## Astrid's 2 potholders



## The technique

These potholders are made in crochet, the technique is Interlocking Crochet. Basically, two filet/mesh crochet parts of double crochet - chain one which are interlinked to form a pattern or drawing. Each row is worked first on one colour and then with the next before the work is turned around. There is a separate file with more information on the technique if needed.

## The size

The finished potholders measure approximately $22 \times 25 \mathrm{~cm}$. If you want it in a larger size, using a thicker yarn and a larger needle would be the solution.

## The yarn

One potholder takes approximately 65 grams. The colour A is the one used in the border and the pattern (approx. 35 gr ) and the colour B is the one used in the background ( 30 gr ).
I used Scheepjes Catona, 100\% cotton mercerized, fingering weight, 125 metres per 50 gr , and used a $3,0 \mathrm{~mm}$ hook though the suggested hook for this yarn is $3,5 \mathrm{~mm}$.

## The stitches

(US terminology)

| ch | Chain | The pattern is abbreviated to make it simple to read. It consists of B's and F's with a number next to it. To the right is the explanation of the abbreviations. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| sk | Skip |  | B1 | dcib, ch1 |
| dc | Double crochet |  | B3 | (dcib, ch1) 3 times |
| dcib | Double crochet in the back |  | F1 | dcif, ch1 |
| dcif | Double crochet in the front |  | F2 | (dcif, ch1) twice |
| sc | Single crochet |  |  |  |
| hdc | Half double crochet |  |  |  |

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## The questions

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. You can reach me at aschandy@yahoo.no via email or you can join my Facebook group "Astrid's Interlocking crochet lab". You find my work also in Instagram at ati_stitches.

## The chart

A chart is included (with a photo) at the beginning of each pattern table for those who prefer to crochet from a picture. Also it is good to compare to make sure it is looking as it should.

## The pattern

The table with the pattern has grey rows for all A rows, hopefully it is easier to read.
When you are working on even numbered rows, you are working with the back of the blanket facing you. It may help to know that when working on even rows, you are following the drawing from left to write.

When you are working on odd numbered rows, you are working with the front of the blanket facing you. When working on odd rows, you are following the drawing from right to left.

All rows should start with ch4, and at the beginning of each row, pay attention to where the B colour should hang, either to the front or the back, as this will affect the drawing/pattern. This is marked in the second column of the pattern. Also, at the end of all B rows, the very last stitch is not followed by a chain 1.

## The border

The border, as the rest of the potholder, is done one in each colour. First colour B:
With colour B: on colour B windows, 2sc in every window, 5 sc in each corner.
With colour A: on colour A windows, start with chain 25 for your loop, and slip stitch into the same corner window. Make 2 hdc in the first window. Continue all around with 2 hdc in every window. The first three corners: $2 \mathrm{hdc}, 1 \mathrm{hdc}$ grabbing the middle ( 3 rd ) sc of the colour B window, 2 hdc. When you reach the end of the round, 2 hdc in the last window, and 25 sc on the 25 chains of the loop. Join to the first hdc with an invisible join, and cut a bit longer than usual. When you thread a needle to "hide" the last thread, stitch twice on the $3^{\text {rd }} \mathrm{sc}$ (colour B ) of this last corner to fasten it to the A colour, as the other three corners.

Hope you enjoy this!


