

Pentagon Potholder Crochet Pattern Help For Mauritius



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I originally made these pot holders to sell and help raise funds to clear up the terrible oil spill in the beautiful island nation of Mauritius. Now I am offering this pattern for free, in the hope that you too might make a few and sell them to help raise funds for this worthy cause. Please go to the end of the pattern to see where to donate.

This double thickness pot holder is made from 4ply/fingering weight yarn. You should use a slightly smaller hook than you would usually use to ensure a firm and solid fabric. I have used scrap yarn, left over from other projects. I recommend natural, plant based fibers.

Tools & Materials	Key
<p>Suggested yarn thicknesses and corresponding hook sizes:</p> <p>Version 1 4ply/Fingering weight yarn - 3mm/D hook.</p> <p>Yardage – approx. 36g / 153 meters / 167 yards per pot holder (30g /127 meters / 139 yards front & back, 6g / 26 meters / 29 yards for the border & loop)</p> <p>Version 2 Sport/DK weight yarn – 3.5mm/E hook. Yardage – approx. 50g / 125 meters / 123 yards per pot holder (43g /97 meters / 105 yards front & back, 7g / 16 meters / 17 yards for the border & loop)</p> <p>Approximate finished size : 20cm wide by 33cm long (including hanging loop)</p>	<p>beg - beginning ch – chain dc – double crochet sk - skip sl st – slip st sp - space st(s) – stitch(es)</p>

Instructions for Version 1 (4ply/Fingering)

PLEASE NOTE: EVEN & ODD ROUNDS ARE NOT THE SAME - please follow the pattern carefully.

Single colour version with contrast border

FRONT

With Colour A & 3mm hook: ch4 and join to form a ring.

Round 1 : ch5[ch4*] (counts as 1dc & a ch2 sp in this and all subsequent rounds); into the ring - (2dc, ch2) 4 times; 1dc into the ring; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4] **(5 sides, 2sts on each)**

** an alternative to "ch5 (counts as 1dc & a ch2 sp)" - traditionally, ch3 counts as 1dc at the start of the round, however, whenever the stitch is followed by a chain, in this case ch2, my work always ends up with a really big hole that looks different to all the other corners. If you suffer with this same problem, just ch4 instead and when you come to join the round, slip stitch in the 3rd chain as you normally would. This eliminates the oversized hole in the corner.*

Round 2 [EVEN]: sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 2dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 2dc; in the ch2 corner sp - 2dc, ch2, 2dc) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 2dc ; 1dc into the first corner sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4] **(5 sides, 6sts on each)**

Round 3 [ODD]: sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 1dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 6dc; in the ch2 corner sp - 2dc, ch2, 2dc) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 6dc ; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4] **(5 sides, 8sts on each)**

Round 4 [EVEN]: sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 2dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 8dc; in the ch2 corner sp - 2dc, ch2, 2dc) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 8dc ; 1dc into the first corner sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4] **(5 sides, 12sts on each)**

Round 5 [ODD]: sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 1dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 12dc; in the ch2 corner sp - 2dc, ch2, 2dc) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 12dc ; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4] **(5 sides, 14sts on each)**

Round 6 [EVEN]: sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 2dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 14dc; in the ch2 corner sp - 2dc, ch2, 2dc) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 14dc ; 1dc into the first corner sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4] **(5 sides, 18sts on each)**

Round 7 [ODD]: sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 1dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 18dc; in the ch2 corner sp - 2dc, ch2, 2dc) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 18dc ; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4] **(5 sides, 20sts on each)**

Round 8 [EVEN]: sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 2dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 20dc; in the ch2 corner sp - 2dc, ch2, 2dc) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 20dc ; 1dc into the first corner sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4] **(5 sides, 24sts on each)**

Round 9 [ODD] ADD LOOP : sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 1dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 24dc; in the ch2 corner sp - 2dc, ch2, 2dc) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 24dc ; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4], sl stitch in next ch sp, ch14 to make hanging loop, join with sl st in same corner sp; fasten off. **(5 sides, 26sts on each, 14ch loop)**

Making a larger pot holder

Is your pot holder too small? Add another round! You'll need to rip out the hanging loop made in round 9 and join the round with a sl st, as for previous rounds. PLEASE NOTE: the corner increases for this round are **different**, to accommodate the stitch repeat of the border stitch.

Round 10 [EVEN]: sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 1dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 26sts; in the ch2 corner sp - **2dc, ch2, 1dc**) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 26sts ; 1dc into the first corner sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4] , sl stitch in next ch sp, ch14 to make hanging loop, join with sl st in same corner sp; fasten off. Sew in all ends **(5 sides, 29sts on each, 14ch loop)**

BACK – as front but do not make the loop.

Border

With right sides facing out, place the two pentagon motifs on top of each other. The border is worked simultaneously through the stitches on the front & back motif. Join Colour B in 1st corner space to the left of the loop; ch1, 2sc in same sp; [*Make **coil stitch** as follows - ch3, sk2 sts, sl st in next st, ch1, turn the work to the wrong side and make 5sc around the ch3, turn the work back to the right side, fold forward the stitches made so far, 1sc into each of the 2 skipped stitches, 1sc into the next st (same st as sl st) - **coil stitch** made!] 7 times; ch3, sk2 sts, sl st in corner sp, ch1, turn the work to the wrong side and make 5sc around the ch3, turn the work back to the right side, fold forward the stitches made so far, 1sc into each of the 2 skipped stitches, 3sc into the corner sp*; repeat from *to* 3 times; make 9 coil stitches along the next side, with the last sc of the 9th coil stitch falling in the corner sp; make approx 27sc around the chain loop; 1sc in same corner sp; make another 9 coil stitches along the last side, with the last sc of the 9th coil stitch falling in the first corner sp; finish with a sl st in the 1st sc or with a sewn bind off.

N.B if you've made the larger size you will have one extra coil stitch on each side.

You can find a video tutorial for the **coil stitch** here: <https://youtu.be/PiOp42M9sdA>



Instructions for Version 2 (Sport/DK)

With Colour A & 3.5mm hook: ch4 and join to form a ring.

Rounds 1-7 : As version A.

Round 8 [EVEN]: sl st into the next ch2 sp; ch5[ch4], 1dc into same sp; (1dc into each of the next 26sts; in the ch2 corner sp - **2dc, ch2, 1dc**) 4 times; 1dc into each of the last 20sts ; 1dc into the first corner sp; join with sl st in 3rd ch of beg ch5 [ch4]], sl stitch in next ch sp, ch14 to make hanging loop, join with sl st in same corner sp; fasten off. Sew in all ends **(5 sides, 23sts on each, 14ch loop)**

BACK – as front but do not make the loop.

Border

As for Version 1, except you'll only make 8 coil stitches on each side.

How to Help Mauritius

Environmental organisations you can donate to:

[Mauritian-based NGO Eco-Sud](#)

[Mauritian Wildlife Foundation](#)

[Greenpeace Africa](#)

Did you make and sell any of these pot holders?

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