



Mens' Zig-Zag Bath Set

Backscrubber, soap-on-a-rope, and washcloth (not pictured)

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Materials

Aunt Lydia's Denim in 2 colors

(I used Olive for color A and Linen for color B)

Alternate yarn: 2 colors of worsted weight cotton

Crochet hook size I

Double-Thick Back Scrubber

With color A, ch 25

Row 1: Sc in the 3rd ch from hook, sc in each of the next 4 ch's, 3 sc in the next ch, sc in each of the next 4 ch's, skip next 2 ch's, sc in each of the next 4 ch's, 3 sc in the next ch, sc in each of the next 4 ch's, skip next ch, sc in the last ch; ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, change to color B as follows: insert hook in the last sc and pull up a loop, pull a loop of color B through the two remaining loops of color A on the hook, knot the tail of color B to color A to secure; ch 1, turn. Do not fasten off color A; instead carry the unused color along the side of the piece.

Row 3: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, change to color A

as follows: insert hook in the last sc and pull up a loop, pull a loop of color A through the two remaining loops of color B on the hook; ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 6: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, change to color B as follows: insert hook in the last sc and pull up a loop, pull a loop of color B through the two remaining loops of color A on the hook, ch 1, turn.

Row 7: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 8: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, change to color A as follows: insert hook in the last sc and pull up a loop, pull a loop of color A through the two remaining loops of color B on the hook; ch 1, turn.

Rows 9-72: (Repeat rows 5-8) 16 times. Do not change to color A at the end of row 72; instead sc in the last sc with color B. Fasten off both colors; tie the tails of both colors together.

Finishing

Sew the stitches of row 72 to the stitches in the foundation chain to form a wide tube.

Edging and Handles

Round 1: With color A, sc the back of the backscrubber to the front along one side; ch 100 for the first handle, sc the back of the backscrubber to the front along the other side; ch 100 for the second handle; join with a sl st to the first sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining and in each sc across, sc in each of the next 100 ch's, sc in each of the remaining sc's, sc in the next 100 ch's; join with a sl st to the first sc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Soap-on-a-Rope

Work as for back scrubber through row 24. Do not change to color A at the end of row 24; instead sc in the last sc with color B. Fasten off both colors; tie the tails of both colors together.

Finishing

Sew the stitches of row 24 to the stitches in the foundation chain to form a tube. With color A, sc both thicknesses of the bottom (the side along which you carried the unused yarn) together. Fasten off.

Top trim

Round 1: (Beading round) Attach color A with a sl st in the side of any st

along the top of the bag, ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 23 more dc evenly around the top of the bag; join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch 3.

Rounds 2-4: Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, sc in each of the next 23 sts around; join with a sl st to the first sc. Fasten off after round 4. Weave in ends.

Drawstring

With color A, ch 131. Sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. Fasten off. Weave in ends. Weave the drawstring through the beading round on the bag; pull up a long loop in the back of the bag and secure with an overhand knot. Insert soap and pull drawstring closed; tie in a bow.

Washcloth

With color A ch 47

Row 1: Sc in the 3rd ch from hook, sc in each of the next 4 ch's, 3 sc in the next ch, *sc in each of the next 4 ch's, skip the next 2 ch's, sc in each of the next 4 ch's, 3 sc in the next ch* repeat from * to * 2 times, sc in each of the next 4 ch's, skip next ch, sc in the last ch; ch 1, turn.

Row 2: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, *sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc* Repeat from * to * 2 times, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, change to color B as follows: insert hook in the last sc and pull up a loop, pull a loop of color B through the two remaining loops of color A on the hook, knot the tail of color B to color A to secure; ch 1, turn. Do not fasten off color A; instead carry the unused color along the side of the piece.

Row 3: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, *sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc* repeat from * to * 2 times, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, *sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc* repeat from * to * 2 times, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, change to color A as follows: insert hook in the last sc and pull up a loop, pull a loop of color A through the two remaining loops of color B on the hook; ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, *sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc* repeat from * to * 2 times, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 6: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, *sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc* repeat from * to * 2 times, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, change to color B as follows: insert hook in the last sc and pull up a loop, pull a loop of color B through the two remaining loops of color A on the hook, ch 1, turn.

Row 7: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, *sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc* Repeat from * to * 2 times, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, sc in the last sc; ch 1, turn.

Row 8: Skip the first sc, sc in each of the next 5 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, *sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next 2 sc, sc in each of the next 4 sc, 3 sc in the next sc* repeat from * to * 2 times, sc in each of the next 4 sc, skip the next sc, change to color A as follows: insert hook in the last sc and pull up a loop, pull a loop of color A through the two remaining loops of color B on the hook; ch 1, turn.

Rows 9-24: (Repeat rows 5-8) 4 times

Rows 25-26: (Repeat row 5) 2 times

Edging: Sc evenly around the entire perimeter of the washcloth, increasing and decreasing as indicated.