Threaded Shells Potholder

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This potholder is made first by crocheting the back, then the front is made almost exactly the same except one round is done in the back loops only. Then the Shells are worked on the front loops on the front of the potholder. Then it is all put together with one round of sc around the perimeter.

Materials Needed
Size 10 Aunt Lydia's Classic Crochet in Natural
Size 10 Aunt Lydia's Classic Crochet in Frosty Green
Size 7 steel crochet hook
Tapestry Needle for weaving in ends.

Yarn Thickness: 10 thread
Gauge: 8dc = 1"
Finished Size: 6¼" diameter
Skill Level: Beginner to intermediate

Instructions
Back Side
RND 1: With Natural, ch4, 15 dc in 4th ch from hook. Join w/slst to top of ch3. (16dc)

RND 2: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. 2dc in each st around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. (32dc)

RND 3: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in next dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in next dc. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 4: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 2 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 2 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 5: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 3 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 3 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 6: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 4 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 4 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 7: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 5 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 5 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 8: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 6 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 6 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 9: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 7 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 7 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 10: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 8 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 8 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 11: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 9 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 9 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 12: Ch3, dc in same st as slst. Dc in each of the next 10 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 10 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Fasten off and weave ends into back of work. Set aside for now.

Front:
RND 1-3: Work the same as for RNDs 1-3 of the back side.

RND 4: Working in back loops only, for this round only, work as for RND 4 of the back side.

RND 5-12: Work the same as for RNDs 5-12 of back side. Fasten off natural and weave ends into back of work.

Shells on Front
Join green to any front loop of RND 4. **RND 1:** Ch3, dc in same st as joining. Dc in each of the next 2 dc. *2dc in next dc. Dc in each of the next 2 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 2: Ch1, sc in same st as slst. Ch3, sk 3 dc. *Sc in next dc. Ch3, sk 3 dc. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to first sc.

RND 3: Slst into next ch3 sp. Ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc in same sp. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in each ch3 sp around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 4: Slst into each of the next 2 dc and into the next ch2 sp. Ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc in same sp. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in each ch2 sp around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

RND 5: Slst into each of the next 2 dc and into the next ch2 sp. Ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc in same sp. Ch1. *3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch2 sp. Ch1. Rep from * around. Join w/slst top of ch3.

RND 6: Slst into each of the next 2 dc and into the next ch2 sp. Ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc in same sp. Ch2. *3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch2 sp. Ch2. Rep from * around. Join w/slst top of ch3.

RND 7: Slst into each of the next 2 dc and into the next ch2 sp. Ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc in same sp. Ch3. Sk next ch2 sp. *3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch2 sp. Ch3. Sk next ch2 sp. Rep from * around. Join w/slst top of ch3.

RND 8: Slst into each of the next 2 dc and into the next ch2 sp. Ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc in same sp. Ch4. Sk next ch3 sp. *3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch2 sp. Ch4. Sk next ch3 sp. Rep from * around. Join w/slst top of ch3. Fasten off and weave ends into back of work.

Assembly
Place both pieces together back to back so the wrong sides are facing each other. Join green onto inside lps of both layers at a stitch in line with a chain 2 space of the shells. Ch1. Catch this ch2 space in this first stitch. Sc through both loops of each of the next 11 sts. *Sc in through ch2 sp and 2lps. Sc through both loops of each of the next 11 sts. Rep from * around. Join w/slst to first sc. Ch10. Turn work around. Slst in starting sc. Work 20 sc in ch10 loop. slst in next st to join. Fasten off and weave ends through the loop you just made.