



CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Team Spirit™: 2 skeins 988 Red/Grey

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 5.5mm [US I-9]

Yarn needle, cardboard 16" x 6" (40.5 cm x 15 cm) wide or item of similar size (such as a book) for making Tassels

GAUGE: 12 sc and 16 rows sc = 4" (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Team Spirit™, Art. E797 available in 5 oz (141 g) 244 yd (223 m) skeins

Tailgating Table Runner

Whether serving a buffet while watching at home, tailgating in the parking lot or having a picnic lunch, you can set the scene with this game winning runner design. If you'd like to crochet it in a longer length, increase the beginning chain by 3 for each inch.

Finished Size (not including Tassels): 14" x 29" (35.5 cm x 73.5 cm)

Notes

1. The Runner is worked in 3 pieces and sewn together using yarn tails and extra strands.
2. Tassels are tied to the ends with a simple bow so they can be removed if Runner needs laundering or used as impromptu pompoms for cheering on the team.
3. When working the End Points, start at the beginning of the same color run in the skein for both Points for a balanced color effect. Use only one of the colors for edging the entire Runner (the model was edged in Red).
4. Make Tassels last to be sure there is enough yarn for the Runner.

Special Stitches

sc2tog = [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

END POINTS (Make 2)

Beginning at the start of a color change, ch 42.

Row 1 (Wrong Side): Working in back bumps only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn—41 sc.

Row 2 (Right Side): Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 38 sc, sc2tog; turn—39 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 36 sc, sc2tog; turn—37 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 34 sc, sc2tog; turn—35 sc.

Row 5: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 32 sc, sc2tog; turn—33 sc.

Row 6: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 30 sc, sc2tog; turn—31 sc.

Row 7: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 28 sc, sc2tog; turn—29 sc.

Row 8: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 26 sc, sc2tog; turn—27 sc.

Row 9: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 24 sc, sc2tog; turn—25 sc.

Row 10: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 22 sc, sc2tog; turn—23 sc.

Row 11: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 20 sc, sc2tog; turn—21 sc.

Row 12: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 18 sc, sc2tog; turn—19 sc.

Row 13: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 16 sc, sc2tog; turn—17 sc.

Row 14: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 14 sc, sc2tog; turn—15 sc.

Row 15: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 12 sc, sc2tog; turn—13 sc.

Row 16: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 10 sc, sc2tog; turn—11 sc.

Row 17: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 8 sc, sc2tog; turn—9 sc.

Row 18: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 6 sc, sc2tog; turn—7 sc.

Row 19: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 4 sc, sc2tog; turn—5 sc.

Row 20: Ch 1, skip first st, sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog; turn—3 sc.

Row 21: Ch 1, skip first st, sc2tog—1 st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Repeat steps for second End Point, starting with the same color run as the first End Point.

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MAIN SECTION

Starting with the beginning of one of the colors, ch 49.

Row 1 (Right Side): Working in back bumps only, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn—48 sc.

Rows 2-41: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; do not turn.

Edging

With Right Side facing and working in ends of rows, ch 1, work 2 sc in the end of Row 41, work 1 sc in the end of each row across to Row 1, work 2 sc in the end of Row 1.

Rotate piece, work along bottom edge by inserting hook into opposite side of foundation ch, sc in each st across.

Rotate piece, working across other side edge of rows, work 2 sc in the end of Row 1, sc in the end of each row across to Row 41, work 2 sc in the end of Row 41.

Rotate piece, sc in each sc across top of Row 41; join with slip st in first st—182 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Finishing

Referring to photograph, match the Main Section and one of the End Points together with Right Sides facing. Sew the 2 pieces together using the back loop of the top layer and the front loop of the bottom layer, being careful not to pull yarn too tightly. Repeat for other End Point.

Attach yarn with slip st to first st of Main Section; ch 1; with Right Side facing and working in ends of rows, sc evenly around Runner, working 6 sc in the top of each End Point; join with slip st in first st. Fasten off and weave in ends.

TASSELS (Make 2)

Make 2 Ties: ch 70; fasten off and weave in ends. Cut a piece of cardboard 16" x 6" wide (40.5 cm x 15 cm).

Saving some yarn for tying the Tassels, wrap yarn around one edge of the cardboard.

Insert one of the Ties through the wraps at the edge of the cardboard and tie tightly to secure. Repeat the process for the other Tie at the opposite edge of the cardboard.

Slip the loops off the cardboard. Lay the looped yarn flat, with one Tie at the left and the other at the right. Using a ruler, locate the mid section of the loops and carefully cut the yarn loops through the middle to form two Tassels.

Gently shake first Tassel to straighten out the yarn strands. Cut 12" (30.5 cm) piece of yarn and wrap yarn around Tassel several times, about 1½" (4 cm) from the top. Knot securely and repeat wrapping and knotting 1-2 more times. Trim ends straight across, about 6-7" (15-18 cm) long. Insert Tie through hole made by the 6 sc in the tip of one End Point and tie in a bow. Repeat for second Tassel.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; **cm** = centimeters; **dc** = double crochet; **mm** = millimeters; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **()** = work all directions in parentheses in the indicated stitch or space; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified;

*** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

