

Crochet Tawashi Dishtowel with Cotton Flower Scrubbies

***Tawashi** is the name of the traditional Japanese scrubbing brush used to wash off dirt. The background on this piece is made with acrylic yarn to give extra scrubbing power for tough stuck on food, while the flower scrubbers are made of cotton for your more delicate dishes.*

Tools:

- Size 7 US crochet hook (4.50mm)
- 2.5 oz ball of 100% cotton yarn for flowers - I used Peaches & Creme - Lemon Lime (I did not use nearly all of this)
- 1 to 1-1/2 oz ball of acrylic yarn - I used some Red Heart Super Saver in White, I had left from another project.

Skills:

- Chain
- Slip Stitch
- Single Crochet
- Half-Double Crochet
- Double Crochet
- Treble Crochet
- Weaving in Ends

For Flowers (make 5):

With cotton yarn, Chain 6 join to beginning chain with a slip stitch.

Round 1: Chain 1, 12 single crochet into circle, join with a slip stitch.



Round 2: In same stitch, **Chain 1, Half-Double Crochet, Double Crochet, Treble Crochet, Double Crochet, Half- Double Crochet, Chain 1, Slip Stitch. In next chain, single crochet**. In following chain, slip stitch. Repeat from ** around, end with a slip stitch into the bottom of the "petal" of the first chain.

Weave in Ends

For Background:

Chain 33

Row 1: Half-Double Crochet into 3rd chain from hook and each chain across. Chain 1, turn.

Row 2: Single Crochet into 2nd chain from hook and each chain across. Chain 3, turn.

Row 3: Double Crochet into 4th chain from hook and each chain across. Chain 1, turn.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2

Repeat these four rows until piece is square, ending with Row 1. Weave in ends.

Finishing:

Pin the cotton flowers to desired place on background. With background yarn, sew around center of flowers, tie off and weave in ends.

Happy Crocheting. (Is that a word?)

(*Note:* I have only been doing crochet for a few months and this is the first pattern I have written. Please feel free to correct me if I have misled you. Also feel free to send/post pictures of your completed project.)