

## **Checkerboard** Potholder

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This crocheted potholders is done completely in single crochet. It uses 2 different colors that are carried throughout the pattern. It is done in the tapestry crochet technique. This is a light duty potholder and not meant for use with super hot oven pans. It is meant for handles on the top of a stove that are really not that hot.

## **Materials Needed**

1 oz Worsted Weight Cotton Yarn in Ecru
1 oz Worsted Weight Cotton Yarn in shades of Orange
Size G/6 or 4mm aluminum crochet hook
Yarn needle for weaving in ends

Yarn Thickness: 3mm Gauge: 4½ stitches per inch Finished Size: 6¼" x 6½" Skill Level: Intermediate

**Special Technique:** Change Color: Insert hook in stitch indicated, yo, pull up a loop, drop current color, yo new color, pull through 2 lps on hook.

## Instructions

You will be carrying both colors through out after you make your foundation chain. The foundation chain is worked in orange then you pick up the ecru and carry it in while you work the orange stitches working the stitches over the carried yarn so the carried yarn is hidden in each stitch.

**ROW 1:** With orange, ch 26. Turn. Pick up ecru and carry. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc. (Change color in next st. Carry orange. W/ecru, sc in each of the next 4 sc. Change color in next st. Carry ecru. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc.) Rep from () one more time. Ch1, turn.

**ROW 2-5:** Carry ecru. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc. (Change color in next st. Carry orange. W/ecru, sc in each of the next 4 sc. Change color in next st. Carry ecru. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc.) Rep from () one more time. Ch1, turn. At the end of ROW 5 ch1 with ecru instead of orange. Then turn.

**ROW 6-10:** Carry orange. W/ecru, sc in each of the next 4 sc. (Change color in next st. Carry ecru. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc. Change color in next st. Carry orange. W/ecru, sc in each of the next 4 sc.) Rep from () one more time. Ch1, turn. At the end of ROW 10 ch1 with orange instead of ecru. Then turn.

**ROW 11-15:** Carry ecru. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc. (Change color in next st. Carry orange. W/ecru, sc in each of the next 4 sc. Change color in next st. Carry ecru. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc.) Rep from () one more time. Ch1, turn. At the end of ROW 15 ch1 with ecru instead of orange. Then turn.

**ROW 16-20:** Carry orange. W/ecru, sc in each of the next 4 sc. (Change color in next st. Carry ecru. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc. Change color in next st. Carry orange. W/ecru, sc in each of the next 4 sc.) Rep from () one more time. Ch1, turn. At the



end of ROW 20 ch1 with orange instead of ecru. Then turn.

**ROW 21-25:** Carry ecru. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc. (Change color in next st. Carry orange. W/ecru, sc in each of the next 4 sc. Change color in next st. Carry ecru. W/orange, sc in each of the next 4 sc.) Rep from () one more time. Ch1, turn. At the end of ROW 25 ch1 with orange. Do Not Turn.

**Perimeter:** Carry Ecru throughout the rest of the project.

Work one round of sc all the way around. Work one sc in each row on each side, and each stitch across the top and bottom and work 3 sc in each corner. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off and weave ends into work.

SAFETY WARNING Make sure you make this pattern with cotton yarn. Acrylic yarn will tend to melt resulting in injury. Also make sure you use this as a very light duty potholder. I use it for my tea kettle since the handle gets hot but not hot enough to warrant using a very thick non flexible potholder.

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