# Striped Gift Sleeve

A reusable open-top sleeve for a small boxed gift. The box gives shape while the crochet adds a textured outer layer.

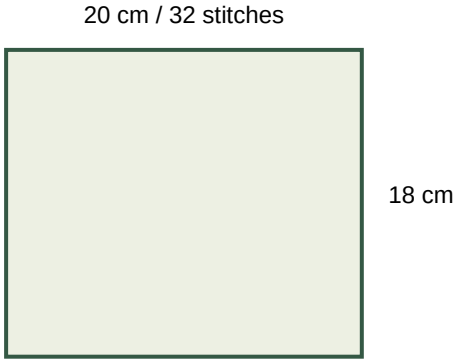
NOT PHYSICALLY SAMPLE-TESTED. Counts are calculated from an assumed gauge. Swatch and check fit before committing yarn. Drawings are construction schematics, not finished photographs.

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| Flat panel target | 20 x 18 cm |
| Stitches per row | 32 |
| Rows | 32 |
| Main stitch | Single crochet (sc) |
| Assumed planning gauge | 16 stitches / 18 rows per 10 cm |

## Before you begin

Use a smooth medium-weight yarn suited to the intended purpose and a 5 mm hook as a starting point. You also need a ruler, tapestry needle, scissors, and removable markers. Yarn quantity is not sample-tested: use a measured swatch and the yarn planner. For covers, have the object available for a fit check.

## The panel before assembly



# Your step-by-step plan

## 01 Make a swatch first

Use a smooth medium-weight yarn and a 5 mm hook as a starting point. Work a swatch larger than 10 x 10 cm in single crochet. The calculation example uses 16 stitches and 18 rows per 10 cm. This is an assumed planning gauge, not a measured sample result. Change the counts using your own swatch if it differs.

## 02 Begin the foundation

Chain 33 loosely. Single crochet in the second chain from the hook, then work one sc in each remaining chain. You should have 32 stitches. The skipped chain and turning chain do not count as stitches.

## 03 Build the panel

For rows 2-32, chain 1, turn, and work one sc in each stitch across, starting in the first actual stitch. Finish in the last actual stitch, not in the turning chain. Keep 32 stitches in every row. Follow the color sequence in the finishing section as you work.

## 04 Pause and measure

After several rows, lay the fabric down without pulling and check the width. At the assumed gauge, 32 stitches produce about 20.0 cm and 32 rows about 17.8 cm. The nominal 20 x 18 cm dimensions are rounded. Seams and folds will change the final usable size.

## 05 Finish and assemble

Use A for rows 1-8 and 25-32 and B for rows 9-24. Fold the width in half, seam one side and the bottom, and check fit around the boxed gift.

## 06 Check before using

Avoid loose small embellishments on gifts for children.

## Troubleshooting

Measure the box perimeter, not just its front width, when resizing the panel.

## Adapt the size

Use your measured stitch and row gauge to calculate a new flat panel. This plain stitch uses a multiple of one. Add 1 foundation chains to the chosen stitch count. Account for folds, seam allowance, and the thickness of the intended object separately.

## Keep a record

Yarn and lot: _____ Hook: _____ Measured gauge: _____
Changes / next step: _____

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