop of the corresponding stitch on the other edge. Work back and forth between edges, repeating the process until you reach the end.

To finish off, tie a knot. Run your yarn needle into the nearest opening and underneath about half a dozen stitches (going between the two layers of fabric). Pull yarn through, then reinsert yarn needle back into the exit point and repeat. Do this a few times, then cut yarn and pull fabric to make the tip of the yarn disappear completely into the potholder.

## ADDING A HANGING LOOP (OPTIONAL)

Cut a 10" length of leather or suede cord (mine was 1/8" thick) and use a yarn needle to run it through the potholder near the corner. Tie a knot at the top and trim as necessary.



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