| 15B |  | F3, B2, F2, B2, F1, B11, F3 |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| 16A | B | B1, F1, B1, F10, B1, F7, B1, F1, B1, dc |
| 16B |  | B2, F11, B1, F1, (B2, F1)x2, B3 |
| 17A | F | F1, (B1, F2)x2, B1, F14, B1, F1, dc |
| 17B |  | F3, (B2, F1)x2, B1, F14 |
| 18A | B | B1, F1, B12, F2, B1, F2, (B1, F1) $\times 2$, B1, dc |
| 18B |  | B14, F1, (B2, F1) x2, B3 |
| 19A | F | F1, B2, F19, B1, F1, dc |
| 19B |  | F3, (B2, F1)x2, B1, F14 |
| 20A | B | B1, F1, B12, F2, B1, F2, B2, F2, B1, dc |
| 20B |  | B14, F1, B2, F1, B6 |
| 21A | F | F1, B2, F19, B1, F1, dc |
| 21B |  | F3, (B2, F1) $\times 2$, B1, F14 |
| 22A | B | B1, F1, B12, F5, B1, F3, B1, dc |
| 22B |  | B2, F17, B5 |
| 23A | F | F1, B22, F1, dc |
| 23B |  | F24 |
| 24A | B | B1, F22, B1, dc |
| 24B |  | F23, B1 (chain 1 but do not cut off colour B. The chain 1 is the first sc of border B) |
| 25A | X | B24, dc (do not cut off colour A, continue with border A).. |


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| 5A | F | F2, B5, F1, (B2, F1)x2, B4, F6, dc |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5B |  | F8, B1, F5, B3, F1, B3, F3 |
| 6A | B | B3, F2, (B2, F2)x2, B1, F2, B1, F5, B2, dc |
| 6B |  | B13, F3, B2, F2, B4 |
| 7A | F | F2, B1, F3, B1, F4, (B2, F2)x2, B2, F3, dc |
| 7B |  | F14, B3, F1, B3, F3 |
| 8A | B | B3, F2, (B2, F2)x2, B4, F1, B3, F1, B2, dc |
| 8B |  | B2, F3, B1, F3, B15 |
| 9A | F | F2, B1, F3, B1, F4, B2, F1, B8, F2, dc |
| 9B |  | F3, B2, F2, B3, F4, B3, F1, B3, F3 |
| 10A | B | B3, F2, B2, F2, B2, F11, B2, dc |
| 10B |  | B24 |
| 11A | F | F2, B11, F2, B2, F2, B2, F3, dc |
| 11B |  | F3, (B2, F1)x2, B2, F3, B3, F1, B3, F3 |
| 12A | B | B3, F2, B2, F2, B2, F1, B9, F1, B2, dc |
| 12B |  | B2, F3, B1, F3, B15 |
| 13A | F | F2, B1, F9, B1, F1, B8, F2, dc |
| 13B |  | F15, B1, F3, B1, F4 |
| 14A | B | B2, F1, B6, F1, B1, F1, B9, F1, B2, dc |
| 14B |  | B5, F1, B6, F2, (B1, F2)x2, B4 |
| 15A | F | F2, B11, F1, B1, F1, B4, F1, B1, F2, dc |
| 15B |  | F1, B1, F4, B2, F4, B1, F2, B2, F1, B2, F4 |
| 16A | B | (B2, F3) x $3, B 3, F 3, B 3$, dc |
| 16B |  | B1, F2, B5, F2, B1, F1, B8, F1, B3 |
| 17A | F | F4, (B2, F3)x2, B1, F6, B2, F1, dc |
| 17B |  | F3, B1, F6, B1, F5, B1, F1, B1, F5 |
| 18A | B | B1, F2, B1, F4, B1, F1, B4, F1, B3, F1, B5, dc |
| 18B |  | (B3, F1)x2, B5, F1, B1, F2, B1, F1, B5 |
| 19A | F | F6, B3, F5, (B2, F1)x2, B3, F1, dc |
| 19B |  | F5, B1, F2, B1, F15 |
| 20A | B | B1, F3, (B1, F2)x2, B6, F1, B7, dc |
| 20B |  | B15, F2, B7 |
| 21A | F | F14, (B2, F1)x2, B3, F1, dc |
| 21B |  | F16, B3, F5 |
| 22A | B | B1, F9, B14, dc |
| 22B |  | B10, F12, B2 |
| 23A | F | F1, B22, F1, dc |
| 23B |  | F24 |
| 24A | B | B1, F22, B1, dc |
| 24B |  | F23, B1, dc (chain 1 but do not cut off colour B. The chain 1 is the first sc of border B) |
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